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Theory platform 'Emotionality'

LOCATION

Lecture Hall JO 101
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REGISTRATION

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CLUSTER OF EXCELLENCE “RELIGION AND POLITICS”

The Cluster of Excellence “**Religion and Politics. Dynamics of Tradition and Innovation**” investigates since 2007 the complex relationship between religion and politics across eras and cultures. The 140 researchers from 20 disciplines in the humanities and social sciences analyze in the funding phase from 2019 to 2025 in transepochal studies ranging from antiquity to the present day the factors that make religion an engine of political and social change.

ANNUAL THEME 2022/23: “RELIGIOUS DYNAMICS”

Religions are often driving forces behind processes of social change, and their patterns of interpretation are playing an important role in crises and conflicts today. In the third annual theme of the Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics”, public lectures, panels and discussion evenings, film screenings, and readings by contemporary authors will focus on religious dynamics from antiquity to the present day. Discussion will focus on how religious dynamics are set in motion, and how religions initiate, accelerate, and promote – but also inhibit – social change. The annual theme takes up ideas from current interdisciplinary work at the Cluster of Excellence and uses examples to discuss this work.

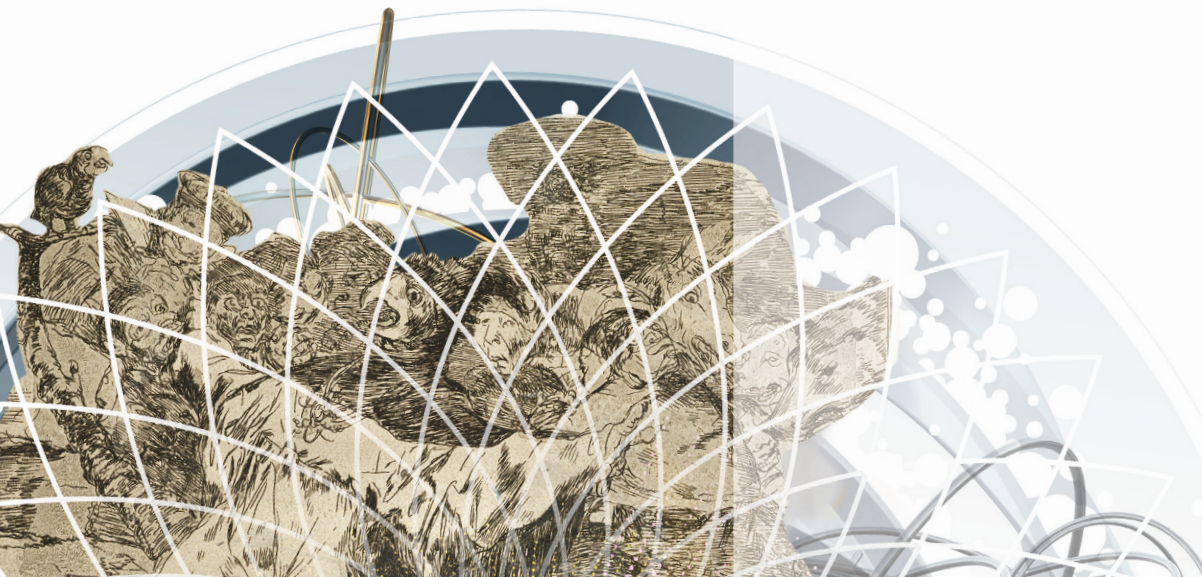


International Conference at the Cluster of Excellence

EMOTION AND RELIGION IN TIMES OF CRISIS

1–3 December 2022

Lecture Hall JO 101, 48143 Münster



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ANNUAL THEME 2022/2023
RELIGIOUS DYNAMICS

EMOTION AND RELIGION IN TIMES OF CRISIS

Religion is commonly associated with emotions – whether this is just or unjust depends on the concept of emotion used. The interdisciplinary conference explores this question as part of the annual theme “Religious Dynamics” at the Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics”, and discusses the complex relationship between emotion and religion. It works on the premise that in times of crisis, in which political and ideological orientations lose their uniting force, religion and religiosity undergo an emotional dynamization. Conversely, it also considers that religion itself becomes a crisis factor and a discrete phenomenon itself.

One example is the Thirty Years’ War, which plunged Europe into violent political turmoil and thereby functionalized religion – itself both a motor and a trigger of the conflict – in such a way that people’s certainties of faith were challenged. Literature and the visual arts depict this in striking images. Another example is classical modernity, during which scientific progress, industrialization, colonization, and the experiences of the First World War disrupted assumed European world-views providing opportunities for new religious aspirations beyond the established churches.

In contemporary society, perceptions of crisis – for example in the context of climate change, migration, or pandemic – lead to new emotional dynamics in relation to religion. Simultaneously, the abuse of power and child abuse scandals in the Christian churches contribute to the emotionalization of public consciousness. The crisis of the Christian churches, caused by a loss of members and prestige, is contrasted by assumptions of a world-wide political presence of religion and associated threats. This conference aims to understand the role of emotions in the dynamics of these processes. Accordingly, the conference aims to systematically and historically critique the complex concept of emotions (‘feeling’, ‘emotion’, ‘affect’), and to reconceptualize emotions in relation to processes of religious change.

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 1 December 2022

14.30 | Welcome and Introduction: ‘Emotion’, ‘Religion’, ‘Crisis’, ‘Dynamics / Dynamisation’

Section I:

Emotion and Religion in the Context of Social Change

~~15.00 | Existenzielle Gefühle und Religiosität~~
~~Rainer Schützlechner, Bielefeld~~

16.00 | Coffee break

~~16.30 | Verfehlung, Eer (Religion) Soziologie des Hasses~~
~~Ulrich Brücking, Freiburg i. Br.~~

15.00 | Emotion – Religion – Climate Crisis. Do Religions Contribute to an Emotional Dynamization in the Climate Discourse?
Doris Fuchs, Münster

19.00 | Dinner

Friday, 2 December 2022

Section II:

Emotional Dynamization of Religious Practices in Times of Crisis

10.00 | Über die Grenzen der Sprache, Emotionen darzustellen
Karin Westerwelle, Münster

~~10.00 | Gefühlbindung und soziale Gemeinschaftsbildung~~
~~als Antwort auf die Krise des „Kollektivdaseins“~~
~~in den Zwischenkriegsjahren~~
~~Jürgen Brackhoff, FU Berlin~~

11.00 | Coffee break

11.30 | The Feeling of Forgetting: Christianity Fosters an Epistemic Emotion
John Corrigan, Florida State University

12.30 | Lunch break

Section III:

Representations of Religious Emotions. Language, Rhetoric, Discourse

13.30 | *Passio* und *compassio* in der italienischen Literatur des Mittelalters: Zur Darstellung und Funktion von Emotionen in Marienklagen und in Boccaccios Decameron
Pia Doering / Andrea Ghidoni, Münster

14.30 | Kollektives Klagen. Affektproduktion im ‚Marienleben‘ Bruder Philipps
Bruno Quast, Münster

15.30 | Coffee break

16.00 | Zwischen Affekt und Dekorum: Die *Compassio Mariens* in Altarbildern um 1500
Eva Krems, Münster

17.00 | Phantome der Leere? Denkbilder und Stilformen säkularisierter Emotion
Bettina Full, Bochum

19.00 | Dinner

Saturday, 3 December 2022

Section IV:

Identities in the Field of Tension between Emotion, Religion, and Crisis

9.00 | Feeling Threatened by Refugees and Muslims: The Predictive Role of Political Ideology, Religiosity, and Perceived Societal Marginalization
Mitja Back / Fahima Farkhari / Bernd Schlipphak, Münster

10.00 | Emotions, War, and Propaganda: Reports by Female Basle Missionaries in Kamerun During the First World War
Felicity Jensz, Münster

11.00 | Coffee break

11.30 | Performing Hate. Between Religion, Emotion and Discourse
Martina Wagner-Egelhaaf / Hanna Pulpanek / Henning Podulski, Münster

12.30 | Concluding discussion

13.00 | End of the conference