



**September 30, 10:00**

The Faculty of Protestant Theology,  
Universitätsstraße 13 – 17, room 302

## **Welcome to the workshop**

### **MIGRATION IN ANCIENT ANTIOCH AND MODERN EUROPE**

Migration is one of the most influential realities of modern European politics and culture, which determines plurilingualism and multiculturalism of Western societies. However, globalization is not an altogether modern phenomenon. It can be traced at least to the late antiquity, when key metropolises functioned as centers where various ethnical and religious groups came into contact. The "virtual capital" of late Roman Empire, Antioch on the Orontes has long been known to scholars as a crossroads of civilizations, an international trading platform, a stronghold for military campaigns and evangelization, a magnet for pagan, Christian, and Jewish pilgrims – and an international center of philological and theological education. At the same time, seismic activity and the encroachment of neighbors often turned it into a dangerous place and a center of urgent emigration.

- How might these immigrations and emigrations have contributed to intellectual exchange?
- What specific ideas did Antioch share with her neighbors?
- Which insights for enhancing the modern situation could we borrow from studying migrations in ancient Antioch?

Among the participants of the workshop are

Prof. Eve-Marie Becker, Prof. Holger Strutwolf, Prof. Theresia Hainthaler, among others