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An event hosted by the Cluster of Excellence "Religion and Politics in Modern and Pre-Modern Cultures" of WWU Münster. The research association consists of over 200 academics researching in 20 humanities and social sciences disciplines and from eleven countries. They investigate the complex relationship between religion and politics from Antiquity to the present and from Latin America and Europe to the Arab and the Asian World. It is nationally the largest research association of its kind and of the 37 Clusters of Excellence in Germany, it is the only one dedicated to the study of religions. The federal government and the federal states fund the project in the Excellence Initiative context with 37 million Euros until 2012.

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› Politics within Nineteenth Century Missionary Periodicals

2.-4.12.2010



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ANMÄLAN.

Tidningen Missionsförbundet kommer, till Gud, att under
höste utgåva i föreliggande format och prisbelönt med 2
nummer i midjan nästa under föreliggande år.

Dessa innehåll åtföljer: 1:o) ledande artiklar; 2:o) med-
delanden från Sv. Missionsförbundets hela yttre och inre mis-
sionsfält; 3:o) meddelanden från annan missionsfält; 4:o)
förest av åren den närvärande ställningen i hedenvärlden;
5:o) berättelser; 6:o) utströmning af söndagskällorna; 7:o)
meddelning af influtna gävlor. Underhållning kommer med

Varen vid godt

En sådan uppmaning var sin stora
tidsskeden af livet, synnerligen da den
hvaro ord hafva någon vikt och betydelse
första gången uttalades, varo längre
sin särskilda mästare till et, om vi så
skulle anta. Herron stod vio att gi den
till mäste för att sedan återgå till sin
Lärjungarna skulle nu upptaga lifrets

> Politics within Nineteenth Century

Missionary Periodicals

Numerous evangelical Protestant missionary societies were established throughout the nineteenth century to 'civilise and Christianise' the non-European Other, who came to the attention of Europeans through colonial expansion. Protestant missionary societies were also established with the aim of converting Catholics, Muslims and Jews to Christianity. The rise of these missionary organisations resulted in a burgeoning of missionary periodicals that were used as tools for propaganda and fund-raising.

The audiences of missionary periodicals were wide, and varied from children, youth, families, women, church members, and indigenous converts, to potential sponsors of missions. Replete within such periodicals were normative European notions of 'civilisation', as well as political discourses, albeit often implicit, pertaining to the colonial or nation state. Missionary periodicals clearly elucidate the entangled nature of the missionary endeavour within colonial politics, and provide insight into how religious media shaped domestic and international political discourse. This workshop brings together international scholars working on the relationships between religion and politics within both Protestant and Catholic missionary periodicals. It provides a forum for scholars to exchange ideas on the methodological, theoretical, empirical and conceptual approaches to the study of nineteenth century missionary periodicals.

> Program

Thursday, 2.12.2010

9:30 am– 10:00 am Welcome and Introduction

Fashioning the Other		Saturday, 4.12.2010	
10:00 am– 10:30 am	Dolls as Transmitters of Western Culture and Modernity: Methodist Episcopal Missionary Magazines for Women and Children, 1869-1895 Janet Rice McCoy and Lisa Shemwell, Morehead State University	10:00–10:30	An "Indigenous" Lutheran Mission Periodical in German and Australian Ruled "New Guinea" in the Pacific and Its Entangled Nature Gabriele Richter, University of Rostock
Constructing Missionary Politics		Constructing Missionary Politics	
10:30 am– 11:00 am	Body politics: Swedish missionary discourses on hygiene Hanna Acke, University of Münster	11:00 am– 11:30 am	Narrating Redemption: Autobiographies and Biographies of Converts in Late Nineteenth Century German Missionary Periodicals Albert Wu, University of California
Missionary Nationalism		Missionary Nationalism	
11:30 am– 12:00 pm	Confessing to an Imperial Mission: Religious Youth Periodicals and the Battle for the Future in Turn-of-the-Century Germany Jeff Bowersox, University of Mississippi	11:30 pm– 12:00 pm	The <i>Lettres édifiantes et curieuses</i> and the Politics of History in different 19th Century editions Helge Wendt, University of Mannheim
Missionary Discourses		Missionary Discourses	
12:00 pm– 12:30 pm	Reading boer sub-imperialism of the 1890s in the <i>Wesleyan Missionary Notices</i> and the <i>Berliner Missionsberichte</i> Lize Kriel, University of Pretoria	2:00 pm– 2:30 pm	The "Indian Coolie Mission" in Fiji: Discourses of Labour, Religion and Race in the <i>Australasian Methodist Missionary Review</i> Amelia Bonea, Heidelberg University
Modes of Nationalism		Modes of Nationalism	
2:00 pm– 2:30 pm	Science for Mission and Empire: The <i>Allgemeine Missions-Zeitschrift</i> and Missionary Nationalism Jeremy Best, University of Maryland	2:30 pm– 3:00 pm	Martyrdom, Solidarity, and Justification: Debating the Boxer War, 1900-1901 Thoralf Klein, Loughborough University
Politics and World Religions		Politics and World Religions	
2:30 pm– 3:00 pm	Diverging reports of European politics and colonial aspirations in the <i>Periodical Accounts</i> and <i>Missionsblatt</i> Felicity Jensz, University of Münster	3:30 pm– 4:00 pm	The Gospel and Politics: The London Society and its missions to the Polish Jews, 1848-1855 Agnieszka Jagodzinska, University of Wrocław
3:00 pm– 3:30 pm	Nation, Nationalism and Europe in early 19th century missionary periodicals: A comparison of German and English Argumentations Judith Becker, Institute of European History, Mainz	4:00 pm– 4:30 pm	The Image of Islam in Missionary Periodicals (1870-1930) Armin Owzar, University of San Diego/ University of Münster
Group Discussion		Group Discussion	
4:00 pm– 4:30 pm	Group Discussion	4:30 pm– 5:00 pm	Group Discussion
Friday, 3.12.2010		Saturday, 4.12.2010	
Creating the Nation		Creating the Nation	
9:30 am– 10:00 am	Asserting the Mission, Defending the Nation: The transformation of the Lutheran mission Journal <i>Freimund</i> in April 1933 Christine Winter, University of Queensland	10:00 am– 12:00 pm	Group Discussion
		12:00 pm– 12:30 pm	Concluding Remarks