



## › Organisation

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## › Conference Venue

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## › Registration

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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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Workshop held by the Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics”

## › Politics within Nineteenth Century Missionary Periodicals

2.-4.12.2010



Nr 1 Pris per år: 4 skillingar 1860er-tal. 12 - 12 20 Den 1 Januari Stockholm, Svenska Tryckeriaktiebolaget 1860.

### ANMÄLAN.

Tidsningen *Missionsförbundet* kommer, till Gud, att under 1860 utgå i en *fyrtioårig* form och utgives med 2 nummer i månaden utom under flygfående år.

Den innehåll blifver: 1:o ledande artiklar; 2:o meddelanden från Sv. Missionsförbundets både yttre och inre missionsfält; 3:o meddelanden från andra missionsfält; 4:o försäkt öfver den närvarande ställningen i hemvärlden; 5:o berättelser; 6:o utredning af söndagskollekterna; 7:o edovisning af inbetalda gåvor. Underkastad komma och

Varen vid godt En sådan uppmaning har sin stora tidssaken af lifvet, synnerligen då den hvares ord hafva någon vikt och betydelse första gången uttalades, vore lärjungans sin älskade mestare till ett, om vi så skedens. Herrens ord vore att gå de till mötes för att sedan återgå till sin Läringarna skulle en upptags lifvets.



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## › 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

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

10:30 am– 11:00 am Body politics: Swedish missionary discourses on hygiene  
Hanna Acke, University of Münster

### 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

12:00 pm– 12:30 pm Reading boer sub-imperialism of the 1890s in the *Wesleyan Missionary Notices* and the *Berliner Missionsberichte*  
Lize Kriel, University of Pretoria

### Modes of Nationalism

2:00 pm– 2:30 pm Science for Mission and Empire: The *Allgemeine Missions-Zeitschrift* and Missionary Nationalism  
Jeremy Best, University of Maryland

2:30 pm– 3:00 pm Diverging reports of European politics and colonial aspirations in the *Periodical Accounts* and *Missionsblatt*  
Felicity Jenz, University of Münster

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 Group Discussion

### Friday, 3.12.2010

#### Creating the Nation

9:30 am– 10:00 am Asserting the Mission, Defending the Nation: The transformation of the Lutheran mission Journal *Freimund* in April 1933  
Christine Winter, University of Queensland

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

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

11:30 pm– 12:00 pm The *Lettres édifiantes et curieuses* and the Politics of History in different 19th Century editions  
Helge Wendt, University of Mannheim

### Missionary Discourses

2:00 pm– 2:30 pm The “Indian Coolie Mission” in Fiji: Discourses of Labour, Religion and Race in the *Australasian Methodist Missionary Review*  
Amelia Bonea, Heidelberg University

2:30 pm– 3:00 pm Martyrdom, Solidarity, and Justification: Debating the Boxer War, 1900-1901  
Thoralf Klein, Loughborough University

### Politics and World Religions

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

4:00 pm– 4:30 pm The Image of Islam in Missionary Periodicals (1870-1930)  
Armin Owzar, University of San Diego/ University of Münster

4:30 pm– 5:00 pm Group Discussion

### Saturday, 4.12.2010

10:00 am– 12:00 pm Group Discussion

12:00 pm– 12:30 pm Concluding Remarks