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Cluster of Excellence "Religion and Politics"

A conference of the Cluster of Excellence "Religion and Politics" of the University of Münster. Some 200 academics from more than 20 disciplines in the humanities and social sciences and from around 14 countries deal with the relationship of religion and politics across epochs and cultures: from the world of ancient gods and Judaism, Christianity and Islam in the Middle Ages and the Early Modern Period to the current situation in Europe, America, Asia, and Africa. It is nationally the largest research association of its kind and of the 43 Clusters of Excellence in Germany, it is the only one to deal with religion. The German Federal Government and the Federal States support the project with 40.1 million euros in the Excellence Initiative's second funding phase from 2012 to 2018.



Conference of the Cluster of Excellence "Religion and Politics"

› The transmission of religion across generations: transfer, loss and re-formation of religion

17.- 18.05.2018

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The empirical finding that ecclesiastical religiosity and practice has been steadily declining since the 1960s is, as such, undisputed. As great as the agreement regarding this finding is, little consensus exists concerning its explanation: Do these findings indicate a decline, a change of religion or even the rise of “no-religion”? In any case, there is a research gap: We don't know how the passing on or losing of faith takes place across generations. The current state of research is unable to explain why and how this occurs: There has been little research into why some families are able and willing to pass on their beliefs and values to ensuing generations and why others are not.

The conference aims to address this research gap, and tries to understand the mechanisms that lie behind these cohort differences. We want to explore the following questions: How are values, norms, and patterns of interpretation passed on between the generations within families? How does religiosity change through the process of passing on?

> Programme

Thursday, 17.05.2018

14:00–14:15 Welcome and introduction
Christel Gärtner, Münster

14:15–16:00 Chair: Daniel Gerster, Münster

Transformation of religion across generations: continuity and discontinuity in the transmission of religiosity | Christel Gärtner, Münster

Intergenerational transmission and the rise of “no religion” in Britain
Linda Woodhead, Lancaster

16:00–16:30 Coffee break

16:30–19:30 Chair: Christel Gärtner, Münster

“No Religion” in Germany: a comparison between East and West Germany | Detlef Pollack, Münster

Religiosity and non-religiosity across generations: the Hungarian case
Gergely Rosta, Budapest

“Talkin’ ’bout my generation” – in an inter-generational family setting. Lessons from the East German case | Uta Karstein, Leipzig

20:00 Dinner

Friday, 18.05.2018

09:30–12:30 Chair: Daniel Gerster, Münster

Can the theory of intergenerational religious momentum explain religious change in Northern Europe – reflections from two longitudinal studies | Kati Niemelä, Helsinki

Swedish data show: selective inheritance of religion – preference of collective values: belonging and life rites | Per Pettersson, Uppsala

Becoming adult and questioning parental religious values. Comparing and contrasting youth's religious paths in Italy | Roberta Riccucci, Turin

12:30–14:30 Lunch

14:30–16:30 Chair: Detlef Pollack, Münster

From religion to non-religion: generations, cohorts, and migration in Canada in the Early 21st Century | Peter Beyer, Ottawa

Religiosity, religious-secular competition, and generational effects. Theoretical considerations
Jörg Stolz, Lausanne

16:30–17:00 Coffee break

17:00–19:00 Chair: Christel Gärtner, Münster

Concluding remarks: challenges and perspectives
Olaf Müller, Münster

19:30 Dinner