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“Religious Inclusion and Exclusion as Stimuli of
Processes of Entanglement and Disentanglement
in the Barbarian Kingdoms of the Early Middle
Ages”

Arbeitskreis spätmittelalterliche
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Lecture Hall Building of the Cluster of Excellence
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CLUSTER OF EXCELLENCE “RELIGION AND POLITICS”

The Cluster of Excellence “**Religion and Politics. Dynamics of Tradition and Innovation**” has been investigating since 2007 the complex relationship between religion and politics across eras and cultures. In the funding phase from 2019 to 2025, the 140 researchers from 20 disciplines in the humanities and social sciences analyze in transepochal studies ranging from antiquity to the present day the factors that make religion the motor of political and social change. The research network is the largest of its kind in Germany; and, of the Clusters of Excellence, one of the oldest and the only one to deal with the issue of religion. It will receive funding of 31 million euros from 2019 to 2025.

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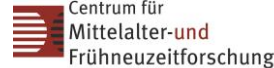
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Conference of the Cluster of Excellence “Religion and
Politics”

RELIGION AND ECONOMY IN THE MIDDLE AGES

4-6 May 2023 | Lecture Hall Building of the Cluster of
Excellence | Room JO 101 | Johannisstr. 4 | 48143
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RELIGION AND ECONOMY IN THE MIDDLE AGES

The conference intends to discuss the relationship between religion and economy in a global perspective. Apart from papers on the Christian Middle Ages, there will be contributions on Islamic and Jewish contexts, as well as comparative studies on economic contacts in the interreligious sphere. The following three thematic complexes or guiding questions constitute the focus of interest:

1. The role of religious norms: to what extent did religious norms determine activities in trade, artisanry, traffic, taxation etc.? Was there a gap between theory and practice and, if there was, which economic reasons were responsible for this gap? Did religious norms stimulate specific markets, e.g. in pilgrimage?
2. The interdependence between religious discourse and economic activities: how did religious discourses react to new economic practices and methods? Is it possible to interpret a change in a religious discourse on economy as a sign for changes in economic practices that occurred before?
3. The role of the economy in interreligious contacts: which influence did religion exert on economic exchange processes in a multi-religious context, e.g. between Christians and Muslims or Jews? Were there multi-religious workshops, i.e. did it occur that economic goods were produced by members of different religions, e.g. Jews and Christians? If so, why did such workshops exist and how was the working process organised? Were there common markets for members of different religions or did each religious community have its own market?

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 4 May

15.30 | Introduction, **Colin Arnaud, Christian Scholl, Münster**

16.00 | Farming Religion: Praxis and Ideology of Late-Medieval Assistance (North-Eastern Italy, c. 1350-1450), **Tommaso Vidal, Parma**

16.45 | The Franciscan Presence in a Medieval Port Town: Setúbal in the 15th and 16th Centuries, **Ana Cláudia Silveira, Lisbon**

17.30 | Coffee break

18.00 | A Pulpit in the Marketplace? The Influence of the Church on Medieval Retail Trade, **James Davis, Belfast**

20.00 | Dinner

Friday, 5 May

09.00 | Gebet als Kapital, **Tim Weitzel, Regensburg**

09.45 | The Economy of the Miracle (Christian Middle Ages), **Thomas Frank, Pavia**

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 | Ecclesia und Encomienda. Wirtschaftliche Ausbeutung unter religiöser Legitimation in der Conquista von Mexico-Tenochtitlan, **Dieter Friedrichs, Duisburg-Essen**

11.45 | The “Spices and Christians” Dilemma: Economistic and Messianic Views on Indo-Portuguese Art (1890s-1990s), **Francesco Gusella, Münster**

12.30 | Lunch break

14.00 | Beispiele islamischer Normen in Bezug auf wirtschaftliche Handlungen (Maghreb, 9. bis 15. Jahrhundert), **Jasid Abdul Kader, Vienna**

14.45 | What about the Cheese? Jewish-Christian Cooperation in Agriculture and Crafts in the 11th Century, **Danny Grabe, Jena**

15.30 | Coffee break

16.00 | Excommunication for Debt in the Middle Ages – Traces from the Dioceses of the Empire, **Christoph Cluse, Trier**

17.00 | General Assembly of the “Arbeitskreis spätmittelalterliche Wirtschaftsgeschichte”

18.15 | Guided Tour through Münster

19.30 | Dinner

Saturday, 6 May

09.00 | Administering Usury: Credit and Interest Rates between Canon Law and Civic Legislation (12th-14th Centuries), **Laura Righi, Bologna**

09.45 | The Islamic Prohibition of Interest and its “Circumvention”: On the History of a Legal Stratagem, **Norbert Oberauer, Münster**

10.30 | Coffee break

11.00 | The Relationship between Economic Ethics, Law and Practice with a Focus on Late Medieval Microcredit, **Tanja Skambraks, Mannheim**

11.45 | Final Discussion

12.30 | End