

THE SPIRIT & THE FLESH

Understanding the political requires taking spiritual and religious influences into account. Likewise, religious beliefs can have strong political significance. By perceiving race, gender, and sexuality as politically powerful categories, and by employing them as analytical tools, this international conference seeks to explore the interdependencies of the spiritual and the secular – of the spirit and the flesh. By calling attention to transregional perspectives, historical relations take on different shades and dimensions. Scholars from Europe and the United States will discuss processes of subjectivity and collective identity formation in multiple religious and political cultures including Europe, South Asia, East Asia, Australia and North America.

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PROGRAM

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THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2009

1.45 PM: WELCOME

2.15-4.15 pm: Session 1 Religious Practices

Chair: Nora Kreuzenbeck, Erfurt University

Julia Koch, University of Muenster:
Gujarati-Muslims in India and South Africa.
Performing Muslim Identities in the Indian Ocean

Philipp Dorestal, Erfurt University:
An Orgy of Self-Destroying Mimicry: The Nation of
Islam and Style Politics in the USA of the 1960s

James Gilbert, University of Maryland:
Commentary

4.30-5.30 PM: GUIDED TOUR
THROUGH MEDIEVAL ERFURT

5.30-6.00 PM: COFFEE

6.00-7.00 pm: Keynote Speech

Chair: Jürgen Martschukat, Erfurt University

Bruce Dorsey, Swarthmore College/Erfurt University:
Religion, Sex, and Murder: Revivals and Scandals
during the Atlantic Evangelical Awakening

7.30 PM: CONFERENCE DINNER

FRIDAY, JUNE 19, 2009

9.00 AM: COFFEE

9.30-12.15 am: Session 2 Politics

Chair: Patricia Wiegmann, Erfurt University

Martha S. Jones, University of Michigan:
Overthrowing the 'Monopoly of the Pulpit': Race
and the Rights of Churchwomen in Nineteenth
Century America

Sharon Ullman, Bryn Mawr College:
'Hour of Power' in a Time of Fear: Evangelicals and
the Brainwashing Debate in Early 1950s America

Felix Krämer, University of Muenster:
"Take the Helm": Evangelicals on the Move within
a Socio-Cultural Gender Order in the United States
of the 1970s

Martha Hodes, New York University/Jena University:
Commentary

12.15 AM-2.15 PM: LUNCH

2.15-4.15 pm: Session 3 Mission

Chair: Melanie Henne, Erfurt University

Felicity Jensz, University of Muenster:
Broaching the Divide: Nineteenth Century Women
Missionaries and Indigenous Women, an Australian
Case Study

Vanessa Künnemann, Hannover University:
Between Victimization and Self-Empowerment:
Pearl S. Buck and the Role of American Female
Missionaries in China

Thoralf Klein, Erfurt University:
Commentary

4.15-5.00 PM: COFFEE AND TRANSFER
TO THE DOME

5.00-6.15 pm: Final Talk

in the Coelicum/Dome

Chair: Olaf Stieglitz, University of Cologne

Judith Weisenfeld, Princeton University:
"The Secret at the Root" Constructing and
Contesting African American Religious and Racial
Identity in Early 20th Century American Film