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"Die ‚Neugetauften‘ im Zarenreich des  
18. und beginnenden 19. Jahrhundert"

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## Location

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IDP-Liudgerhaus  
Überwasserkirchplatz 3  
48143 Münster

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## Registration

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Until October 4, 2023 to Nikolas Ender  
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## Cluster of Excellence "Religion and Politics"

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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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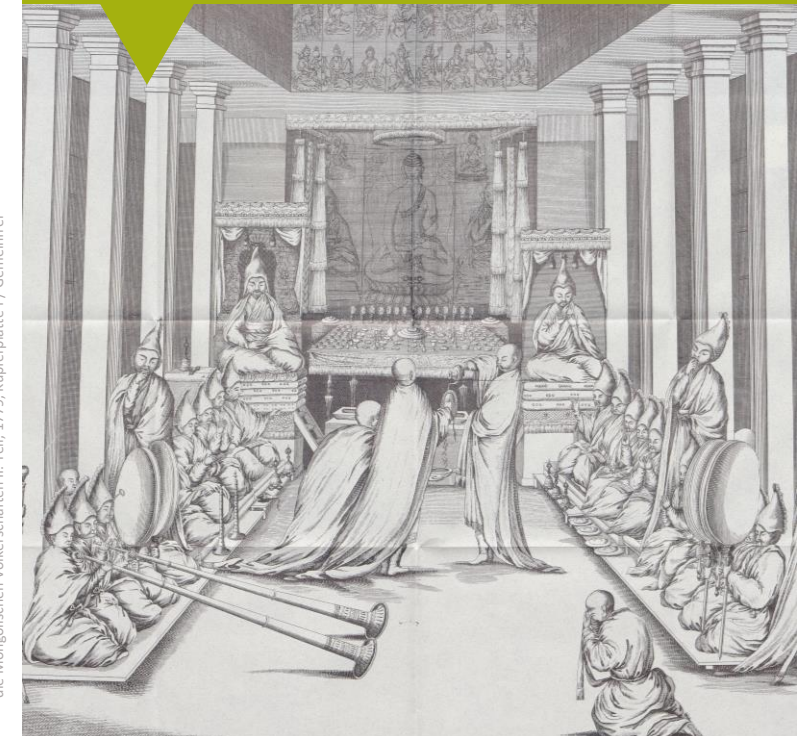
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# Locating the Self, Negotiating the Other: *Conversion and Imperial Rule in the Early Modern Period*

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October 5-October 7, 2023

IDP-Liudgerhaus | Überwasserkirchplatz 3 | 48143 Münster



Bildnachweis: Peter Simon Pallas: Sammlungen historischer Nachrichten über die Mongolischen Völkerschaften II. Teil, 1779, Kupferplatte // Gemeinfrei

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## Program

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### Wednesday, 4 October

Arrival in Münster, Accommodation at the IDP-Liudgerhaus

19.00 | Optional Dinner at the *Großer Kiepenkerl*

### Thursday, 5 October

10.00–10.30 | **Ricarda Vulpius** and **Nikolas Ender (Münster)**: *Welcome and Introduction*

#### 10.30–12.30 | Panel 1: The “Newly Converted” in Early Modern Empires

**Victoria Gerasimova (Warsaw)**: Jewish Conversion in the 18th Century Russian Empire: From Church Mystery to Act of Civil Status

**Bernhard Holl (Potsdam)**: The Facts and the Fables: Conversion Narratives about Iberian New Christians Then and Now

**Ricarda Vulpius (Münster)**: From *Inozemcy* (from other lands) to *Inovercy* (from other beliefs) and *Novokreščenyje* (newly baptised): Othering in the 18th Century

Comments: Barbara Skinner (Terre Haute)

13.00–14.00 | *Lunch Break*

#### 14.00–16.00 | Panel 2: Conversion and Nation-Building

**İlkay Kirişcioğlu (Rome)**: Political Discourse Converted by Identity Shift: A Different Trajectory of the Hungarian Patriotism in the 19th Century

**Barbara Skinner (Terre Haute)**: Conversion through Physical Transformation: the Belarusian and Ukrainian Churches during the Uniate 'Reunion' to Orthodoxy, 1830-1850

**Paul Werth (Las Vegas)**: Armenians, Empire, and the Politics of Conversion in the 19th Century

Comments: Katherine Kelaidis (Chicago)

16.00–16.30 | *Coffee Break*

#### 16.30-18.30 | Panel 3: Conversion and Colonialism

**Thomas Croisez (Fiesole)**: Une Terre aux Vignes Contestées: Missionary Rivalries and Instrumentalization of Conversion in French Louisiana (18th Century)

**Jessica Cronshagen (Oldenburg)**: Labour, Conversion and Imperial Utopias in the Mission of the Moravian Church in Suriname (ca. 1735-1810)

**Gabriela Ramos (Cambridge)**: Discursive and Institutional Strategies of Conversion to Catholicism in the Colonial Andes

Comments: Paul Werth (Las Vegas)

19.00 | *Dinner*

### Friday, 6 October

#### 09.30–11.30 | Panel 4: Conversion and the Pluralization of Religious Discourses

**Daniele Colonnetti (Naples)**: The Conceptualization of the Northern Frontier of New Spain in the Sixteenth Century

**Andrea Maria D’Amato (Bologna)**: Strategies of Conversion and Indigenous Mimesis in Nueva España (16th Century). The Case of the Florentine Codex

**Ben Leathley (Bologna)**: The 17th-Century Conceptualisation of 'Indian religion' in the Open Deure Composed by the Reformed Predikant Abraham Rogerius

11.30–12.00 | *Coffee Break*

**Guillermo Wilde (Buenos Aires)**: Imperial Catholicism and Indigenous Cosmologies. Religious Conversion on the Frontiers of Colonial Latin America

Comments: Thomas Croisez (Fiesole)

13.00–14.00 | *Lunch Break*

#### 14.00–17.30 | Panel 5: Transimperial Conversions

**Daniel Bamford (Birmingham)**: The Renegade Household of the Ottoman Grand Admiral and the English Embassy, 1588 – 1597

**Katherine Kelaidis (Chicago)**: Heading East: 18th Century Converts to Eastern Orthodox Christianity, London, Moscow, and Captive Greece

**Silvia Notarfonso (Florence/Verona)**: 17th-Century Multi Confessional Ottoman Albania

16.00–16.30 | *Coffee Break*

**Felicita Tramontana (Rome/Warwick)**: Conversion in the Ottoman Empire and Imperial Policies (17th-18th Centuries)

Comments: Jessica Cronshagen (Oldenburg)

17.30–18.30 | *Closing Remarks and Final Discussion*

19.00 | *Dinner*

### Saturday, 7 October

10.00 | Münster City Tour

12.00 | Lunch at the Farmer’s Market

*Departure*