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NORMATIVE RELIGIOUS TRADITIONS & THEIR AUTHORITY

INIRE-Conference
Leipzig 2018, July 23-24

Venue of the Conference

Martin-Luther-Ring 3
04109 Leipzig
Tram station: Neues Rathaus
Conference Hall: HS1
Coffee Break: SR 2
Lunch/Dinner: SR 1



Judaism, Christianity, and Islam: these religions rely on normative religious traditions, sometimes called 'Holy Scriptures'. Today, late-modern or post-modern societies often ask if these normative texts are still meaningful and relevant.

Questions we will deal with in the conference are: What roles do "Torah", "Bible", and "Quran" play in the three monotheistic religions in the past and present? How are the old texts interpreted today? And how are they used in religious and political discussions? Are 'holy texts' relevant for 'secular people'? And what role do 'holy texts' play in the dialogue of religions and discourse in our societies?

7-23 MONDAY

15.30 pm Opening: "The Abrahamic Religions and Their Bibles"

Leipzig University Greetings

1. Alexander Deeg (Leipzig University): Sola scriptura!? Luther's Epistemological Revolution and the Question of Authority in Judaism and Christianity

Short break

2. Alberto Melloni (University of Bologna): The Historical Study of the Councils and the Issue of Normativity: Paradigm of Pluralism III-XXI Century

Short break

3. Mustafa Abu Sway (Al-Quds-University): The Recited Qur'an becoming a Written Mushaf

07.00 pm Dinner

7-24 TUESDAY

09.15 am Panel 1: Church Authority and Normative Tradition: Medieval Making, Modern Unmaking

Mike Bazemore (Shaw University): The Medieval Making of "Normative Tradition" and Church Authority

Gert Pickel and Yvonne Jaeckel (Leipzig University): Declining support? Religious traditions, norms, and practice in the eyes of the citizens

10.45 am Break

11.15 am Panel 2: Canonization and Exegesis in a Secular Age

Zohar Maor (Bar-Ilan University): Holy Scriptures in a Secular Age: Canonization in Weimar Germany

Mulayka Laura Enriello (ISA, Milano): Memory Passing On and Interpretation of Sacred Texts: an Educational Need

Carina Brankovic (Oldenburg University): "Ich finde die Bibel komisch, weil: things go always wrong darin, ein wahres Bild unserer Existenz": George Tabori and the post-Holocaust Bible in theater

01.15 pm Lunch break

02.45 pm Panel 3: Canonical Tradition and Linguistic Change: Antisemitism and Zionism

Carolyn Sanzenbacher (Southampton): The Unbroken Canonical Tradition: The Theology of Jewish Deicide in the Douay Rheims Bible

Hilda Nissimi (Bar-Ilan University): Canon Preserved – Language Changed? Rabbi Shlomo Mashiah and Zionist/Messianic Piyyut

04.15 pm Coffee break

04.45 pm Closing session: Decentering the Canon? Judaism and Islam

Dirk Hartwig (Berlin-Brandenburg Academy of Sciences and Humanities): Narrative Dialogues. The Quran and its Re-lectures of Biblical Traditions

Malachi Hacohen (Duke University): Normative Tradition Without Canon: Rabbinic Authority, Talmudic Exegesis, and Post-Modernity

Alexander Deeg responding: Canonization Today

Discussion

07.00 pm Dinner

Dinner discussion: The future of INIRE