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Religion and Ritual

Study day 24th April 2015

MPI (Ankerstraße 3b), Seminar room

Sacred and Profane

Religious versus Secular Concepts, Ideologies, and Practices

10:00-12:00 **Sacred and Profane: Theoretical Approaches**

Helga Bumke, Kirsten Endres, Stefan Pfeiffer

Reading: Emile Durkheim: The Elementary Forms of Religious Life. New York 1995 [1912], pp. 34-39, 303-313, 321-325, 412-418.

Lunch break

13:30-15:30 **Sacred and Profane: Gender, Identity, and Ritual Practice**

Film screening & discussion of “Love Man Love Woman” (Nguyen Trinh Thi)

Chair: Kirsten Endres

Reading: Kirsten W. Endres: Imperious Mandarins and Cunning Princesses: Mediumship, Gender, and Identity in Urban Vietnam, in: Atsufumi Kato (ed.): Weaving Women's Spheres in Vietnam: The Agency of Women in Family, Religion and Community. Tokyo, forthcoming (2015).

Coffee break

16:00-18:00 **Sacred and Profane in Archaeological and Historical Interpretation**

François Bertemes, Christian Mileta

John Scheid: An Introduction to Roman Religion. Bloomington 2003, pp. 18-29.

Kurt Latte: Römische Religionsgeschichte. München 1992 [1960], pp. 38-40.

Discussion: **Beheading the Past: The Politics of Iconoclasm**

<http://www.bbc.com/news/world-middle-east-31760656>

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/ideas/2015/03/10/why-isis-destruction-antiquities-hurt-much/vtoaEhENkSH5ZFpzfrYbVJ/story.html>



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Study day 21st May 2015

MPI (Ankerstraße 3b), Seminar room

Belief Systems and Identifications: Faith communities and social change

9:15 – 10:45 **Chris Hann / Michael G. Müller:** Introduction

Reading:

Robert M. Hayden: Antagonistic Tolerance. Competitce Sharing of Religious Sites in South Asia and the Balkans, in: Current Anthropology 43/2 (2002), pp. 205-231.

Glenn Bowman: Introduction: Sharing the Sacra, in: Glenn Bowman (ed.): Sharing the Sacra. The Politics and Pragmatics of Intercommunal Relations around Holy Places. New York 2012, pp. 1-9.

Dionigi Albera: Combining Practices and Beliefs: Muslim Pilgrims at Marian Shrines, in: Glenn Bowman (ed.): Sharing the Sacra. The Politics and Pragmatics of Intercommunal Relations around Holy Places. New York 2012, pp. 10-24.

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 – 12:45 **Olga Linkiewicz** (Polish Academy of Science): Religiosity and Identification: Peasant Communities of the Eastern European Borderlands between the Wars

Reading:

John K. Campbell: Honour and the Devil, in J.G. Peristiany (ed.) Honour and Shame: The Values of the Mediterranean Society. Chicago ²1970, pp. 141-170.

12:45 – 15:15 Lunch break

15:15 – 16:45 **Michael G. Müller:** Spiritual Authority and 'the Lord's Power'. Negotiating Confessional Identity in Poland-Lithuania in the 16th Century

Reading:

Andrew Pettegree: Confessionalization in North Western Europe, in: Joachim Bahlcke and Arno Strohmeyer (eds.), Konfessionalisierung in Ostmitteleuropa. Stuttgart 1999, pp. 105-120.

Will Coster & Andrew Spicer: Introduction: The dimension of sacred space in Reformation Europe, in: Will Coster & Andrew Spicer (eds.): Sacred Space in Early Modern Europe. Cambridge 2005, pp. 1-16.



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Religion and State: Legitimation, conflicts, and proselytization

Study day 25th June 2015 (Ankerstraße 3b)

- 9:15-10:45 **Andreas Pečar:** Holy wars?
Reading suggestions:
The Souldiers Catechisme: Composed for The Parliaments Army. 1644.
Glenn Burgess: Was the English Civil War a War of Religion? The Evidence of Political Propaganda, in: The Huntington Library Quarterly 61/2 (2000), pp. 173-201.
- 10:45-11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00-12:30 **Jan Köster** (Martin Luther University Halle-Wittenberg): Destruction and Memory
Reading suggestion:
Gloria Ferrari: The Ancient Temple on the Acropolis in Athens, in: American Journal of Archaeology 106/1 (January 2002), pp. 11-35.
- Helga Bumke:** Emperors and Gods
Reading suggestion:
Dirk Steuernagel: Synnaos Theos. Images of Roman Emperors in Greek Temples, in: Joannis Mylonopoulos (ed.): Divine Images and Human Imaginations in Ancient Greece and Rome. Leiden 2010, pp. 241-271, 423-429.
- 12:30-14:00 Lunch break
- 14:00-15:30 **Dittmar Schorkowitz & Elza Kuberlinova:** Religious minorities and state control in the Russian Empire
Reading suggestions:
Dittmar Schorkowitz: The Orthodox Church, Lamaism, and Shamanism among the Buriats and Kalmyks, 1825-1925, in: Robert P. Geraci / Michael Khodarkovsky (eds.): Of Religion and Empire. Missions, Conversion, and Tolerance in Tsarist Russia. Ithaca (NY) 2001, pp. 201-225.
Paul W. Werth: The Qazaq Steppe and Islamic Administrative Exceptionalism: A Comparison with Buddhism Among Buriats, in: Niccolò Pianciola / Paolo Sartori (eds.): Isam, society and states across the Qazaq steppe (18th – early 20th centuries). Vienna 2013, pp. 119-142.