

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



Scriptural Readings and Reasonings

Philology and Religious Encounter in Medieval and Early Modern Times

At this conference we explore philology as a tool of religious encounter. 'Scriptural readings' and 'scriptural reasonings' are philological practices that establish meaning through a variety of grammatical, lexical, and historical exegetical techniques, and the modes of rational argument—reasoning—saturated with these practices.

The premise of this conference is that philological practices, as essentially comparative, inform complicated identities, and are an important tool of religious differentiation. Embedded in philological practices we find shared origins, methods, and values that cross religious divides.

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PROGRAM

Monday, 9 October 2023

13.30-14.00 Welcome

14.00-15.00 Zvi Ben-Dor Benite (NYU, New York), Negotiating Religious Boundaries in China

15.00-16.00 Yukiyo Kasai (Ruhr Universität, Bochum) , Uyghurs' Buddhist Traditions - Their Absorption from Chinese and Tocharian Traditions

16.00-16.30 Coffee Break

16.30-17.30 Birgit Tremml-Werner (Linnæus University, Växjö), Polite Convers(at)ions? Catholic Friars and Politeness Discourses in Early Modern Japan

Evening Dinner

Tuesday, 10 October 2023

9.00-10.00 Walid Saleh (University of Toronto), Commensurate Scriptures: The Qur'an and the Bible in al-Biqā'i (d. 885/1480)

10.00-11.00 Jan Loop / Paul Babinski (Københavns Universitet), Pondus Veritatis: The Qur'an and the Common Ground of Philology

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-12.30 Chris Ocker (Australian Catholic University; University of Redlands), Christian Polemic and Philology circa 1453: Juan de Segovia on Judaism and Islam.

12.30-14.00 Lunch Break

14.00-15.00 Charles Burnett (The Warburg Institute, London), Letters of the Alphabet and Phonology in Spiritual Contexts

15.00-17.00 Visit to the David Collection
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Wednesday, 11 October 2023

9.00-10.00 Heidrun Eichner (Universität Tübingen), Christian-Muslim Debates on God's Attributes

10.00-11.00 Johannes Heil (Hochschule für Jüdische Studien, Heidelberg), Philology and the Encounter between Rabbinical Judaism and the 'Other Jews' in the West (ca. 7th/8th century c.e.)

11.00-11.30 Coffee Break

11.30-12.30 Annette Weissenrieder (Universität Halle), The Old Latin Manuscripts of the Gospel of Luke. Philology and Religious encounter of the Codex Vercellensis Luke

12.30-14.00 Lunch Break

14.00-15.00 Wim François (KU Leuven), Philology and Doctrine during the 'Golden Age' of Catholic Biblical Scholarship (1550-1650)

15.00-16.00 Anna Vind (Københavns Universitet), Luther and Melanchthon: similarities and differences within Reformation Bible-interpretation?

16.00-16.30 Concluding Remarks