

Wednesday, 9. April

Holbornsche Haus, Rote Str. 34

17.00–17.15 Welcome // Regina Bendix, Victoria Hegner, Peter Jan Margry

17.15–18.00 **Keynote Rik Pinxten** // God and the city: contemporary perspectives and challenges

18.00–19.00 Reception at the Holbornsche Haus. Guided tour to “sacred” spaces and places in Göttingen.

Friday, 11. April

Historische Sternwarte / Historical Observatory, Geismar Landstr. 11

→ Creating religious coherence and identity in the city II

Chair: Victoria Hegner

9.00–9.30 **Jamelyn Palattao** // Contemporary responses of urban Protestants to the challenge of secularism in Iligan City, Philippines

9.30–10.00 **Riem Spielhaus** // Urban representation, visibility and institutionalization of Islam in three German cities

10.00–10.30 Coffee Break

Chair: Sabina Magliocco

10.30–11.00 **Anna Niedźwiedz** // The Pope and “his city”: transformation of urban space of Kraków to a “lived shrine” of John Paul II

11.00–11.30 **Shamin Golrokh** // Contribution of urban space and religious event to make collective meaning

11.30–13.30 Lunch

→ Transforming religious norms of gender and social authority

Chair: Carola Lipp and Rupa Viswanath

13.30–14.00 **Julia Schwartzmann** // The rise of female preaching and urban integration of Orthodox Jewish women in Israel

14.00–14.30 **Shruti Mukherjee** // Moving beyond religious boundaries: A case study of Sai Adhyatmik Samiti (Spiritual Centres) in India

14.30–15.00 Coffee Break

Thursday, 10. April

Historische Sternwarte / Historical Observatory, Geismar Landstr. 11

→ Negotiating new religious spaces in the city

Chair: Peter Jan Margry

9.00–9.30 **Dorothea Nold** // Moving churches, changing cities – Spatial and iconic strategies of new congregations in Berlin and Istanbul

9.30–10.00 **Gertrud Hüwelmeier** // Religious place-making and the production of urban localities – new migrants in Berlin

10.00–10.30 **Jill Sudbury** // Buddhism in the British urban landscape: negotiation of new religious spaces

10.30–11.00 Coffee break

11.00–11.30 **Marie Stephanie N. Gilles and José Edgardo A. Gomez, Jr.** Accommodating God in the Temples of Mammon: The phenomenon of building chapels within the shopping malls of Metro Manila

11.30–12.00 **Mary McCampbell** // Loving the City (Not the World?): Three Contemporary Approaches to Urban Christianity

12.00–14.00 Lunch

→ Body, music, soul and the making of urban religious spaces

Chair: Friedlind Riedel

15.00–15.30 **Sarah M. Pike** // The dance floor as urban altar: How bodies transform the lived experience of cities in a New Age Dance Church

15.30–16.00 **Raphaela von Weichs** // „Music is prayer two times”. A transnational perspective on cultural performance and urban religiosity in Cameroon and Switzerland

16.00–16.30 **Peter Jan Margry** and **Daniel Wojcik** // A Saxophone Divine: The transformative power of Jazz and the Saint John Coltrane Church in San Francisco.

16.30–16.45 Coffee Break

16.45–17.15 Final discussion, concluding remarks
Victoria Hegner, (Göttingen) und Jayeel Serrano
Cornelio (MPI, Göttingen)

→ Migration and religious practice in the (sub)urban realm

Chair: Karin Klenke

14.00–14.30 **Eleni Tseligka and Georgios Trantas** // Home is where the Church is: Greek migrant communities and their spatial reestablishment in the German urban environment within the context of Greek Orthodoxy.

14.30–15.00 **Thorsten Wettich** // Yezidi funerals in Lower Saxonian cities as an expression of urban religiosity

15.00–15.30 **Claire Dwyer** // Encountering the divine in W7 and off Highway 88: suburban miracles and stories of the ‘everyday enchantment’ of suburbia

15.30–16.00 Coffee Break

16.00–17.00 **Keynote Sabina Magliocco** // Animal spirits and the urban landscape

17.00–17.15 Coffee Break

→ Creating religious coherence and identity in the city

Chair: Victoria Hegner

15.15–17.45 **Eva Dick** and **Alexander Kenneth Nagel** Urban diversity governance: The interplay of religious and state representatives in local interfaith networks

17.45–18.15 **Anna Strhan** // Aliens and strangers? The struggle coherence in the everyday urban lives of Evangelicals

18.15–18.45 **Tricia C. Bruce** // Building space, place, and collective identity through personal parishes

20.00 Dinner

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Religion in Urban Spaces

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Urban spaces have always functioned as cradles and laboratories for religious movements and spiritualities. The conference Religion in Urban Spaces will therefore explore the intense and complex interplay between the (post)modern city and religion, bringing the city to the fore in religious research. Both renowned and young scholars from all over the world will present their latest research and bring into discussion the ways the experience of the urban – the cityscape with its pluralist culture – inscribes itself in religious practices, and vice versa: how religions appropriate and transform (the meanings of) the urban.

The term 'religion' refers here to a broad analytical concept that comprises traditional institutional religions – such as Christianity, Judaism and the Islam – as well as new or alternative religiosities like the New Age Dance Church, the St. John Coltrane Church and Neo-Paganism. The spectrum of city cultures, which come into focus, is wide ranging and highly globalized. It involves Teheran, Erlangen, London, Berlin and Istanbul, as well as Göttingen, Manila, San Francisco and Yaounde. The conference timely goal is to strengthen the category of the urban context within research on religious developments since it appears to be the (post)modern cities that decisively shape the meaning of religion for society as a whole.



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