



Winter Term 2022/23

Polycentricity and Plurality of Premodern Christianities

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Frankfurt POLY Lectures on:

Space and Religion I

Tuesdays, 18:15 – 19:45 CET, Campus Westend, Seminarhaus SH 4.105

- 25.10.2022 Raum und Religion in der Vormoderne: Susanne Rau (KFG „Religion and Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations“) im Gespräch mit Birgit Emich (KFG „Polyzentrik und Pluralität vormoderner Christentümer“)
- 08.11.2022 Mihai Grigore: “Religion and Territory. Religious Policy in State Building in the Danubian Principalities from the 14th to 16th Centuries”
- 22.11.2022 Molly Greene: “The Monastic Landscape of the Pindus Mountains”
- 06.12.2022 Ivan Almes: “Ordering the ‘Confessional Space’: The Kyivan Uniate Metropolitanate and the Resolutions of the Council of Zamość 1720“
- 10.01.2023 Nadine Amsler: “Hidden Spaces: Women and Domestic Religion in Chinese Christianity”
- 24.01.2023 Bernhard Heyberger: “Eastern Christianity: A Central Periphery”
- 07.02.2023 Renate Dürr: “Ambiguity and Ambivalence in the ‘Neue Welt-Bott’: The Reports on Eastern Christianities in a Jesuit Cultural Encyclopedia”

Lectures will be held in English or German

The lectures can be attended in person or online.

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Among other culturalist turns, the spatial turn has allowed historians to illuminate how religious formations are not only set in time but also deeply embedded in space. But how do religious agents define space themselves? How do the notions of space articulated by an early modern Jesuit operating overseas differ from those deployed by his Europe-based co-religionists? Or from the Quakers, Socinians, Mennonites and others being persecuted in or facing exile from the emerging territorial states and confessions that allowed Jesuits and others to thrive? And how does this difference between the use and articulation of space by the main confessional churches and the connectivity and border crossings emphasized by students interested in these “other” Christianities carry the risk of reviving a much older, ecclesial juxtaposition between “Church” and “Sect”? To continue on this reflexive note, how do these contemporary spatial notions and articulations trickle down in research, and how do our concepts structure the spatial dimensions of religious phenomena of the past? A selected group of trailblazing scholars in the field will address these and related questions over the course of the Winter terms of 2022/23 and 2023/24 in the third POLY Lecture Series on Space and Religion, with a first set of talks visiting locations ranging from Greece and the Danubian Principalities to Ukraine, the Christianities of the Middle East and Christian China.