BRIEF DESCRIPTION

There is hardly any need to justify the fact that Jerusalem is a special place of intra- and interreligious encounter of the so-called Abrahamic religions. The variety of confessions, denominations and religions in such a density at the narrowest of spaces is second to none. Adding the historical dimension, which potentiates the diversity of perspectives, the power of Jerusalem has a unique characteristic regarding the interreligious dialog compared to all other religious melting pots of modernity. The multi-religious lived space is characterized by cohabitation and snippets of shared religious experience. Thus the historical and actual Jerusalem is a promising place for the academic reflection of mutual contact and religious encounter.

The colloquium will take the Psalms and the Psalter as a case study. Throughout history the Psalms represent an important part of the Christian-Jewish spirituality in practice. Alongside the character of David, the prophet, the Psalms are also appreciated in the Qur'an and the Muslim tradition. There is plenty of shared experience through history although the Psalms are not part of the explicitly shared tradition. However, academic exchange on the interpretation of the Psalms took place in antiquity as well as in the Middle Ages until modern times. Addressing the present and coming Jerusalem as a lived and believed space, the Psalms are an outstanding study object to explore the prospects and limits of an interreligious dialog starting from the treatment of religious traditions and their reception. Hence, it is time to explore the capability of the Psalms and Psalms studies in the interreligious dialog. The role of the Psalter with its hymns and laments, its longing for peace, and its hope for the blessing of the world of nations will be explored in this colloquium which brings Jewish, Christian, and Muslim academics in a fruitful exchange. The city of Jerusalem is as well subject matter as the place of venue. "In the Psalms, there sounds an idea [...] that the city grants its inhabitants something which is not simply the product of its inhabitants" (Erich Zenger).

THE COLLOQUIUM DEALS WITH FOUR TOPICS:

- I. Interreligious horizons in Psalms and Psalms studies
- II. Psalms in the Muslim-Christian-Jewish dialog
- III. Psalms in Jerusalem Jerusalem in the Psalms
- IV. Contextualizing Psalms in an interfaith dialog

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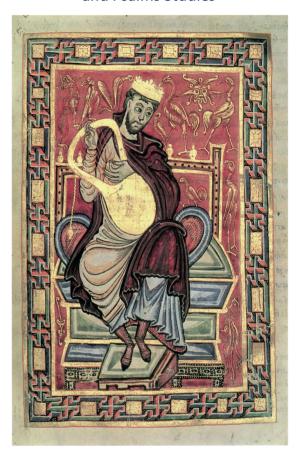
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"By my God I can leap over a wall"

Interreligious Horizons in Psalms and Psalms Studies



July 29-31, 2019

in Memory of Erich Zenger (* July 5, 1939 - † April 4, 2010)

PROGRAM

MONDAY, 29.07.2019		TUESDAY, 30	TUESDAY, 30.07.2019		WEDNESDAY, 31.07.2019	
14.00-14.30	Welcome Addresses Abbot Bernhard Maria Alter OSB, Dormition Abbey Jerusalem	9.00-9.45	Meira Polliack, Tel Aviv Witnesses of exchange. David's image in the Psalter in a comparative exe- getical perspective	8.00-10.45 Guided tour	Angelika Neuwirth, Jerusalem The Temple Mount and the Qur'an. New and old insights	
	H. E. Dr. Susanne Wasum-Rainer, Ambassador, German Embassy Tel Aviv (t.b.c.)	9.45-10.30	Mustafa Abu Sway, Jerusalem A Muslim's reading of Psalms	11.15-12.00	Dalit Rom-Shiloni, Tel Aviv Praise and protest in a theodical discourse in Psalms	
	Verena Shifferman, Director,	11.00-11.45	Sivan Nir, Tel Aviv The true order of the Psalms.	12.15	Sext in the Dormition Church	
14.30-15.00	DAAD Information Centre Tel Aviv Christian Frevel, Bochum Brief introduction		The impact of Muslim prophetic biography on medieval Jewish exegesis of the Psalms	14.00-14.45	Nancy Rahn, Berne Kingdom of all nations and king- dom of all times. Explorations into a main topic of the Psalter and its po-	
15.00.15.45		12.15	Sext in the Dormition Church		tential for interreligious encounters	
15.00-15.45	Ludger Schwienhorst-Schönberger, Vienna Abraham's God. Religions and interre- ligious understanding in Erich Zenger's approach to the Psalms	14.00-15.30 Guided tour	Florian Lippke, Tübingen "Standing within your gates." Locating Psalms in the history of Jerusalem	14.45-15.30	Shani Tzoref, New York Prayer and prophecy. Psalms as liturgy and scripture in Qumranic and medieval Jewish exegesis	
16.15-17.00	Dorothea Erbele-Küster, Mainz Reception aesthetics of the Psalms. A source for intercultural and interreli- gious dialog	16.15-17.00	Ronny Vollandt, Munich The Arabic Psalms fragment found in the Umayyad mosque in Damascus	16.00-16.45	Martin Wallraff, Munich Framing the text. Early Christian prologues to the Psalter	
17.00-17.45	Till Magnus Steiner, Jerusalem City of God. Jerusalem as a place of encounter with God and the other	17.00-17.45	Carl S. Ehrlich, Toronto Judaism and the Psalms. Life and liturgy	16.45-17.30	Yael Sela, Jerusalem Between Jerusalem and Athens. Moses Mendelssohn's Psalms trans- lation	
18.15	Vespers in the Dormition Church	18.15	Vespers in the Dormition Church	17.30-18.15	"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem!"	
20.15-21.15 Public lecture	Bernd Janowski, Tübingen "JHWH knows the way of the	20.15-21.15 Public lecture	Angelika Neuwirth, Jerusalem The emergence of the Qur'anic proc- lamation out of liturgy	Round table	The interreligious potential of Psalms	
	righteous" (Psalm 1:6). The Psalter and the ethos of recognition			18.30	Prayer for peace in the Dormition Church	