European Missions in Contact Zones: Transformation through Interaction in a (Post-)Colonial World

Saturday, 12 April 2014

Chair: Frieder Ludwig (Hermannsburg)

9 a.m. Michael Sievernich (Mainz) Comparing Ancient and Native Customs: Joseph Francois Lafitau and the »sauvages américains«

9:45 a.m. Rebekka Habermas (Göttingen) Mission and Gender: Sexual Politics in the Colonies and at Home around 1900 in the German Kaiserreich

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

Chair: Esther Möller (Mainz)

11 a.m. David Maxwell (Cambridge) Intimate Outsiders and Local Confidants: Missionaries and African Christians in the Contact Zone, Katanga, Belgian Congo, c. 1910s–1920s

11:45 a.m. Heather Sharkey (Philadelphia) The Case of Henry Athanassian, an Armenian in the Suez Canal Zone: Questioning Assumptions about Missions and Missionaries

12:30 p.m. Brian Stanley (Edinburgh) Introduction & Chair Final Discussion

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Public Interview »Haus am Dom« Liebfrauenplatz 8 55116 Mainz
Thursday, 10 April 2014

9:15 a.m. Welcome, Introduction
Judith Becker (Mainz)
Johannes Paulmann (Mainz)
Chair: Johannes Paulmann (Mainz)

General

9:30 a.m. Jeffrey Cox (Iowa)
Missionary Narratives of Anti-Conquest
Asia

10:15 a.m. Judith Becker (Mainz)
Liberated by Christ: Evangelical Missionaries and Slavery in Nineteenth Century South India

11 a.m. Coffee Break
Chair: Thomas Weller (Mainz)

11:30 a.m. Peter James Yoder (Rome/GA)
›Temples in the Hearts of Heathens‹: Developments in August Hermann Francke’s Preaching after the Halle Missionaries’ Contact with India

12:15 p.m. Sabine Hübner (Mainz)
To Sigh before God: Prayer in the 18th Century Lutheran Mission in Tamil Nadu

1 p.m. Lunch
Chair: Lucian Hölscher (Bochum)

3 p.m. Mrinalini Sebastian (Philadelphia/Mainz)
Localized Cosmopolitanism and Globalized Faith: Echoes of ›Native‹ Voices in 18th and 19th Century Missionary Documents

3:45 p.m. Andreas Heil (Mainz)
One’s Own Concept Challenged: Western Missionaries Renegotiating the Concept of the Missionary in a Postcolonial World

4:30 p.m. Coffee Break

5 p.m. Rosemary Seton (London)
Close Encounters, Racial Tensions: The Church of Scotland Mission in Calcutta [Kolkata], India

6 p.m. Dinner

7:30 p.m. Public Interview:
The Experience of the Missions in Decolonizing Countries
Andrew Walls and Roger Bowen interviewed by Brian Stanley on European Missions in Contact Zones

Friday, 11 April 2014

Chair: Ulrike Gleixner (Wolfenbüttel)

9 a.m. Andreas Nehring (Erlangen)
Politics and Meditation: The Influence of Missions on the 19th Century Burmese Lay Reform Movement in Theravada Buddhism

9:45 a.m. Thoralf Klein (Loughborough)
How to Be a Contact Zone: The Missionary Karl Gützlaff between Nationalism, Transnationalism and Transculturalism, 1827–1851

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break
Chair: Judith Becker (Mainz)

Australia & Oceania

11 a.m. Eva Bischoff (Trier)
›To Do Good Spiritually and Temporarily to Fellow Men‹: Quaker Missionaries and the Formation of Colonial Governmentality

11:45 a.m. Felicity Jensz (Münster)
Understandings of Religion within Australia: The Changing Conceptualisation of Christian and Indigenous Religion

12:30 p.m. Lunch
Chair: Kocku von Stuckrad (Groningen)

2:30 p.m. Katharina Stornig (Mainz)

Africa I

3:15 p.m. Silke Strickrodt (London)
The Place of Missionary Education in Nineteenth-Century Freetown Society: Methodological Considerations

4 p.m. Coffee Break
Chair: Helmut Thome (Halle/Saale)
The Americas

4:30 p.m. Ursula Lemkuhl (Trier)
›Christianity Accommodated‹: Jesuits as Cultural Brokers at the American Frontier, 1840–1900