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Photo 1:
Fragment of a Christian silk painting from Dunhuang (China), 9th century. Source: Wikimedia Commons.

Photo 2:
Depiction of the cross on a lotus flower from a church in Fangshan (China), 13th century. Source: Wikimedia Commons.



International Conference

Interreligious Appropriations: Modes and Practices of Coping with Religious Diversity in the Global History of Christianity

22–24 June 2023

Thursday, 22 June

14:30	Arrival and refreshments	10:00
15:00	Welcome Nicole Reinhardt (Mainz)	
	Introductory remarks Stanislau Paulau (Halle/Mainz) and Philip Forness (Leuven)	11:00
	Session 1	11:30
15:15	Benedict Totsche (Mainz) “The Philosophers are Witnesses”: <i>Athenagoras of Athens on Gods, Angels and Demons</i>	
16:15	Coffee break	12:30
16:30	Li Tang (Cambridge/Salzburg) <i>Jesus, Mani, and Buddha in Medieval Chinese Religious Texts</i>	14:00
17:30	Jonathan Stutz (Munich) <i>Seeking Islamic Wisdom: The Legacy of Fakhr al-Din al-Razi and the Coptic Arabic Renaissance</i>	15:00
19:00	Dinner	

Friday, 23 June

9:00	Session 2 Sophia Dege-Müller (Hamburg) <i>The ›Life of Susanna‹ in the Light of the Beta Israel Manuscript Tradition</i>
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	Emy Merin Joy (Vienna) <i>The ›Paravur Dialogues‹: Introducing the First Early Modern Interreligious Dialogue in Kerala, South India</i>
	Coffee break
	Mònica Colominas Aparicio (Groningen) <i>The Conditions of Christian Minorities in Muslim Iberia and Interreligious Appropriation in Justino Antolínez de Burgos’ Historia Eclesiástica de Granada (1557–1637)</i>
	Lunch
	Session 3 Jürgen Heyde (Leipzig) <i>Uncovering the Hagia Sophia: An Armenian Traveler’s Visit to Istanbul in the Seventeenth Century</i>
	Sergei Zotov (Coventry) <i>Islamic Evangelists and Christian Hermes: Reinterpretations of Religious Otherness in Arabic and European Alchemical Illumination</i>
	Coffee break

17:00 **Visit of the Sanctuary of Isis and the
Magna Mater (1st Century)**

18:30 Dinner

Saturday, 24 June

9:00	Session 4 Sebastian Elsässer (Kiel) <i>The 1938 Personal Status Code of the Orthodox Copts: An Illegitimate Appropriation from Muslim Family Law?</i>
10:00	Lukas Pieper (Göttingen) <i>Paulos Mar Gregorios, Indian Religions, and the Re-Imagination of Saint Thomas Christianity in Post-Colonial India</i>
11:00	Coffee break
11:15	Responses Hartmut Leppin (Frankfurt) and Manfred Sing (Freiburg/Mainz)
11:40	Concluding discussion
12:30	Light lunch and departure