

Registration

There is no registration fee for the conference. Registrations can be made by e-mail to conference.nonconformism@uni-leipzig.de until 18 January 2013. Later registrations will be possible in the organisation office during the conference only.

Child care

There will be a child care for free, for which an enrolment is obligatory. Please enrol your child(ren) until 11 January 2013 by e-mail: conference.nonconformism@uni-leipzig.de. Later enrolments will not be possible.

Accessibility

All venues are at ground level or can be reached with a lift and are wheelchair-accessible.

Venue and conference office

University of Leipzig
Seminargebäude, Room S 420-425
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Leipzig area map



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CHALLENGING CONSENSUS: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON RELIGIOUS NON-CONFORMISM

International conference of the Research Training Group
"Religious Non-Conformism and Cultural Dynamics"

1-3 February 2013, University of Leipzig



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Religious Non-Conformism

is a powerful element of cultural tension. Whether in Iraq, Tibet or Germany, be it in the past or present – religious deviation can be punished, can be domesticated or it may also inaugurate wild cultural dynamics.

The international conference of the DFG-Research Training Group “Religious Non-Conformism and Cultural Dynamics” provides a forum for scholars of different disciplinary backgrounds to present specific case-studies from various temporal, spatial und cultural areas. Theories will be challenged and theorems will be formulated.

We look forward to welcoming all lecturers and interested scholars!

FRIDAY 01.02.2013

- 02:00 pm Arrival
- 03:00 pm Opening
- 03:30 pm **Religious Non-Conformism in Languedoc – A Story of Resistance and Survival**
Lionel LABORIE, Norwich
- Challenging modernity – Non-Conformism in a historical perspective**
Rosa RICCI, Leipzig
- 05:00 pm Break
- 05:30 pm **Religious litigation, judicial politics and the transformation of secularism**
Matthias KOENIG, Göttingen
- Challenging religio-political consensus in Zimbabwe – Evaluating the relationship between Religious Non-Conformism and Political Activism**
Joram TARUSARIRA, Leipzig
- 07:00 pm Break
- 07:15 pm **Keynote: Religious Non-Conformism – Perspectives from Evolutionary Theory**
Michael STAUSBERG, Bergen
- 08:30 pm Dinner

SATURDAY 02.02.2013

- 09:00 am **Calendars and Controversy – Feast Days and Festivals in Foxe's "Book of Martyrs"**
Elizabeth EVENDEN, London/Cambridge
- Non-Conformity as Identity – How Marian Exiles explained their Exile**
Martin SKOERIES, Leipzig
- 10:30 am Break
- 11:00 am **Are non-conformist groups non-conformist? The Chinese case**
Barend J. TER HAAR, Oxford
- The Cult of the Fox in contemporary Shandong Province, China – with special reference to Yuwangtai village**
Jingxue BERNDT-SUN, Leipzig
- 12:30 pm Lunch
- 02:00 pm **Madmen in the Marketplace**
David M. DiVALERIO, Milwaukee
- Challenges and stages – Media representation of Jihadis in Iraq**
Christoph GÜNTHER, Leipzig
- 03:30 pm Break
- 04:00 pm **Can a Hindu be a Sufi? Crossing religious boundaries through Rituals and poetry in India and in Pakistan**
Michel BOIVIN, Paris
- The Role of the State in the German Sect-Controversy**
Stefan WEGENER, Leipzig
- 05:30 pm Break
- 06:00 pm **On Religious Exoticism**
Véronique ALTGLAS, Belfast
- Self-proclaimed Jews among Christian aristocrats of the 18th century**
Pawel MACIEJKO, Jerusalem
- 08:00 pm Dinner

SUNDAY 03.02.2013

- 09:00 am **Theological Constructions of Heresy vs. the Culture of Non-Conformity in Judaism**
Matt GOLDISH, Columbus
- Jewish Religiousness in Israeli Popular Music – Artists between individualistic Expression and Reception as Non-Conformists**
Felix PAPHENHAGEN, Leipzig
- 10:30 am Break
- 11:00 am **Constructing Orthodoxy and Non-Conformity in the History of Gaudiya Vaishnavism**
Frank NEUBERT ZURLINDEN, Bern
- The Bhagwan-Controversy – Debating religious Non-Conformity in India**
Katja KLEINSORGE, Leipzig
- 12:30 pm Break
- 01:00 pm **Concluding Discussion**
- 02:00 pm Departure

About us

The Research Training Group on “Religious Non-Conformism and Cultural Dynamics” was founded at the University of Leipzig in 2009. It now consists of 22 PhD candidates from Germany and 5 other countries. While the phenomena studied – diverse and distinct in space and time – require interdisciplinary approaches in comparative contexts, the young academics are under the supervision of 13 professors from following departments:

African Studies, Chinese Studies, Church History, Early Modern History, History of Religion, History of South Eastern Europe, Indology, Jewish Studies, Old Testament Studies, Oriental Studies, Religious Studies, Sociology of Culture and Tibetology.