

Religion and Modernity in a Secular City

Katholische Akademie in Berlin

16 – 18 September 2010



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Conference Programme At-a-Glance

Thursday, 16 September

9.00 onwards	Registration
12.30 – 14.00	Welcome and lunch reception
14.00 – 15.30	Session 1: Introductory Topologies
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.30	Session 2: Political Theology and Continental Philosophy
18.30 – 19.30	Dinner
19.30 – 21.00	Public Debate: “ <i>Be Muslim, Be Christian, Be Berlin: Young Believers and their Pathways through European Cities</i> ” Professor Graham Ward (University of Manchester) Dr. Ataulh Siddiqui (Markfield Institute of Higher Education) Professor Rolf Schieder (Humboldt University, Berlin)

Friday, 17 September

06.30 – 09.00	Breakfast
09.00 – 10.30	Session 3: Messianic Interrogations
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30	Session 4: Responsibility and Violence in the Public Sphere
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	Session 5: Engaging Graham Ward’s <i>Cities of God</i>
15.30 – 16.00	Coffee break
16.00 – 17.30	Plenary: Professor Graham Ward (University of Manchester)
17.30 – 18.30	Vespers
18.30 – 19.30	Dinner
20.00 – 22.00	Film viewing – “ <i>Der Himmel über Berlin</i> ”

Saturday, 18 September

06.30 – 09.00	Breakfast
09.00 – 10.30	Session 6: German Political Theologies
10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30	Session 7: On the Vicissitudes of Social Relations in the Secular City
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 onwards	Farewells and departure

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Maria Montserrat Herrero (University of Navarra) "The Transformation of the Concept of Conscience in the Early Modern State"

Pedro Velez (Portuguese New University of Lisbon) "On the Various Religious Forms of the Modern-Secular City: A Theologico-Political Mapping and Prospective"

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.30 **Session 2: Political Theology and Continental Philosophy**

Austin Hayden Smidt (University of Nottingham) "The Group, The Third and Political Praxis: Doing Political Theology with Jean-Paul Sartre"

Daniel Schultz (University of Chicago) "The Monstrosity of Political Theology; or, The Queen's Two Bodies: Theology in Force Without Signification"

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Kirill Chepurin (Moscow State University) "God's Forenoon: Hegel and Meillassoux on the Coming of God to the Secular City"

René Dausner (Freiburg i.Br.) "Ending Time: Giorgio Agamben's Re-readings of Messianic Concepts as Contribution to a Political Philosophy"

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.30	<p>Session 4: Responsibility and Violence in the Public Sphere Henning Nörenberg (Universität Rostock) "Etsi Deus non Daretur: Bonhoeffer on Non-religious Christianity" Johann-Albrecht Meylahn (Free University of Amsterdam) "Seeking the Good (peace) of the Republic: The Violence Against and Of Difference in Defining the Public Space"</p>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch
14.00 – 15.30	<p>Session 5: Engaging Graham Ward's <i>Cities of God</i> Jonas Lundblad (Lund University) "Angelic Voices in a Cosmopolitan Key" Chad Lakies (Concordia Seminary) "Narrating the City from a Sacred Refuge"</p>
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10.30 – 11.00	Coffee break
11.00 – 12.30	<p>Session 7: On the Vicissitudes of Social Relations in the Secular City Perry S. Husemann (Free University of Amsterdam) "Dialectical Tensions of Modernity and Implications for Social Relations in the Modern Secular City" Ruth Hadley (University of Manchester) "Beyond the Private Sphere: Beyond Tolerance?"</p>
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