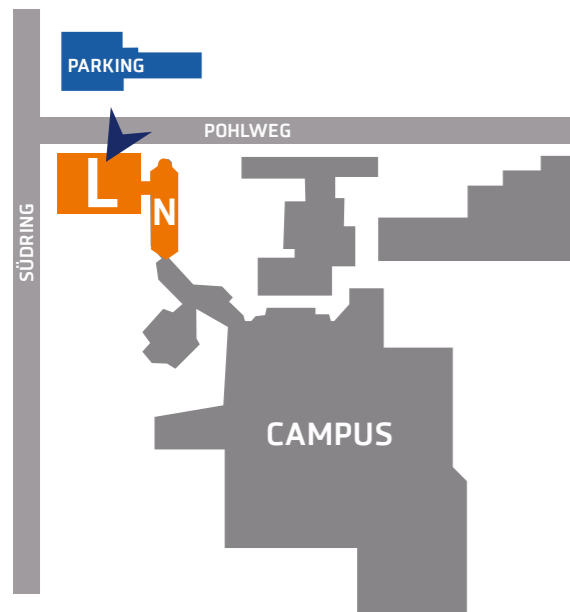


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Methods and Criteria for Comparative Theology

CONFERENCE IN AUGUST 2014 IN PADERBORN/GERMANY

More and more scholars are engaging in the emerging field of comparative theology with their own ideas about its nature and method. This gives us much reason to celebrate since we detect a growing interest in the field of comparative theology and in the related field of the dialogue of religions. However, it also generates an array of challenges, since many different approaches have to be taken into consideration and it is still somewhat unclear how to understand comparative theology. Moreover, we notice, there are only a few links connecting the efforts to establish comparative theology in the U.S. and Europe. At this time, engaging each other more thoroughly has become essential. Leading scholars in the U.S. and in Europe who are dealing with comparative theology, as well as those engaged in the dialogue of religions, need to strengthen their academic exchange and pursue attempts to bring their research into conversation. This conference is designed to highlight which criteria and methods should be specifically employed in comparative theology, and to provide tangible and successful examples of comparative theology. Essentially, then, the intention of the conference is a thorough elaboration of how to do comparative theology, showcasing its actual practice by established and younger scholars. It will therefore be not only a dialogue of different cultures of theology, but also of different ages and mentalities.

Prof. Dr. Francis X. Clooney SJ,
Prof. Dr. Catherine Cornille,
Prof. Dr. Klaus von Stosch



Participation

Please notify Cordula Heupts (heupts@mail.upb.de) of your participation by 31st of July. The participation is free of charge.

Accommodation

We can recommend rooms for 30 € p.n. in a small monastery 10-15 minutes walk from the university (www.haus-maria-immaculata.de)



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8/8/14 Friday // Case Studies I

09.00 Opening session: The Field of Comparative Theology Today

10.00 **Prof. Dr. Francis X. Clooney SJ** (Harvard Divinity School): Seeking a New Comparative Theological Topic: Reflections on Madhava's 14th Century "Garland of Jaimini's Rules of Reasoning"

11.00 COFFEE BREAK

11.15 **Prof. Dr. Hugh Nicholson** (Loyola University Chicago): The Possibility of Constructive Synthesis after Historical Analysis: Christian Reflections on the Buddhist Doctrine of No-self

12.15 **Jillian Maxey** (Boston College): The Person as Text in Comparative Theology

01.00 LUNCH BREAK

02.30 **Prof. Dr. Michelle Voss Roberts** (Wake Forest University): Embodiment in Comparison: Thinking-Feeling with Abhinavagupta

03.30 **Stephanie Corigliano** (Boston College): Hybridity and Comparative Theology

04.15 COFFEE BREAK

04.45 **Brad Bannon** (Harvard): Theosis and Perception in Śaṅkara and Nicholas of Cusa: Comparative Theology as Learning to See

05.30 **Glenn Willis** (Boston College): Making Strange and Mastery in Comparative Theological Method

06.30 DINNER BREAK

08.00 Plenary discussion with some of the main speakers starting with a short critical commentary from Anne Weber (University of Paderborn)

8/9/14 Saturday // Case Studies II

09.00 **Prof. Dr. Daniel A. Madigan SJ** (Georgetown University): Is theologizing within the 'Abrahamic' family of traditions more ecumenical or comparative?

10.00 **Prof. Dr. Michael Barnes SJ** (Heythrop College, London): The Language of Gift and Gratitude: theism and non-theism

11.00 **Axel Marc Takács** (Harvard): "An Interpreter and not a Judge" - Ibn 'Arabī's Spiritual Insights into Reading, Writing, and Practicing Comparative Theology

11.45 **Aaron Langenfeld** (University of Paderborn): The Moment of Truth: Comparative and Dogmatic Theology

12.30 LUNCH BREAK

02.00 **Dr. Muna Tatari** (University of Paderborn): Justice and Mercy: Using Comparative Insights in Developing Kalam

03.00 **Prof. Dr. Klaus von Stosch** (University of Paderborn): Approaching Jesus in the Qur'an

04.00 COFFEE BREAK

04.30 **Pietro Lorenzo Maggioni** (Georgetown): Comparative Joseph: A Theological Journey

05.15 **Eshagh Rahnema** (University of Paderborn and Qom/ Iran): Theology of Conversion. A Contribution to a Shia Theology of Religion

06.00 DINNER BREAK

08.00 Plenary discussion with the main speakers of the day

8/10/14 Sunday // Methods and Criteria for Comparative Theology

07.00 Possibility of Eucharist

09.00 **Prof. Dr. Catherine Cornille** (Boston College): The Problem of Choice in Comparative Theology

10.00 **Prof. Dr. Marianne Moyaert** (University of Amsterdam): Comparative Theology after the Shoah

11.15 **Emma O'Donnell** (Boston College): The Elusiveness of Experience: Methodological Considerations for Liturgical and Ritual Studies in Comparative Theology

12.00 LUNCH BREAK

01.30 **Prof. Dr. Thom Sicking SJ** (St. Joseph's University Beirut): Practical Perspectives on Comparative Theology in Lebanon

02.00 **Prof. Dr. Jochen Schmidt** (University of Paderborn): Evaluation of the conference

02.30 General discussion: Results and tasks for the future