

21. bis 22. September 2018

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Location of the workshop:

Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg
Faculty of Theology
Kollegiengebäude I, 3rd floor, R 1309
(= Seminar library of the Department of
Moral Theology)
Platz der Universität 3
D-79098 Freiburg

Ways of Arriving:

By foot from the main station (5 min via
Eisenbahnstraße): Walk in the direction
of the city center until "Rotteckring",
then turn right. After ca. 100 m the
Kollegiengebäude I of the university is
located on the left-hand side.

By tram from the main station: Go one
station by tram with number 1, 3 or 5 -
direction "Bertoldsbrunnen" until the
station "Stadttheater" = Rotteckring.
Then you have to go a few minutes by
foot (see above).

By car: Exit "Freiburg Mitte", then exit
"Stadtmitte/Universität"; Werthmannstraße
- Rempartstraße; use the parking
garage "Universitäts-Parkhaus"

Directions on the internet: <http://www.uni-freiburg.de/universitaet/kontakt-und-wegweiser/anfahrt>

The participation in the workshop is free.

Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg

Organizers:
University of Freiburg
University of Würzburg
India-Europe Foundation for New Dialogues
(FIND)

Reception of India in the West and Reception of the West in India

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Workshop Programme

Reception of India in the West and Reception of the West in India. A Transversal Approach through a Selection of Authors

International Workshop in two parts, organised by the India-Europe Foundation for New Dialogue (FIND), the Chair of Christian Philosophy of Religion at the Albert-Ludwigs-University of Freiburg and the Chair of Classical Indology at the Julius-Maximilians University of Würzburg.

The first part of the workshop takes place on 21/22 September 2018 at the University of Freiburg, Kollegiengebäude I, 3rd floor, Faculty of Theology, in the room 1309 (Seminar library of the Department of Moral Theology).

The aim of this interdisciplinary event is to delve into the reception of India in the West and the reception of the West in India, bearing in mind not only a selection of relevant authors, but also a transversal approach to the subject. Such an approach is process-based and considers both directions in the effectual history of the problematic: from India to the West and from the West to India. Both directions have to be considered simultaneously (that is, without relying on purely chronological reconstructions) and dialogically (that is, as two conceptions determining each other). The term "reception" should be taken as a (temporally and spatially) bi-directional indicator, demanding a critical attitude to overcome positivistic reconstructions of origins, with the aim of attaining a deeper understanding of acculturation. Bi-directionality plays an important role in distilling the specific elements from the contributions of each selected (Indian or Western) author and in inaugurating a dialogic process that makes space accessible to new ideas concerning both traditions and enriches the transcultural horizon belonging to them.

Friday, 21 September 2018

9:00 to 9:30

Opening

(Markus Enders, Adrián Navigante, Jörg Gengnagel)

9:30 to 10:45

Jörg Gengnagel (University of Würzburg, Germany):
"The Conversion of a Brahman to the Faith of Christ: Nehemiah Nilakantha Shastri Goreh"

10:45 to 11:15 Coffee break

11:15 to 13:00

Sunandan Roy Chowdhury (ISAS, India):
"East and West in Rabindranath Tagore"

13:00 to 15:30 Lunch

15:30 to 16:45

Markus Enders (University of Freiburg, Germany),
Adrián Navigante (India-Europe Foundation for New Dialogues, Rome):
"Between Christianity and Advaita: Henri le Saux (Swami Abhishiktananda)"

16:45 to 17:30 Coffee break

17:30 to 18:45

Patricia Obermeier (PhD candidate in the Interfaculty degree program in Religious Studies at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University, Munich):
"Alain Daniélou and Shaivism"

19:30

Dinner at the Hotel Restaurant Schwarzwälder Hof (Herrenstraße 43, 79098 Freiburg)

Saturday, 22 September 2018

9:00 to 10:15

Gaetano Sabetta (Associate Professor Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome - Centro Interculturale Raimond Panikkar [= CIRPIT]):
"Raimond Panikkar: The Dharma of Hinduism as mystical experience"

10:15 to 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 to 12:00

Adrián Navigante (India-Europe Foundation for New Dialogues, Rome):
"Mircea Eliade's India and the Quest for Immortality"

12:00 to 13:30 Lunch

13:30 to 14:45

Markus Enders (University of Freiburg, Germany):
"The phenomenon Sadhu Sundar Singh and its relevance for Christianity in India and Europe"

14:45 to 15:00 Coffee break

15:00 to 16:15

Rizio Yohannan (LILA Foundation, India):
"The translocal Gandhi"

16:15 to 16:45 Coffee break

16:45 to 18:30

Closing discussion

The lectures of Sunandan Roy Chowdhury, Rizio Yohannan and Patricia Obermeier are also public lectures.

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