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12th International Nuremberg Forum 2016

Public Theology – Religion – Education

Interreligious Perspectives

4th – 6th October 2016

Since the turn of the millennium, the awareness in liberal democratic societies has grown that religion cannot simply be regarded as a private matter, but that it has an indispensable public dimension. It is obvious that all religions, as well as many non-religious movements, have an important public function for pluralistic societies and can serve as resources of human values.

In general, the contributions by religious actors to the common good imply educational aspects. They aim to stimulate processes of perceiving, thinking and learning that help to develop new analytical perspectives and to discover new opportunities for action. Thus, on the one hand, education is an integral part of the public dimension of religion and of public theology. On the other hand, the realm of public education also constitutes an important subject of social debate to which religions can make substantial contributions. For these reasons, the conference intends to illuminate the multidimensional relationship between public religion/public theology and public education in the view of diverse religions.

Besides presenting renowned academics in keynotes and paper sessions, the conference includes a “Young Researchers’ Workshop” that starts one day earlier. Doctoral students and post-doc researchers are invited to submit a paper and can apply for financial support to cover travel and accommodation costs (see <http://www.nuernberger-forum.uni-erlangen.org/young-researchers-workshop>).

The conference gets financial support from: the German Research Foundation (DFG), the Protestant Church of Bavaria, the City of Nuremberg, the Roman-Catholic Archbishop of Bamberg, and others.

[Monday, 3rd Oct. 2016: Pre-conference workshop for young researchers]

Tuesday, 4th Oct. 2016

[9:00 Young researchers’ workshop – paper session V (till 10:30)]

11:00 Start of the 12th International Nuremberg Forum - Welcome and greetings

11:30 Opening Lecture: Chair of the Protestant Churches in Germany and Bishop of the Protestant Church of Bavaria Professor Heinrich Bedford-Strohm; “Public Theology and Interreligious Dialogue. Fundamental Perspectives“

13:30 Panel “The Contribution of Religions to the Common Good in a Pluralistic Society.“

13:30 From a Christian perspective – Dirk J. Smit (*South Africa*)

13:50 From an Islamic perspective – Sahin Abdullah (*UK*)

14:20 From a Jewish perspective – N.N.

14:40 From a Buddhist perspective – Heesoon Bai (*Canada*)

15:10 From an empirical sociological perspective – Gert Pickel (*Germany*)

16:00 Panel discussion with the statement presenters and Prof. Bedford-Strohm

19.30 Reception by the Mayor of the City of Nuremberg in the “Beautiful Hall“ („Schöner Saal“)

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Wednesday, 5th Oct. 2016

- 9:00 Elaine Graham (*UK*): Public Theology and Education. Exploration of a Multidimensional Relationship
10:15 Peter Schreiner (*Germany*): The Comenius Institute – Promoting Educational Discourse and Practice in the Framework of Public Theology
10:15 Bernhard Grümme (*Germany*): Educational Justice as Subject Matter of a Public Religious Pedagogy
10:15 Thomas Schlag (*Switzerland*): Public Education and the Public Church
10:15 Liam Gearon (*UK*): Public Religious Education as a Contribution to the Common Good
11:45 Mouhanad Khorchide (*Germany*): Islamic Contributions to the Common Good of Public Education
11:45 Bernd Schröder (*Germany*): Public Religious Pedagogy and Interreligious Learning
11:45 Willem Fourie (*South Africa*): Leadership Development in a Professional Context – a Field for Public Theology?
11:45 Sebastian Kim (*UK*): The Biblical Wisdom Tradition for Public Theology and its Consequences for Public Education
14:00 Jenny Berglund (*Sweden*): Islamic Education in Europe, an Opportunity for Equal Rights or a Way to Control Islam?
14:00 Henrik Simojoki (*Germany*): Public Space 2.0? Religious Education after the Digital Revolution
14:00 Katie Day (*USA*): Public Theology and Public Education in the City
14:00 Annette Scheunpflug (*Germany*): The Contributions of Christian Schools to the Common Good
15:00 Bruce Grelle (*USA*): Public Religion and Public Education. Perspectives and Experiences from the U.S. Context
15:00 Johannes Lähnemann (*Germany*): The Contribution by Religious NGOs to Public Education
15:00 Florian Höhne (*Germany*): "You Shall not Make to You any Graven Image." The Culture of Images in the Media and Public Religions - from a Public Theology Perspective
15:00 Andreas Nehring (*Germany*): Engaged Buddhism – Public Theology in Practice
16:30 Poster presentation and talks with young researchers
18:30 Reception and opening celebration of the "Research Unit for Public Religion and Education" (Forschungsstelle für Öffentliche Religionspädagogik)
20:00 Guided Exploration of the Ancient City of Nuremberg (optional)

Thursday, 6 Oct. 2016

- 9:00 Hanan A. Alexander (*Israel*): Liberal Education and Public Religion
10:15 Zehavit Gross (*Israel*): The Contribution of Public Religious Education to Promoting Peace – Perspectives from Israel
10:15 Manfred L. Pirner (*Germany*): Overlapping Consensus and Complementary Learning – A Framework for Public Religious Pedagogy with Reference to Rawls and Habermas
10:15 Peter Bubmann (*Germany*): Culture of Remembrance as Place and Shape of Public Theology and Public Education
10:15 Andrea Roth (*Germany*): The Situation of Apprentices as a Challenge for Public Theology and Religious Education
11:45 Mohammed Nekroumi (*Germany*): Islamic Contributions to the Common Good in Pluralistic Societies
11:45 Philip Barnes (*UK*): Public Theologies or Religious Studies? Deliberations on the Basis of Multifaith RE
11:45 Thomas Wabel (*Germany*): Lost in translation? Talking religion in the public space
11:45 Werner Haussmann (*Germany*): Mindfulness and Appreciation – a Religious Contribution to Public Education
14:00 Jan Assmann, (*Germany*): Monotheistic Religions as Curse or Blessing – A Matter of Critical Education? – Keynote and panel discussion with Jan Assmann
16:00 Concluding remarks and farewell

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Conducted by the Chair of Religious Education at the University of Erlangen Nuremberg, GERMANY (Professor Manfred L. Pirner, Professor Johannes Lähnemann & Dr. Werner Haussmann)

together with Professor Peter Bubmann (Practical Theology, Erlangen), Dr. Florian Höhne (Humboldt-Univ. Berlin), Professor Andreas Nehring (Religious Studies, Erlangen), Professor Thomas Wabel (Systematic Theology und Dietrich-Bonhoeffer Research Center of Public Theology, Univ. of Bamberg) and Professor Henrik Simojoki (Protestant Theology & Religious Education, Univ. of Bamberg)

in cooperation with the Global Network of Public Theology (chaired by Professor Elaine Graham, University of Chester) and in connection with the Office of the Protestant Church in Germany (EKD).

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