



Sacred Texts

International Conference on the Relation of Literature and Religion across Cultures

11th and 12th May 2012

Schloss Hohentübingen, Fürstenzimmer

For participation please register via e-mail to:

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The conference is organized by the Interdisciplinary Research Training Group “Sacred Texts” at Tübingen University. In this group, graduate students work alongside post-doctoral academics and professors on various questions concerning the relationship of religion and literature. The interdisciplinary design is reflected in the differently combined areas of research: English and American literary studies, Japanese studies and Theology. This open approach of the participants in the group is reflected in the diverse scholarly backgrounds of the invited speakers at the conference. Topics will include: (auto-) biography and personal faith; social identity and religiosity; literary fiction and transcendental truth; and (post-)modern form and ancient content.

For further information see:

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Invited Speakers:

Frank T. Brinkmann (Justus Liebig University
Giessen)

Barbara Keller (Bielefeld University)

Mark Knight (University of Toronto)

Frank Michael Lütze (Martin Luther University
Halle-Wittenberg)

Michael Molasky (Hitotsubashi University Tokyo)

Stephen Prickett (University of Kent)

Oliver Scheiding (Johannes Gutenberg University
Mainz)

Jan-Melissa Schramm (University of Cambridge)

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Friday, May 11th

09:30 – 10:00

Meet & Greet

10:00 – 10:15

Welcome & Introduction

10:15 – 11:15

Talk: Stephen Prickett
The Aestheticizing
of the English Bible

11:30 – 12:30

Talk: Frank Michael Lütze
Patterns in Sermons and Self-
Interpretation

12:30 – 14:00

Lunch Break

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Friday, May 11th

14:00 – 15:00

Talk: Frank T. Brinkmann
Religion Between the Panels:
"Reading Comics" as a Way of
"Reconstructing Reality"

15:15 – 16:15

Talk: Mark Knight
Notes Towards a Religious Reading of
the Victorian Novel

16:15 – 16:45

Coffee Break

16:45 – 17:45

Talk: Jan-Melissa Schramm
'It was not too late ... to make me better
than I was before':
Spiritual Reformation and the
Nineteenth-Century Novel in English

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Saturday, May 12th

9:45 - 10:45

Talk: Oliver Scheiding
Religion and Life Writing in Early North
American Religious Periodicals

11:00 – 12:00

Talk: Barbara Keller
"Spirituality" in Biographical Context:
Narrative Analysis of the Faith
Development Interview

12:00 – 13:30

Lunch Break

13:30 – 14:30

Talk: Michael Molasky
War, Memory and Landscape in the
Fiction of Medorma Shun

14:30 – 15:30

Final Discussion