

# Imagining Europe Religion in Representations of a Common Ground

## Conference Programme

**Thursday, 16/9/2021**

Location: Carl Friedrich von Siemens Stiftung, Munich

- 9 *Welcome Address*  
Prof. Dr. Daria Pezzoli-Olgiati

### **Part I: Presentations of Case Studies**

#### **9.15–13.15 Back to the Roots of Imagining Europe**

*Voices on “Asia” and “Europe” from Ancient Greek Drama*

PD Dr. Andreas Schwab, Greek and Latin Philology, University of Bonn, DE

*Beyond the Edge of the World*

*Anglo-Saxon Britain, Chaos and the Continent*

Dr. Sean Ryan, Biblical Studies and European History of Religion, University of Roehampton, UK

*The Road to Nowhere*

*A Critique and a Re-imagining of Europe in Sir Thomas More’s Utopia*

Dr. Ann Jeffers, Biblical Studies and European History of Religion, University of Roehampton, UK

*“Many Tongues, One Voice”*

*Bruegel’s Tower of Babel as Multivalent Symbol of Europe and the EU*

Dr. Natasha O’Hear, History of Biblical Reception and English Literature, University of St Andrews, UK

*A Woman, a Bull, and a Horn of Plenty – or Twelve Golden Stars*

*Representations of Europe*

Dr. Natalie Fritz, Study of Religion, Katholisches Medienzentrum, Zurich, CH

Dr. Paola von Wyss-Giacosa, Anthropology and Art History, University of Zurich, CH

#### **15–19 Imagining Europe from the Outside**

*Imagining Europe at the Early Modern Mughal Court*

Dr. Alberto Saviello, History of Arts, Freie Universität Berlin, DE

*Tibetan Imagination of Europe*

Dolores Zoé Bertschinger, M.A., Study of Religion and Tibetan Buddhism, LMU, DE

*Arab Media Representations of Drone Technology*

*and Europe's Visible and Invisible Connections to the Global War on Terror*

Prof. Dr. Bettina Gräf, Islam Studies, Freie Universität Berlin, DE

*Mormonism in Europe*

*A Complex and Ongoing Adaptation Process*

PD Dr. Marie-Therese Mäder, Study of Religion, Film and Media Studies, University of Zurich (ZRWP), CH

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**9–13 Imagining Europe in Contemporary Culture**

*A Shattered Whole?*

*Imagining Europe in Pieces*

Dr. Alexander D. Ornella, Religious Study and Sociology, University of Hull, UK

*House of European History in Brussels*

*Constructions of Memory and Identity in a Museum*

Prof. Dr. Carla Danani, Political Philosophy, Università degli Studi di Macerata, IT

Prof. Dr. Daria Pezzoli-Olgiati, Study and History of Religion, LMU, DE

*«To be the Soul of Europe»*

*Analysis of Pope Francis' Interventions in the Debates and Discourses about the Future of Europe*

Dr. Baldassare Scolari, Study of Religion and Philosophy, Bern University of the Arts and University of Applied Sciences Graubünden, CH

*Europe in Children's Literature*

*Religions, Legends and Customs through the Eyes of Music*

Verena Eberhardt, M.A., Study of Religion, LMU, DE

**13.30–** *European Rock'n'Roll Angels*

**16.00** *The Band Lordi as an Example of the Staging of Religion in the Eurovision Song Contest*

PD Dr. Anna-Katharina Höpflinger, Study and History of Religion, LMU, DE

*The Image of Europe Seen Through the Lens of Festivals of European Film, in Europe and Beyond*

Prof. Dr. Stefanie Knauss, Theology, Villanova University, US

Jacob Given, Theology, Villanova University, US

*Eating What We Are, Being What We Eat*  
*Imagining Europe Through Food*

Dr. Natalie Fritz, Study of Religion, Katholisches Medienzentrum, Zurich, CH  
Dr. Paola von Wyss-Giacosa, Anthropology and Art History, University of Zurich, CH

**17–19 Part II: Cross-Readings Focusing on Key Concepts**

*Workshop I: «Europe»*

Chair: Paola von Wyss-Giacosa

*Workshop II: «Metaphor, Myth and Material Culture»*

Chair: Baldassare Scolari

**Saturday, 18/9/2021**

Location: LMU, Munich

**9-10** *Workshop III: «Space, Place and Territory»*

Chair: Carla Danani

**10-11** *Workshop IV: «Time, Memory and Tradition»*

Chair: Anna-Katharina Höpflinger

**11.30-12.30** *Workshop V: ««Identity, Plurality and Translation»»*

Chair: Alberto Saviello

**13–14** *Final Exchange and End of the Conference*

**Information**

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