



Religion in Dialogue
Ph.D. in Frankfurt/Main

Phenomenon and Experience
 Interdisciplinary Symposium on Empirical Research in Religion
27.10. – 29.10.2005
 Room 1.314 (Eisenhower-Saal)

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Within academic Theology as well as in cultural theory in recent decades the discipline of Practical Theology has taken a bridging function. On the one hand, following its own task of research on contemporary religious phenomena it is connected to empirical oriented disciplines like Social Sciences, Religious Studies, and Social Anthropology. From those disciplines Practical Theology picks up particular research on different topics as well as research methods, both in order to enhance its own competence on empirical research.

On the other hand Practical Theology is in dialogue with Systematic Theology and Philosophy to develop a valid and substantial theoretical basis for the analysis of religious experience and to clarify basic concepts like experience, reality, and empirical research. Given the dynamic interrelation of those two sides Practical Theology has developed a broad interdisciplinary discourse about empirical research on religion, following a large variety of different options about “experience” and “empirical research”.

This international Symposium will investigate different paradigms of empirical approaches to religion with its variety of lectures, papers and discussions. In addition, it tries to stimulate further and deeper understanding of the specific character of empirical research on religion between Theology and Humanities.

PROGRAM

Thursday 10-27

- 2.00 p.m. *Coffee*
- 2.30 p.m. Opening of the Symposium
2.45 p.m. * Prof. Dr. Hans-Günter Heimbrock, Frankfurt
Introduction: Models of Empirical Research on Religion
and its Theological Relevance.
- 3.45 p.m. *Prof. Dr. Johannes A. van der Ven (Nijmegen/Chicago)
Towards a Comparative Empirical Theology
Response Prof. Dr. Christoph Morgenthaler, Bern
- 5.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.
Plenary Discussion
- 7.00 p.m. *Dinner*

Friday 10-28

- 9.00 a.m. * Drs. Erna Zonne, (IPP-candidate) Frankfurt,
A phenomenological PhD-project: a multi-dimensional
methodical approach
Response: Dr. Astrid Dinter, Frankfurt
- Coffee Break*
- 11.00 a.m. * Prof. Dr. Bryan Stone, Boston
The Relevance of Popular Culture for empirical research
in Practical Theology. An example and general remarks
Response: Prof. Dr. Jaco Dreyer, Pretoria

Plenary Discussion

- 1.00 p.m. *Lunch*
- 2.30 p.m. * Prof. Dr. Andrea Bieler, Berkeley
Understanding Religious Experience
in Rituals
Response: Prof. Dr. Heinz Streib, Bielefeld
- Coffee Break*
- 4.00 p.m. * Prof. Dr. David Wulff, Providence
Empirical Research on Religion. Perspectives from the
Psychology of Religion
Response Prof. Dr. Thomas Schmidt, Frankfurt
- 5.00 p.m. – 6.30 p.m.
Plenary Discussion

Saturday 10-29

- 9.00 a.m. * Prof. Dr. Trygve Wyler, Oslo
The Other and the Same. Can Phenomenology help us to
avoid Sameness? A Case-based Contribution
Response: Dr. Gregory Thomas, Boston/IPP Frankfurt
- 11.00 a.m.
Plenary Discussion
- 12.30 a.m. Closing and Fare-well
- 1.00 p.m. *Lunch*

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