OPENING CONFERENCE OF THE ZIF RESEARCH GROUP ‘FELIX CULPA’? GUILT AS CULTURALLY PRODUCTIVE FORCE

Productive Guilt – Theoretical Approaches

Convenors:  Dr. Matthias Buschmeier (Bielefeld, GER)  
Prof. Dr. Katharina von Kellenbach (St. Mary’s City, USA)  
Coordinator:  Dr. Saskia Fischer (Bielefeld, GER)  

29 – 31 October 2018

**MONDAY – 29 OCTOBER**

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**Concepts**  
I. Introductions: What is Productive in Guilt?

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Introduction: Prof. Dr. Stephan Grätzel (Uni Mainz, Philosophy)

18.00h Dr. Nathalie Sarthou-Lajus (Paris, Philosophy)
Redonner sens à la culpabilité – Culpabilité et vulnérabilité
(the lecture will be translated in English)
Recreating Sense of Guilt – Guilt and Vulnerability

19.00h – Transfer to the City Center –

20.00h – Dinner at ‘Las Tapas’ (self-pay, registration necessary) –

TUESDAY – 30 OCTOBER

II. Narrative Foundations of Productive Guilt

Myth:

Introduction: Prof. Dr. Meinolf Schumacher (Uni Bielefeld, Medieval Studies)

09.00h Prof. Dr. Michael Lurie (Dartmouth College, Classics)
'My Struggle against Guilt'. Nietzsche, the Greeks, and the True Terror of Human Existence

10.00h Dr. Matthias Buschmeier (Uni Bielefeld, Literary Studies)
Beyond Theology. The Story of Adam and Eve and the Cultural Productivity of Guilt

11.00h – Coffee Break –

Literature:

Introduction: Valerij Zisman (Uni Bielefeld, Philosophy)

11.30h Dr. Saskia Fischer (Uni Bielefeld, Literary Studies)

12.30h – Lunch in the ZiF cafeteria –

13.30h Prof. Dr. Patrick Gray (Durham, English Studies)
Shame and Guilt in Shakespeare

Introduction: Dominik Hofmann (Uni Bielefeld, Sociology)

14.30h Prof. Dr. Stefan Willer (HU Berlin, Literary Studies)
"Sei geduldig, Du bist schuldig": Guilt as Poetic Urge

15.30h – Coffee and Cake Break –
III. Guilt and Shame

**Introduction:** Prof. Dr. Parvis Ghassem-Fachandi (Rutgers, Anthropology)

16.00h Prof. Dr. Maria-Sibylla Lotter (Uni Bochum, Philosophy)
**Guilt, Shame and Moral Revolutions. The Dynamics of Moral Personality**

17.00h until 18.00h Prof. Dr. Hans-Peter Waldhoff (Uni Hannover, Sociology)
**Schamlosigkeit und Schuld ohne Sühne. Ein 'double-bind' der Fremd- und Selbstzerstörung**

18.30h – Dinner at ZiF –

**Wednesday – 31 October**

IV. Guilt and Debt

**Introduction:** Prof. Dr. Klaus Günther (Uni Frankfurt a. M., Law)

09.00h Prof. Dr. Silke Meyer (Uni Innsbruck, European Ethnology)
**Breaking even with Credit. The narrative Surplus of Debts Stories**

10.00h Dr. Christian Klöckner (Uni Bonn, North American Studies)
**Schuld/en: Renegotiating Debt and Guilt after the 2007/08 Financial Crisis**

11.00h – Coffee Break –

V. Guilt and Collectives

**Introduction:** Dr. Victor Igreja (University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba, Anthropology / International Relations)

11.30h Prof. Dr. Susan Derwin (UC Santa Barbara, Literary Studies)
**The Agency of Guilt**

12.30h Prof. Dr. Nyla R. Branscombe (University of Kansas, Psychology)
**Antecedents and Consequences of Experiencing Collective Guilt and Expecting Other Groups to Do So**

13.30h – Lunch in the ZiF cafeteria –

**Introduction:** Prof. Dr. Katharina von Kellenbach (St. Mary’s College of Maryland)

14.30h Prof. Dr. Yechiel Klar (Tel Aviv University, Social Psychology)
**Group-based emotions following historical traumas: Between victimhood and guilt**

15.30h Dr. Katharina Peetz (Uni Saarbrücken, Religious Studies)
**Webs of Complicity: Sin and Guilt in the Catholic Church**

16.30h **Closing Remarks by Katharina von Kellenbach**