**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?

**Introduction:** Prof. Dr. Angela Moré (Uni Hannover, Psychology)

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**Introduction:** Prof. Dr. Nelly van Doom Harder (Wake Forest University, Religious Studies / Islam)

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### II. Narrative Foundations of Productive Guilt

#### Myth:

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

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*09.00h* Prof. Dr. Michael Lurie (Dartmouth College, Classics)

'My Struggle against Guilt'. Nietzsche, the Greeks, and the True Terror of Human Existence

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*10.00h* Dr. Matthias Buschmeier (Uni Bielefeld, Literary Studies)

Beyond Theology. The Story of Adam and Eve and the Cultural Productivity of Guilt

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*11.00h* – Coffee Break –

#### Literature:

**Introduction:** Valerij Zisman (Uni Bielefeld, Philosophy)

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


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**Introduction:** Dominik Hofmann (Uni Bielefeld, Sociology)

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*14.30h* Prof. Dr. Stefan Willer (HU Berlin, Literary Studies)

"Sei geduldig, Du bist schuldig": Guilt as Poetic Urge

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*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. Lisa B. Spanierman (Arizona State University, Psychology)

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