

**Center for the Interdisciplinary Research on Religion and Society (CIRRuS)**  
(in cooperation with the Center for Interamerican Studies)

**Workshop**

***Current dynamics and trends of religious praxis in Latin America and the USA:  
transnationalization, Pentecostalization, and other issues.***

June 24<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 17:00

Room X - B2 - 103

In this workshop, we will focus on current empirical trends with regard to religious praxis in the Latin and Anglo American societies as well as in transnational perspective. Both in Anglo and in Latin America, religious praxis is *the* crucial mediating force between private and public life. The **upsurge of religious activity** in the last decades turns religion even more relevant. The increase of **migration** and the transnational media presence of **neoliberal logics** are mediated partly by religious praxis. In the religious field, a strong **Pentecostal movement** challenges a re-invigorating **Catholic** Church. **Social protest** often is expressed by religious means – not least by revitalizing **indigenous** movements. These and other topics will be discussed in this workshop.

***Persons who are interested in presenting a topical theme or research project (10 to 15 minutes) during the afternoon, please contact [cp.buitrago@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:cp.buitrago@uni-bielefeld.de).***

Morning:

- Prof. Dr. Manuel Vasquez: General issues in Latin America, the USA, and in between
- Prof. Dr. Dr. Heinrich Wilhelm Schäfer: Beliefs, Competition and Politics (the examples of Guatemala and Nicaragua).

Afternoon:

- Clara Buitrago, Tamara Candela, Alvaro Espinoza
- ***Open for other presenters.***

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***Workshop***

***Theoretical and methodological aspects of the study of religion.***

June 29<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 – 17:00

Room: X – A 2 - 103

In this workshop, theory and method in sociology of religious praxis are in the focus. Manuel Vásquez is well known not only for important advancements in the theory of transnational religiosity but also as the author of the materialist theory of religion “More than belief”. Hugo José Suárez is a student of Pierre Bourdieu and has concentrated his research on visual sociology as well as on semiotic analysis. Heinrich Wilhelm Schäfer and his team are developing a praxeological theory of religion and corresponding methods drawing on Bourdieu’s general sociology.

***Persons who are interested in presenting a topical contribution – for example from a Systems Theory or a Post Colonial approach – 10 to 15 minutes during the afternoon, please contact [cp.buitrago@uni-bielefeld.de](mailto:cp.buitrago@uni-bielefeld.de).***

Morning:

- Prof. Dr. Manuel Vasquez: More than belief. A materialist theory of religion.
- Prof. Dr. Hugo José Suarez: *Ver y creer*: visual sociology and religiosity on the margins

Afternoon:

- Prof. Dr. Dr. Heinrich Schäfer, Bielefeld – Praxeology of Religion. Together with Leif Seibert, Adrian Tovar, Tamara Candela, Sebastian Schlerka
- ***Open for other presenters.***