

THURSDAY 29 NOVEMBER

- 13.00** Arrival & Get together
13.30 Christina Brauner, HU Berlin /
Univ. Bielefeld & Sita Steckel, WWU Münster

Welcome & Introduction

SESSION I

THE ARMOURY OF COMPARISON.
MORPHOLOGIES OF RELIGIOUS POLEMICS
Chair: Silke Schwandt, Universität Bielefeld

- 14.00** David Freidenreich, Colby College
Instructing Christians by Constructing
“Jew-ish” Muslims: Case Studies in Medieval
Rhetoric about the Old Testament

- 14.45** Martin Przybilski, Universität Trier
Hypersexuality in Jewish-Christian Polemics

- 15.30** Coffee

Alexander Kästner, TU Dresden

- 16.00** Mocking monks and saints. The invective
mode of the early Reformation in
Annaberg and Buchholz, 1522-24

- 16.45** Markus Viehbeck, Universität Wien
Polemics as Literary and Conceptual
Framework: A Case Study from
Nineteenth-Century Tibet

- 17.30** Coffee

Bielefeld Lecture on History &

- 18.15** Theory (optional)

- 19.45** Frank Ankersmit, Rijksuniversiteit Groningen
Reflections on Political Representation

- 20.15** Conference Dinner
Bernstein, Niederwall 2, 33602 Bielefeld

FRIDAY 30 NOVEMBER

SESSION II

POLEMICAL COMPARISONS AND
ORGANIZATION OF KNOWLEDGE
Chair: Andra Alexiu, WWU Münster

- 9.15** Mònica Colominas Aparicio,
MPI History of Science, Berlin
Comparison and Religious Polemics in Late
Medieval and Early Modern Christian Iberia:
A Hitherto Unknown Mudejar-Morisco Source

- 10.00** Anna Akasoy,
The Graduate Center, CUNY, New York
Religious Polemics and Beyond:
Paganism in Medieval Islamic Literature

- 10.45** Coffee

Karoly Daniel Dobos, Pázmány

- 11.15** Péter Katolikus Egyetem, Budapest
Portrayals of Jesus in Medieval Jewish Polemical
Writings and the Birth of ‘The Quest for the
Historical Jesus’ in the Ghetto of Venice

- 12.00** Lunch (Mensa)

SESSION III

INTRA- AND INTER-RELIGIOUS COMPARISONS
Chair: Cornelia Aust, Universität Bielefeld

- 14.00** Sophia Dege-Müller,
Ruhr-Universität Bochum
Jews, Heretics, Pagans – Describing the
Religious Other in Ethiopian Sources

- 14.45** Gerard Wiegers, Universiteit van Amsterdam
Polemical Comparisons in the Apology against
the Articles of the Christian Faith by
Muhammad Alguazir (1610)

- 15.30** Coffee

Ionut Cucu, FU Berlin

- 16.00** “No Worse than the Papists”:
Zarathushtra and Zoroastrianism
as an Argument for the Anglican
Attacks on Catholicism

- 16.45** Antonello Palumbo, SOAS, London

- 17.30** Religion in the Second-Class Carriage:
The Fortunes of ‘Lesser Vehicle’ as a Buddhist
and Taoist Polemical Category in Medieval China

- 19.30** Dinner
1001 Nacht, Webereistraße 12

SATURDAY 1 DECEMBER

SESSION III (CONTINUED)

Chair: Willibald Steinmetz, Universität Bielefeld

- 9.00** Stephen C. Berkwitz, Missouri State University
Buddhist ‘Heretics’ and the Logic of Lineage

- 9.45** Malte van Spankeren, Halle/Saale
Insult as a Cultural Practice. The Confessional
Polemical Functionalisation of Islam by Lutheran
Theologians around 1600

- 10.30** Break

Concluding discussion

- 11.00** Discussants: Marco Carvarzere

- 12.00** (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt/Main),
Antje Flüchter (Universität Bielefeld),
Almut Höfert (Universität Oldenburg)

