

Brief Description:

The nexus of ‚fundamentalism‘ and ‚gender‘ has been an issue in western media for several years. ‚Islamism‘ and ‚oppression of women‘ are perhaps the alliance that most readily springs to mind, yet, equally, the pre-marital sexual abstinence, homophobia and conservative family values propagated in Christian fundamentalism have become increasingly a focus of public interest in recent years. The conference seeks to explore the issue ‚Fundamentalism and Gender‘ on several levels and to address it critically from inter- and trans-disciplinary perspectives. The focus will be on the historical and current specifics of religious fundamentalisms. Consideration will be given also to those western secular means and methods of self-affirmation that are structured with recourse to discursive knowledge production regarding the issue fundamentalism.

The conference is organized around three different thematic strands:

1. Literalism/ Religion/ Science
2. Nation/ State/ Community
3. Body/ Life/ Biopolitics

The overarching research interest lies in the analytical diversification of the term ‚fundamentalism‘ and its intersection with the category ‚gender‘. The focus will be on the following questions: for what reasons are all (religious) fundamentalisms constituted to a substantial degree by (normative) definitions of sexuality, gender roles and intergender relations? Why do sexual politics constitute a common denominator of religious fundamentalisms that otherwise radically differ? To what extent and why does the category ‚gender‘ play a role (or not) in definitions of fundamentalism? What understanding of religion, politics, society and of the individual subject are implied in discussions of fundamentalism? Who, what, when, where is declared feminist in this context, or rejected as such, and by whom?

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Thursday, December 2, 2010

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Opening

18:15 -19:30

Welcoming:
Ulrike Auga, Christina von Braun, Claudia Bruns

Keynote:

Martin Riesebrodt (Chicago):
Fundamentalism and Gender: Some Methodological
Observations

19:30

Wine reception

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Friday, December 3, 2010

Panel 1: Literalism/ Religion/ Science

9:30-10:30

Christina von Braun (Berlin):
Religion and Science - an Opposition?

Chair: Volker Hess (Berlin)

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45 - 12:45

Vincent Crapanzano (New York):
Shrinking Desire/ Shrinking Imagination: Sanctification
in Christian Fundamentalism

Jana Husmann (Berlin):
Literalism and Antisemitism: Positions within *The [Ger-
man] Bibelbund* during the 1930s

Chair: Martin Leutzsch (Paderborn)

12:45 - 14:15 Lunch Break

14:15 -16:15

Angelika Neuwirth (Berlin):
The Qur'an Disputed: Islamic Obsessions with the
Transcendent Qur'an versus Western Allegations of
Epigonality

Gabriele Dietze (Berlin):
Criticism of Fundamentalism as Fundamentalism

Chair: Eveline Kilian (Berlin)

16:15 - 16:30 Coffee Break

Panel 2: Nation/ State/ Community (I.)

16:30 - 18:30

Rolf Schieder (Berlin):
The Difference between Fundamentalism and Evange-
lism

Gudrun Krämer (Berlin):
The Education of the Virtuous Citizen: Nation, Commu-
nity and Gender in Egyptian Islamism

Chair: Marita Günther-Saeed (Berlin)

Saturday, December 4, 2010

Panel 2: Nation/ State/ Community (II.)

10:00 - 12:00

Micha Brumlik (Frankfurt a.M.):
Belonging to Halakhic Judaism: On the Sense of
Matrilineal Descent

Claudia Bruns (Berlin):
Race, Religion and (Gender)Community: Debates
between Christians and Jews at the End of the Wei-
mar Republic

Chair: Anna-Dorothea Ludewig (Potsdam)

12:00-13:30 Lunch Break

Panel 3: Body/ Life/ Biopolitics

13:30 - 15:30

Carmel Shalev (Tel Aviv):
Be Fruitful and Multiply - Religion and Biopolitics of
Repro-Genetics in Israel

Jasbir Puar (New Brunswick):
Beware Israeli Pinkwashing

Chair: Bettina Bock von Wülffingen (Berlin)

15:30- 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 18:00

Lisa Isherwood (Winchester):
Queer Theologies and Sacred Bodies

Ulrike Auga (Berlin):
Life - Religion - Survival: Aspects of a Critical Bio-
Theology

Chair: Teresa Forcades i Vila (Barcelona)