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and Sustainable Development”

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Tuesday, 2 July 2019

Venue: Chapel of the Holy Spirit (Heilig-Geist-Kapelle), School of Business and Economics, Spandauer Str. 1, 10178 Berlin

13:30 – 14:00 Registration

14:00 – 14:30

Welcome and opening statements

Wilhelm Gräß, Head of the Research Programme on Religious Communities and Sustainable Development

Bernd Schipper, Vice-Dean for Research, Faculty of Theology

Philipp Öhlmann, Head of the Research Programme on Religious Communities and Sustainable Development

14:30 – 17:00

Opening Plenary

Chair: Philipp Öhlmann

Keynote: Community | Marie-Luise Frost

Keynote: Cosmology | Ernestina Novieto: *Religion, Postmodernity and Sustainable Development in Africa: A Case of the Neo-Pentecostal Economy*

17:00 – 18:00 Coffee break

18:00 – 19:30

Distinguished Church Leader's Keynote // room 013

Chair: Philipp Öhlmann

His Grace the Right Rev. Bishop Dr. Barnabas E. Lekganyane
(Zion Christian Church, South Africa)

The Zion Christian Church: Praying for Peace in a Changing South African and Global Context

Reception

Wednesday, 3 July 2019

Venue: Faculty of Theology, Burgstr. 26, 10178 Berlin

09:00 – 11:30

Plenary 1: Equality // room 013

Chair: Marie-Luise Frost

Keynote | William Storrar: *Planetary Thinking: Towards a New Cosmology of Equality*

Keynote | Tanya van Wyk: *Examining South-African Population Policies at the Intersection of the SDGs of Gender Equality and Climate Action: Perspectives from Ecofeminist Spirituality and Theology*

11:30 – 12:00

Coffee break (near room 117)

12:00 – 14:00

Parallel Sessions

Session 1a) Equality // room 117

Chair: Tanya van Wyk

Jørgen Thomsen: *Religious Actors' Role in Pro-Gender-Equality – SDG 5*

Madlen Geidel: *Homosexuality in AICs*

Francis Benyah: *Lived Religion, Excluded Subjects and Development in Ghana*

Session 1b) Cosmology: Decolonial Perspectives // room 206

Chair: Wilhelm Gräb

Cas Wepener & Ignatius Swart: *Between Cosmology and Community: A South African Exploration of the Practice of Sacrifice in the Context of Religion and Development*

Theresa Mayer: *AICs in Ghana - Between Hotspot of the Holy Spirit and Postcolonialism*

Teddy Sakupapa: *Religious Social Capital and Development in Africa's Changing Religious Landscapes: A Decolonial Analysis of Contemporary Ecumenical Discourse on Development*

14:00 – 15:30

Lunch @ La Siesta

During the lunch/coffee hours, do feel welcome to read the conference posters:

Mohammad Irshad: *Fighting Poverty in Pakistan: An Educational and Social Response*

Silke Wagner: *"More God erwähnen bitte!" Religious Sensory Experience of a Youth Group in a Filipino Pentecostal Community in Vienna.*

Session 1c) Ecology // room 232

Chair: Vanessa Rau

Jens Köhrsen: *Religion(s) Addressing Climate Change: What Roles can Religion(s) Play in Cities?*

Samukelisiwe Khanyile & Bentje Kruijer: *Where the Green of the Environment Faces the Brown of the Poverty. The Challenge of South African Environmental Issues: A Case Study of the Green Anglicans*

Sarine Potgieter & Md Tawhid Hasan: *Can Religion Help in Fighting Against the Most Pressing Environmental Problems in South Africa?*

Session 1d) Community: South African Perspectives // room 206

Chair: Cas Wepener

Phenyo Montsho & Gina Krebs: *Alms as Arms to Unity - How is Development Work Organized by Muslim Communities in the Culturally Rich Area of Laudium, South Africa?*

Jung Hyun Jeon & Thamsanqa Memela: *National Interfaith Council of South Africa (NICSA)*

Han Chang & Asanda Hlongwe: *The Role of Women in St John's Apostolic Faith Mission*

Session 1e) Community: South African Perspectives // room 013

Chair: Marie-Luise Frost

Thabang Ramoshaba & Nora Milena Vehling: *Gilgal Bible Church in Tembisa, South Africa. African Independent Churches in Townships of South Africa: Social Entities Forming Development in South Africa?*

Sydney Gololo: *Empowerment in a Pentecostal church body*

Joshua Callanan: *Politics of Reconciliation: National Days, National Mythologies and the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa*

17:30 – 18:00	Coffee break (near room 117)
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18:00 – 19:30

Distinguished Church Leader's Keynote // room 013

Chair: Marie-Luise Frost

Rev. Olubunmi Olushola Monye

(Redeemed Christian Church of God, Uganda)

Gender Equality in African Pentecostal Churches

Thursday, 4 July 2019

Venue: Faculty of Theology, Burgstr. 26, 10178 Berlin

09:00 – 11:30

Plenary 2: Economy // room 013
Chair: Wilhelm Gräb

Keynote | Philomena Mwaura: *“Rise up and Walk!” The Role of African Pentecostal Churches in Economic Development and Poverty Reduction*

Keynote | Andreas Heuser: *Dominion Theology in Africa: Projections and Limits of a Pentecostal Grand Social Theory*

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break (near room 117)

12:00 – 14:00

Parallel Sessions

Session 2a) Economy // room 206
Chair: Juliane Stork

Chrispin Dambula: *Reimagining Religion as a Development Catalyst: Business Startup Lessons from African Pentecostal communities*

Simbarashe Gukurume: *“You are blessed to be a blessing”: New PCCs and the politics of Redistributive Economies in Harare*

Vincent Fenga: *Rural Women and Economic Production: Towards Sustainable Livelihoods in Zimbabwe*

Session 2b) Cosmology: Notions of Development // room 117
Chair: William Storrar

Jaqueline Service: *Re-imagining the Dynamics of Secular Development: Trinitarian Well-Being as Christian Rationale for Human Well-Being*

Simon Marwecki: *Concepts of Development in African Initiated Churches*

Andreas Rauhut: *Working towards Global Justice: Confucian and Christian Ethics in Dialogue*

14:00 – 15:30 Lunch @ La Siesta

15:30 – 17:30

Panel Discussion // room 008

Panel Discussion: Development Policy and Religion: What is the way forward?

Chair: **Gabriele Meister**

Nicta Lubaale, General Secretary, Organization of African Instituted Churches

Reinhard Palm, Head of Africa Department, Bread for the World

Michael Plesch, Head of Division “Churches, Political Foundations, Social Structure Advancement Programmes, Religion & Development”, German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development

Claudia Zilla, Head of Research Division "The Americas", Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik – German Institute for International and Security Affairs

17:30 – 18:00 Coffee break (near room 117)

18:00 – 20:00

Distinguished Church Leaders' Keynotes // room 013

Chair: Wilhelm Gräb

Rev. Dr. Michael Perry Tettey

(International Central Gospel Church, Ghana)

The Role of Pentecostal Churches for Empowerment in Africa

Apostle Mangaliso Matshobane

(Community Church, Südafrika)

Fruitful Cooperation for Development with Independent African Churches – Decolonial Perspectives

Friday, 5 July 2019

Venue: Faculty of Theology, Burgstr. 26, 10178 Berlin

09:00 – 11:30

Plenary 3: Ecology // room 013
Chair: Philipp Öhlmann

Keynote | Torsten Meireis: *Avatar. Ethics, Religion and the Culture of Sustainability*

Keynote | Emmanuel Anim: *The Gods are Dead and Now We are in Charge! The Hermeneutical Crisis in Africa's New Christianity and Its Effect on the Environment and Sustainable Development*

11:30 – 12:00

Coffee break (near room 117)

12:00 – 14:00

Parallel Sessions

Session 3a) Ecology // room 206
Chair: Dietrich Werner

Emmanuel Awudi: *Reading Scripture with African Pentecostal Eyes; Implications for Eco-Care and Eco-Mission*

Akinwumi Akindolie: *"Holy Water": The Ritual Praxis of African Independent Churches and Socio-Economic Development in Nigeria*

Joseph Rapheal: *The Cosmos, Eco-Harmony and the Challenges of Waste Management in Nigeria: The Role of Religious Communities*

Session 3b) Community: Justice & Reconciliation // room 406
Chair: Ignatius Swart

Anandie Greyling: *Reconciliation Rituals: Racial Violence in an Agricultural Context*

Lindie Denny: *Reimagining Pedagogy for Theological Education at a South African University: A Practical Theological Approach*

Clara Braungart: *Justice in Post-Conflict Societies: The Role of Religious NGOs*

14:00 – 15:30

Lunch @ La Siesta

Session 3c) Community // room 206

Chair: Simbarashe Gukurume

Tamara Dauenhauer: *Structuring Experience – Empowerment in a Pentecostal Church***Vanessa Rau:** *“Seeing and being seen” or Transformations of Religious Practice in Urban Space? Towards an Understanding of the Religious Scene***Cosmo Mapitsa:** *Freedom by Regulation: A Legal Assessment of the CRL Rights Commission’s Report of the Hearings on the Commercialization of Religion and Abuse of People’s Belief Systems***Session 3d) Community: Church history and its contemporary implications // room 013 // Chair: Teddy Sakupapa****Thias Kgatla:** *And Noone Pours New Wine into an Old Wineskin: Change Must First Occur Internally Before It Can Be Exported to the ‘Other’***Hans Spitzack:** *Sierra Leone and the Legacy of Bishop Crowther. Formative Elements of African Indigenous Churches in West Africa. An Historical Perspective***Elvis Mofokeng:** *Belhar Confession and the Liturgy of Life. A Hymnological Study***Session 3e) Cosmology: Notions of Development // room 232**

Chair: Babatunde Adedibu

Raphael Sartorius: *Ubuntu and Development***Hanna Stahl:** *Between Secularism-Concept and Holistic Approach. “End poverty” (SDG 1) as Common Target of Bread for the World and AICs - with a Closer Look at East Africa.*

17:30 – 18:00 Coffee break (near room 117)

18:00 – 20:00

Distinguished Church Leaders’ Keynotes // room 013

Chair: Marie-Luise Frost

His Grace the Archbishop, Most. Rev. Stephen N. Marete
(National Independent Church of Africa, Kenya)*The Role of African Independent Churches for Development in Kenya***Rev. Nicta Lubaale**

(Organization of African Instituted Churches, Kenya)

African Initiated Churches, Ecology and Livelihoods

Saturday, 6 July 2019

Venue: Faculty of Theology, Burgstr. 26, 10178 Berlin

09:00 – 11:00

Parallel Sessions

Session 4a) Cosmology: Pentecostal Perspectives // room 206

Chair: Andreas Heuser

Babatunde Adedibu: *Sustainable Development in Nigeria: The Interventionist Approaches of Healthcare Delivery of the Redeemed Christian Church of God.*

Michael Perry Tettey: *Human Development Through Pentecostal-Charismatic Imagination: The Case of Ghana*

Kleber Machado: *Neo-Pentecostal Cosmology and the Afro-Brazilian Communities*

Session 4b) Community: FBOs // room 117

Chair: Emmanuel Anim

Mehedi Hossain: *The Role of Faith-Based Organizations (FBOs) in Trajectories of Sustainable Development: The New-institutionalism of Organization at CARITAS*

Anna Droll: *Cosmology and Community: A Pneumatological Perspective of Missional Collaboration in Ghana*

Ebenezer Tetteh Kpalam: *Child Protection in the Church of Pentecost in Winneba municipality of Ghana*

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee break (near room 117)

11:30 – 14:00

Plenary // room 117

Chairs: Philipp Öhlmann & Wilhelm Gräb

Presentations by conference rapporteurs

World Café: Further steps in research collaboration on religion and sustainable development

Final discussion

Closing remarks

Free afternoon :-)

18:00 – open end

Conference Dinner at Gräbs' Residence

All conference participants are cordially invited!

Address: Burgfrauenstraße 79A, 13465 Berlin

You can meet up with Marie-Luise Frost at the **Faculty of Theology at 17:00** to travel to the Gräb residence jointly.

Or you can find your own way to the Gräbs' house (use the S-Bahn S1 from Friedrichstraße, get off at Frohnau and use the bus 220 to Loerkesteig).

If you are still in Berlin on Sunday, 7 July, you are most welcome to attend the joint church service of the invited church leaders and Dr. Markus Dröge, the Bishop of the Protestant Church of Berlin-Brandenburg-Silesian Upper Lusatia, at St. Mary's Cathedral (Marienkirche), the church near Alexanderplatz, at 10 a.m.