



Lecture Series on Religion and Ecology

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How are religion and sustainability related? Do religious communities contribute to social transformations towards sustainability? And if so, in which ways? Or does religion in fact hinder or counteract sustainability?

20 May, 25 June, 08 July 2022

The lecture series explores these questions by focusing on the relationship between religious communities and socio-ecological transformations. The starting point is the observation that there has been a strong increase in the engagement with ecological sustainability in religious communities in recent decades, which is referred to as the “greening of religion” (Jonathan Chaplin).

However, the impact of this development on the collective actions of religious communities and the individual actions of their adherents in the areas of ecology and sustainability are still largely unknown. In the lecture series international guest speakers will be looking at Buddhist, Muslim, Jewish, Christian and traditional African religious communities. Everyone interested is welcome to participate.

Register by sending an email to: anna.linnea.herrmann@hu-berlin.de

20 May (10:15 - 11:45)

Lidia Guzy (University College Cork (UCC) National University of Ireland): “Eco-cosmology - Perspectives on Indigenous Cultures. A Worldview of Ecological Sustainability”

25 June (09:00 - 17:00)

Iyad Abumoghli (United Nations Environment Programme): “The Role of Religions, Values, Ethics and Spiritual Responsibility in Environmental Governance and Achieving the Sustainable Development Agenda”

Dan Smyer Yü (Yunnan University): “A Public Theology of the Anthropocene: Deep Freedom of the Sacred and Sentient Earth”

Anthony Le Duc (Asian Research Center for Religion and Social Communication; St. John University): “Religious Environmental Humanism as Means to Promote Environmental Sustainability: Buddhist and Confucian Approaches”

Hava Tirosh-Samuelson (Arizona State University): “Caring for Creation: A Judaic Approach”

Ursula-Fatima Kowanda-Yassin (Sigmund Freud Universität): “Eco-Dschihad. Muslim Commitment for Nature”

James Amanze (St Augustine Theological Seminary): “African Perspectives of the Sacredness of Nature and the Role of African Tradition in the Conservation of the Environment”

08 July (10:00 - 12:30)

Klaus Hock (Universität Rostock): “In Pursuit of Sustainable Living: Eco-spiritual Dimensions in Practices of Intentional Communities”

Emma Tomalin (University of Leeds): “Religion and Ecology in India”

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