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Mission Studies and Intercultural Theology: Discontinuity or Continuity?

3rd Conference of the
«Network Intercultural Theology»

Pre-Conference to the Annual DGMW Conference 10th-12th October 2024

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The Conference

Since the discipline of Intercultural Theology in the German-speaking context historically emerged from Mission Studies, there is an ongoing debate about the relationship of both. In some universities the discipline Intercultural Theology is connected with Religion Studies, in others it is linked rather to Practical Theology. This conference wants to shed some light into this debate from an ecumenical and interreligious perspective:

- To what extent is Intercultural Theology a new paradigm or only a change of name?
- How to conceptualize mission in the 21st Century — taking into account globalisation, digital technologies, ethical perspectives and the postcolonial discourse of decolonisation?
- Can the integration of Intercultural Theology within Mission Studies offer new perspectives on different faith traditions and Religious Studies in general?
- How is this debate relevant for your research regarding your own positioning in the complex field of Intercultural Theology, Mission Studies and Religious Studies?

By describing continuities and discontinuities of Intercultural Theology and Mission Studies, the conference will try to narrow these terms and their historical development as well as showing their manifestations in practice.

Our keynote speaker is **Prof. Dr. Claudia Jahnel** (professor of Missiology, Ecumenism and Religious Studies at Universität Hamburg). She will introduce the conference topic by reflecting on Intercultural Theology as a field of study.

Participation Our network promotes international and interdisciplinary networking and invites early-career academics to vivid discussions and networking. Participation is open to all early-career scholars (M.A., PhD, Postdoc) in the fields of Intercultural Theology, Mission Studies, Religious Studies and related disciplines. Presenting a paper is not mandatory for participation. Papers (ENG) may either address the NIT conference topic or focus on ongoing or future research projects. Every presenter has a timeslot of 30 minutes to use freely by either drafting a short problem to be

discussed at length or giving a longer paper presentation with a short Q&A session. We trust that each presenter will use their time wisely, and we are looking forward to informative and engaging sessions. We are pleased to offer online panels, but we believe that participating in person will provide a more valuable networking experience. We, therefore, encourage everyone to attend in person whenever possible. The 3rd conference of the NIT is a pre-conference of the annual DGMW conference; therefore, participating in both conferences is highly recommended. The DGMW conference will provide a valuable opportunity for NIT participants to share their research expertise in a panel reserved for NIT and get more insights and feedback from experts in the field.

Registration Please submit your paper abstract by describing your topic or question (max. 300 words) until **1st August 2024** via google forms ([3rd Conference of the "Network Intercultural Theology" \(NIT\) Registration \(google.com\)](#)) or QR code. Participation is free (incl. meals and accommodation). Due to planning issues, in case of last minute cancellation, there will be a fee charged. The conference is funded by the DGMW. Travel costs must be paid for individually. In case of funding difficulties, please contact sandra.langhop@uol.de.

For participation at the DGMW conference (10th-12th October 2024), please register separately (for more information see the flyer of DGMW, or contact: birgit.wolter@evlka.de). There is a discount on the participation fee for every young scholar under 35 years enrolled in a university.

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