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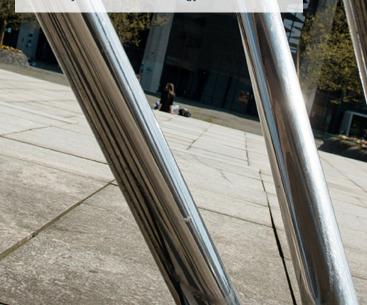
# HOLY SCRIPTURE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ECCLESIAL DIMENSIONS OF BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS 17-18TH MAY 2021

International Conference Bochum, Germany Online

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#### RESEARCH OUESTION

According to Dei Verbum, exegetes have a twofold task. They must try to determine the meaning of the biblical texts in their historical context. But they must also read Scripture "in the spirit in which it was written," attending, therefore, to the "unity of all Scripture," the "analogy of faith" and the "living tradition of the whole Church." Relating these two tasks remains an open problem, one that touches on fundamental aspects of hermeneutics and ecclesiology: church, truth, inspiration, communication, meaning, reception. Such a multifaceted question calls for a multifaceted dialogue between theologians from different countries, religious backgrounds, academic disciplines.

#### GOAL OF THE CONFERECE

Focusing on the New Testament, the conference fills the void by examining the ecclesial dimensions of biblical hermeneutics. On the one hand, it will examine how the texts themselves point to the believing community as their proper interpretive context. On the other hand, it will analyze what it means to see the church as a community that comes to faith through reading the scriptures. These questions have a major impact on both ecumenical and interreligious dialogue. They call for a comparison between ecclesial and political use of the Bible.

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#### **KEY OUESTIONS**

- How do Catholics understand the role of the community in the interopretation of Scripture, in comparision with Protestants and in relation to both Jews and Muslims?
- What does the emergence of the canon imply about the Church as a reading community of faith?
- What is the role of the community in the process of inspiration? In discerning the truth of Scripture?
- What is the place of the Old Testament in the church's life?
- How do Americans and Germans understand the role of the Bible in the Public Square?

#### **SPEAKERS**

GARY ANDERSON, NOTRE DAME, IN MARKUS BOCKMUEHL, OXFORD, UK REINHARD FELDMEIER. GÖTTINGEN **ANTHONY GIAMBRONE OP. JERUSALEM MOUHANAD KHORCHIDE. MÜNSTER** ROBIN LOVIN. CHICAGO. IL JEFF MORROW, SETON HALL, NJ KARL-WILHELM NIEBUHR. JENA KATHARINA PYSCHNY. BERLIN JOHANNA RAHNER, TÜBINGEN **DOROTHEA SATTLER, MÜNSTER** URSULA SCHUMACHER, KARLSRUHE TINE STEIN. GÖTTINGEN PHILLIPE VAN DEN HEEDE. JERUSALEM **ROBERT VORHOLT. LUZERN** SUSAN WOOD, TORONTO







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#### **DAY 1: MONDAY, MAY 17<sup>TH</sup> 2021**

**SESSION 1: OPENING** 

Chair: Aaron Pidel SJ and Thomas Söding

9-10.30 Welcome

**CEST** Introduction and Program

**Experiences and Expectations** 

### SESSION 2: THE EMERGENCE OF THE CANON IN THE CHURCH

Chair: Aleksandra Brand
11-12-30 Presentation A

The Gospel of Jesus secundum scripturas.

New Testament processes

Keynotes: Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr, Jena

Anthony Giambrone OP, Jerusalem

**Presentation B** 

Church as reading community.

Systematic debates

Speaker: Dorothea Sattler, Münster

#### SESSION 3: THE OLD TESTAMENT IN ECCLESIAL RECEPTION

Chair: Philippe Van den Heede

15-16.30 Presentation A

The Book for the People.

Christian Hermeneutics of the Old Testament

Speaker: Katharina Pyschny, Berlin

Presentation B

Word of the living God.

The Old Testament in Christian Liturgy Speaker: Gary Anderson, Notre Dame, IN

The conference is free.

Click <u>here</u> for further information.

Conference management and registration: Aleksandra Brand. Please apply via email: conference-nt@rub.de.

Registration closing date: 3rd May 2021.

#### **SESSION 4: SCRIPTURES AND COMMUNITIES.**

#### INTERRELIGIOUS ASPECTS OF HERMENEUTICAL DEBATES

Chair: Aaron Pidel SJ and Thomas Söding

17-18.30 Presentation A

Micha Brumlik, Frankfurt/Berlin

**Presentation B** 

Mouhanad Khorchide, Münster

**Presentation C** 

Jeff Morrow, Seton Hall, NJ

#### EVENING TALK: THE BIBLE IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE:

#### **AMERICAN AND GERMAN PERSPECTIVES**

Moderation: Aaron Pidel SJ and Thomas Söding

20-21.30 Discussants:

Tine Stein (Göttingen) Robin Lovin (Chicago)

#### **DAY 2: TUESDAY, MAY 18TH 2021**

#### **SESSION 5: INSPIRATION AS A COMMUNICATIVE PROCESS**

Chair: Miriam Pawlak
9.-10.30 Presentation A

Inspired Witnesses.

Early Christian experiences and reflections Speaker: Reinhard Feldmeier, Göttingen

Presentation B

Inspired Reception. Exegetical Approaches

Speaker: Markus Bockmuehl, Oxford, UK



## SESSION 6: THE TRUTH OF THE SCRIPTURE IN THE EYES OF FAITH

Chair: Aaron Pidel SJ 11-12.30 Presentation A

Beyond Neo-Scholasticism.

Catholic hermeneutics of reform

Speaker: Ursula Schumacher, Karlsruhe Johanna Rahner, Tübingen

Presentation B

The Truth of the Scripture in the

Gospel of John

Speaker: Philippe van den Heede, Jerusalem

## SESSION 7: THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES

Chair: Thomas Söding
15-16.30 Presentation A

The Responsibility of the Magisterium.

Orientation by Dei Verbum Speaker: Susan Wood, Toronto

**Presentation B** 

The Truth of Freedom.

Orientation by Paul

Speaker: Robert Vorholt, Luzern

#### **SESSION 8: SUMMARY AND PERSPECTIVES**

Chair: Aaron Pidel SJ / Thomas Söding

17-18.30 Closing

Lines of discussion. Framing of problems

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