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Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz

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GLOBAL FAITH AND WORLDLY POWER: EVANGELICAL ENCOUNTERS WITH AMERICAN EMPIRE

OCTOBER 11-14, 2018

Convener:

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Johannes-Gutenberg Universität Mainz
Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies
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PROGRAMME

N.B.: All sessions take place on the JGU Campus, Linke Aula, Alte Mensa

THURSDAY, 11 October

- 16:00-17:45** Arrival and Registration
- 17:45-18:00** Conference Opening
- 18:00-19:15** **Keynote Address I:**
Anthea Butler (University of Pennsylvania):
“Prosperity, Sex, and Politics: Evangelicals’ Changing Mission to the World”
- 19:15** Drinks Reception
- 19:45** Dinner at Baron Restaurant

FRIDAY, 12 October

9:15-11:00 **Session I:** Evangelicals and Decolonization

Chair: Uta Balbier (King's College London)

Presenters:

Sarah Miller-Davenport (University of Sheffield):

“‘The Greatest Opportunity since the Birth of Christ’: American Evangelical Missionaries at the Dawn of Decolonization”

David Kirkpatrick (James Madison University):

“‘A Child That Refuses to Recognize Her Mommy’: Power, Paternalism, and the Latin American Evangelical Left”

Tom Smith (University of Cambridge):

“American Protestant Missionaries, the Promise of Philippine Independence, and Visions of Philippine History in the 1920s”

Daniel Geary (Trinity College Dublin):

“From Bob Jones to Belfast: Ian Paisley, Militant Fundamentalism, and the Transatlantic Far Right”

11:00-11:15 Refreshments

11:15-13:00 **Session II:** Global Evangelicalism and Global Capitalism

Chair: Axel Schäfer (Obama Institute)

Presenters:

John Corrigan (Florida State University):

“Enemies of Commerce: American Evangelicals and their Global Opponents”

Heather Curtis (Tufts University):

“The Gospel of Grain: Evangelical Humanism & the Global Expansion of American Enterprise, 1890 – 1910”

Darren Dochuk (Notre Dame):

(Title t.b.a.)

Darren Grem (University of Mississippi):

“‘J.C. Can Save America!’: Jimmy Carter and the Cultural Politics of Global Recession”

13:00-14:30 Lunch at Baron Restaurant

14:30-16:15 **Session III:** Evangelical Media, Outreach, and Communication Technology

Chairs: Tim Stoneman (Georgia Tech Lorraine) /John Maiden (Open University)

Presenters:

Heather Hendershot (MIT):

“Lost in Translation? The Evolution of the Christian Crusade’s Jesus Film Project.”

Daniel Vaca (Brown University):

“Commercial Technologies of Evangelical Expansion”

Anja-Maria Bassimir (University of Mainz):

“Christianity Today and Its Self-Portrayal as a Global Media Ministry”

John Maiden (Open University):

“Mediating Global Renewal: American Charismatics, ‘Jerusalem II’ and the World Conference on the Holy Spirit, 1974”

16:15-16:30 Refreshments

16:30-17:45 **Roundtable I:** Evangelicals and Empire

Chair: Kendrick Oliver (University of Southampton)

19:30 Dinner at Weinhaus Wilhelmi

SATURDAY, 13 October

9:15-10:30 **Keynote Address II:**

Melani McAlister (George Washington University):

“Apartheid's Lessons: Transnational Networks and US Evangelical Politics in the Cold War”

10:30-10:45 Refreshments

10:45-12:30 **Session IV:** Global Missions and Holy Humanitarianism

Chair: Kendrick Oliver (University of Southampton)

Presenters:

Lydia Boyd (University of North Carolina):

“Circuits of Compassion: The Affective Labor of Uganda’s Christian AIDS Orphan Choirs”

Emily Conroy-Krutz (Michigan State University):

“‘What is a Missionary Good For, Anyway?’: Reconsidering American Missionary Diplomacy after the Boxer Uprising”

David Swartz and Lisa Weaver Swartz (Asbury University):

“Red-Light Rescue: The American Evangelical Campaign against Trafficking in Southeast Asia”

12:45-14:00 Lunch at Baron Restaurant

14:00-15:45 **Session V:** Evangelical Religion and American Foreign Policy

Chair: Michaela Hoenicke Moore (University of Iowa)

Presenters:

Jonathan Ebel (University of Illinois):

(Title t.b.a.)

Gene Zubovich (University of Toronto):

“Christian Nationalism and Christian Globalism in the 1940s”

Lauren Turek (Trinity University):

“Evangelical Empire: Christian Nationalism and U.S. Foreign Policy in a Post-Colonial World”

Lee Marsden (University of East Anglia):

“Competing Evangelicalisms and US Foreign Policy in the Age of Trump”

15:45-16:00 Refreshments

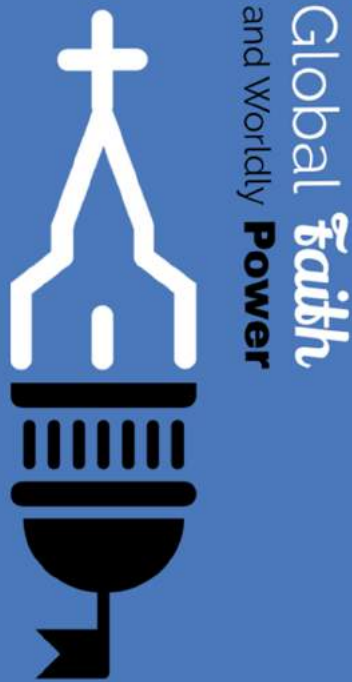
16:00-17:15 **Roundtable II:** Transnational Dimensions of American Evangelicalism and U.S. Foreign Policy

Chair: Axel Schäfer (Obama Institute)

18:15 Visit to Mainz and Dinner (Augustinerkeller in Old Town)

SUNDAY, 14 October

Delegates depart (or day trip to tourist sites/Rhine Valley Cruise)



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Professor Anthea Butler

Associate Professor of Religion and Africana Studies
University of Pennsylvania

Prosperity, Sex, and Politics: Evangelicals Changing Mission to the World

Thursday, 11 October 2018, 6:00 PM (s.t.)
Linke Aula/Alte Mensa

The missionary impulse of Evangelicals has been saving souls, but that has changed in the last 40 years. Political, economic and social issues are part of the changing impetus of Evangelical engagement around the world, because of Pentecostal and Charismatic movements. This keynote will address the changes to belief, ideology and practice of Evangelical mission work, to show how Pentecostal and Charismatic movements have changed the impetus of Evangelical fervor and interests throughout the world.



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Saturday, 13 October 2018, 9:15 AM
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