



Global Faith
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Global Faith and Worldly Power: Evangelical Encounters with American Empire

International Conference October 11–14, 2018

Obama Institute for Transnational American Studies
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz Convener: Axel R. Schäfer

PROGRAMME

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

THURSDAY, 11 October

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| 16:00-17:30 | Arrival and Registration |
| 17:30-18:00 | Conference Opening
Opening Remarks by Alfred Hornung (Obama Institute) |
| 18:00-19:15 | <u>Keynote Address I:</u>
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):

"Worlds of Wonder: Anticipating Next Steps in the Study of Evangelical Christianity and Capitalism, with Prompts from the Global Oil Patch"

Darren Grem (University of Mississippi):

"The South as Savior: Globalization, Place, and the Cultural Politics of Jimmy Carter"

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):

"Jerusalem II: The Logos International Fellowship, Charismatic Media and the World Conference on the Holy Spirit"

16:15-16:30

Refreshments

- 16:30-17:45** **Roundtable I:** Evangelicals and Empire
Chair: Kendrick Oliver (University of Southampton)
- Discussants:** John Corrigan, Heather Curtis, Darren Dochuk,
Philip Dow, Melani McAlister
- 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):

“Fire From Heaven: What Weapons Tell Us About Evangelical Territoriality in the Age of American Empire”

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)

Discussants: Uta Balbier, Michaela Hoenicke Moore, Sarah Miller-Davenport, Kendrick Oliver, Lauren Turek

19:30 Dinner (Augustinerkeller in Old Town)

SUNDAY, 14 October

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