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Ludwig-Harms-Symposium

28.-29.5.2021 via ZOOM

Investigations on the “entangled history”
of colonialism and mission in a new perspective

Untersuchungen zur „Verflechtungsgeschichte“
von Kolonialismus und Mission in neuer Perspektive



CONFERENCE THEME

The 20th Ludwig-Harms-Symposium, organized by the Ludwig-Harms Board of Trustees, is dedicated to a mission-historical topic that seems to have been dealt with sufficiently in the debates of the 1970s to -90s. But previous symposiums never have tackled that topic, let alone under the theoretical approach of “history of entanglements”.

“Colonialism and mission” is a relational pair of terms that raises questions about the most diverse circumstances that need to be clarified and understood: in historical, global, regional political, social, post-colonial, ethical, international law, cultural anthropology, religious studies and, last but not least, mission studies. With these questions expectations are raised and kept alive to methodically clarify injustices of considerable extent that have occurred. The respective categories mentioned - even when applied from an interdisciplinary perspective - make many things explainable but leave others in the dark.

In addition, terms such as “encounter” and “interaction” must be added, more openly and less judgmental. In the history of mission these terms have been used in the most different forms. To trace here the multitude of “history of entanglements” in an exemplary way can lead to new insights.

PROGRAMME

Friday 28.05.2021 (Chair: Prof. Dr. Moritz Fischer)

- 13:00-13:45** Arriving and warming up with an online cup of tea
- 13:45-14:00** Opening – Rev. Michael Thiel (Director ELM)
Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Richebächer (FIT)
- 14:00-14:45** Dr. Dorothee Rempfer (Zürich) „Encounters in the missionfield. Sisters of the Renish mission Society in Indonesia“
- 14:45-15:00** 15 min. break
- 9:15-10:00** Dr. Jobst Reller (Military Chaplain) – Ludwig Harms’ romantic vision: Colonization and mission of a ‘common’ among warriors in Africa in times of colonialism
- 15:45-16:15** 30 min. break
- 16:15-17:00** Dr. Hanna Mellemsether (Museene i Sør-Trøndelag, Norway) – “Missionaries, Settlers’ Society and African Opposition. The dispute over an independent Zulu Church in South Africa”
- 17:00-17:15** 15 min. break
- 17:15-18:00** Prof. Dr. Martin Tamcke (Univ. Göttingen) – Interdependence in learning on, with and against each other: Hermannsburg Lutherans and the Eastern Syrians Urmias
- 18:00-18:30** Digital evening with greetings from guests from near and far



Saturday 29.05.2021 (Chairs: Dr. Helen Treutler / Dr. Gunther Schendel)

- 08:00-8:15** Morning Devotion
- 08:15-09:00** Prof. Dr. Harvey Kwiyani (Hope-Univ. Liverpool) – Colonialism and Christianisation of Malawi in the perspective of Entangled History
- 09:00-09:15** 15 min. break
- 15:00-15:45** Dr. Karolin Wetjen, (Univ. Kassel) – „Negotiating Religion during Colonialism. Entangled Mission Work in East Africa, 1890–1920“
- 10:00-10:30** 30 min. break
- 10:30-11:15** Prof. Dr. Moritz Fischer (Univ. of Applied Science Hermannsburg) – Ethiopian and Zionist movements in Africa between entanglements with and disentanglement of colonial missions
- 11:15-11:30** 15 min. break
- 11:30-12:15** Dr. Stanislaw Paulau (Univ. Mainz) – Hermannsburg Mission in Ethiopia from the perspective of a Historiography of Entanglements
- 12.15-13:15** 60 min. break

- 13:15-14:00** Dr. Gunther Schendel (EKD Hannover) – Case study on Daffa Djammo’s visit to Germany in 1952 (including participation in the LWF meeting in Hanover)
- 14:00-14:15** 15 min. break
- 14:15-15:00** Dr. Gladson Jathanna (Pacific Theological College/Fidschi) - „Entangled Historiographies of Christian Mission: A Subaltern Conversation and Contention“
- 15:00-15:15** 15 min. break
- 15:15-16:00** Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Richebächer (Univ. of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology Hermannsburg) – „Power and Mission – theological witness between entanglement and disentanglement“



- 16:00-16:15** 15 min. break
- 16:15-16:50** Panel Discussion – Reflecting on investigations on the “entangled history” of colonialism and mission in a new perspective...
- 16:50-17:00** final statements of conference-observers, blessing, and farewell

The symposium will be online via Zoom.

Registration

Please register [using our registration form](#) before May 27 th. You will receive the link to access the symposium on May 27th via E-Mail. Registration is free of charge. However, feel free to [support research at the FIT](#).

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