Dialogues and Dynamics – Interculturality in Theology and Religious Studies

Since globalisation has significantly changed the face of contemporary Christianity in the 21st century, the task of doing theology has become more complex. The cultural, geographic and denominational varieties of Christianity worldwide challenge the traditional Western face of academic Christian theology and demand new and global forms of theological thinking across the lines. Inter-cultural Theology seeks to embrace these dynamics with a constructive dialogue, opening up new spaces of collaborative thinking and academic reflection.

The M.A. study programme "Intercultural Theology", jointly organized by the Georg-August-University Göttingen and the University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology Hermannsburg, will celebrate its tenth anniversary with a Symposium on December 5-7, 2019. The Symposium will revisit important developments and insights from the past ten years of teaching and learning in the study programme. Moreover, it will engage scholars, students and alumni of the programme in a dialogue about the relevance of doing theology and religious studies from an intercultural perspective. The different panels will explore the challenges and consequences of an intercultural approach in the academy as well as in churches and society, asking how international study programmes like the M.A. Intercultural Theology have to develop in future in order to meet the needs of both, churches and societies worldwide, in an age of diversity and tension.