

In Search of Shangri-La: Travel Writing, Religious History, and Spirituality

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Convenor: Matthias Egeler

Room 304, Amalienstraße 83

Friday, 8 March

- 13:00 Opening address
- 13:15 Andreas Schwab (München): *Why Egyptian things matter? Herodotus' Histories on material religion in Egypt.*
- 14:00 Wilhelm Heizmann (München): *Johannes Schefferus' Lapponia illustrata von 1673 und die altnordische Kosmologie*
- 14:45 Coffee break
- 15:15 Ulrike Kollodzeiski (Frankfurt): *We and others: Religious diversity in the travelogue 'Viaggi' of Pietro Della Valle (17th ct.)*
- 16:00 Catherina Wenzel (Frankfurt): *Pietro Della Valle 'Risāla-yi Piṭrūs dillā Vāllī' (Isfahan, 1621) als erste katholisch-zwölferschiitische Polemik*
- 16:45 Coffee break
- 17:15 Jonathan Westaway (University of Central Lancashire): *Sacred geographies and the political control of space: Travel narratives and the imperial security state in British India, 1857-1947*
- 18:00 Bernhard Maier (Tübingen): *Victorian Oriental travelogues between politics, spirituality and the quest for the origins of civilization.*
- 19:30 Conference dinner

Saturday, 9 March

- 9:00 Katharina Wilkens (München): *'When the Kalmyks saw me, they thought I was their black devil' - East African travel accounts in comparative perspective*
- 9:45 Stefan Ragaz (Basel): *Nineteenth-century European travellers' descriptions of Shiite religious theatre (ta'ziya) between biblical, literary and scientific quests*
- 10:30 Coffee break
- 11:00 Gisela Zimmermann (Freiburg): *From the Codex Calixtinus to the #caminodesantiago: How pilgrims stage the Way of St. James until today*
- 11:45 Julia Dippel (Marburg): *Between contemporary paganism and New Age science: German guide books to so-called 'places of power'*
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:30 Matthias Egeler (München): *Pilgrims to Thule: Religion, religious history, and the supernatural in Iceland travel literature from Great Britain and Germany, 1890s to 2010s*
- 14:15 Concluding discussion

