

About the Project

On the occasion of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, this interdisciplinary project is bringing together a group of theologians and historians from the universities of Heidelberg and Notre Dame, the leading Catholic university in North America. We will be meeting four times from 2016 to 2018 (in Rome, Heidelberg, Chicago und Jerusalem) to discuss the following questions: a) How do we interpret and assess the Reformation as a historical and theological event, as a historiographic category, and as a cultural myth from the perspective of different disciplines and confessional traditions? b) What are the long-term global legacies of the Reformation as manifest in the development of distinct Christian world religions and competing confessional cultures, producing different types of modernities? To compare different confessional modernities we will look at how Catholic and Protestant theologies and lived religions interacted with the development of modern empires and nation-states, with the emergence of the natural, historical and biblical sciences, as well as with divergent legal cultures and traditions in education and social welfare. c) Finally, the colloquia will also address the challenging question regarding how the Reformation should be commemorated (or can be celebrated) from an ecumenical perspective today.

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The panels and lectures are open to the public. If you are interested, please preregister with the conference organizers.



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Multiple Modernities? Confessional Cultures and the Many Legacies of the Reformation Age

22-24 September, 2016
The Second Colloquium of
*The Heidelberg-Notre Dame
Colloquies on the Legacies of the
Reformation Age*

Wednesday, 21 September

Arrival of international participants

Thursday, 22 September

9:00-11:00 Panel 1: The Formation of Protestantism and Catholicism as Modern World Religions

Simon Ditchfield (University of York): "The 'Making' of Roman Catholicism as a 'World Religion'"

Jan Stievermann (Heidelberg): "Imagining Global Protestantism in Colonial Boston, ca. 1700"

Moderation and Response: Friederike Nüssel (Heidelberg)

11:30-13:30 Panel 2: Confessional Empires, Missions, and Nations

Patrick Griffin (Notre Dame): "The Last War of Religion or the First War for Empire?: Reconsidering the Meaning of The Seven Years' War in America"

Hartmut Lehmann (Kiel): "Nationalism as Poison in the Veins of Western Christianity, c. 1800 – c. 1950"

Moderation and Response: Manfred Berg (Heidelberg)

15:00-17:00 Panel 3: The Reformation and the Origins of Secular Modernity

Brad Gregory (Notre Dame): "Disembedding Christianity: The Reformation Era and the Secularization of Western Society"

Volker Leppin (Tübingen): "Gogarten revisited: Secularization as a Legitimate Heritage of the Reformation"

Moderation and Response: Randall Zachman (Notre Dame)

18:30 Conference Dinner

Friday, 23 September

9:00-11:00 Panel 4: Confessional Modernities, Enlightenment and Secularization I

John Betz (Notre Dame): "The Unfinished Reformation: Johann Georg Hamann as a Metacritic of Enlightenment and Secularization"

Klaus Tanner (Heidelberg): "Ernst Troeltsch, Protestantism, and Modernity"

Moderation and Response: Gerald McKenny (Notre Dame)

11:30-13:30 Panel 5: Confessional Modernities, Enlightenment and Secularization II

Wolfgang Schluchter (Heidelberg): "Fortschritt durch Entzauberung oder Entzauberung des Fortschritts? Ein weberianischer Blick auf die westliche Moderne"

Paul S. Peterson (Heidelberg): "The Decline of Established Christianity in the Western World: A Contemporary Echo from Troeltsch's Church-Sect-Mysticism Typology"

Moderation and Response: Gerald Knoppers (Notre Dame)

15:00-17:00 Panel 6: Confessional Cultures and the Natural Sciences

Randall Zachman (Notre Dame): "Scripture and Natural Science in the Theology of John Calvin"

Matthew Ashley (Notre Dame): "B. B. Warfield and John Zahn on Evolution, Christian Faith, and Divine Agency"

Moderation and Response: Paul S. Peterson (Heidelberg)

18:30-19:30: Keynote Lecture

Peter Harrison (University of Queensland): "The Protestant Reformation and the Rise of Modern Science"

Moderation and Response: Jan Stievermann (Heidelberg)

Saturday, 24 September

9:00-11:00 Panel 7: Confessional Cultures and Legal, Educational and Diaconical Traditions I

Christoph Strohm (Heidelberg): "Konfession und Recht in der Frühen Neuzeit"

Neil Arner (Notre Dame): "Early Modern Protestant Reflections on Natural Law"

Moderation and Response: Klaus Tanner (Heidelberg)

11:30-13:30 Panel 8: Confessional Cultures and Legal, Educational and Diaconical Traditions I

Elliott Visconsi (Notre Dame): "The Struggle for Civil Religion: Church and State in the 17th Century English World"

Johannes Eurich (Heidelberg): "The Influence of Religious Traditions on Social Welfare Development: Observations from the Perspective of Comparative Welfare State Research"

Moderation and Response: Gerald McKenny (Notre Dame)

14:00-16:00 Guided Tour of the City

17:00-18:30 Keynote Lecture

Welcome from the Rector of Heidelberg University, Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Bernhard Eitel

Bishop of the Protestant Church in Baden, Prof. Dr. Jochen Cornelius-Bundschuh: "Reformationsgedenken 2017: Herausforderungen und Chancen"

Response: Canon Dr. Peter Birkhofer, Ecumenical Representative of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Freiburg

18:30-20:00 Evening Reception

Sunday, 25 September

Departure of international participants