

BUILDING BRIDGES 2023
God's Word and the Community of Faith
Berlin, Germany
19-23 June 2023

Sunday 18 June – Arrivals

MONDAY 19 JUNE

- 06:30-10:00 Breakfast available at Bonhoeffer Haus
- 12:00 Lunch for BB participants at Bonhoeffer Haus.
Following lunch we will move to the Plenary Room for a briefing on the seminar and an introduction to the Building Bridges method which will be especially important for those participating for the first time.
- 14:30-15:45 Public lectures (Auditorium of Jacob and Wilhelm Grimm Center/Humboldt Library, Humboldt University)
- Introduction – Dan Madigan, S.J., Chair
Christian lecture – Joshua Ralston
Muslim response – Muna Tatari
Q&A
- 15:45-16:15 Coffee break (30 min)
- 16:15-17:30 Muslim lecture – Abdullah Saeed
Christian response – Catherine Cornille
Q&A, further discussion
- 17:30 Reception
- 19:00 Dinner at local restaurant near Humboldt

TUESDAY 20 JUNE
Christian Texts

- (07:30 Christian Liturgy each day in chapel at Bonhoeffer Haus)
- 06:30-9:00 Breakfast available each day at Bonhoeffer Haus

MORNING SESSION: *The Authority of God Encountered in Jesus*

- 09:00 Dan Madigan, S.J., Chair
Intro, admin, reminders
- Felix Körner, S.J.
Introduction to texts (20 min)
Questions and clarifications (15 min)

- 09:40-12:00 Study in groups
(all study sessions include time for a short break ad libitum)
- 12:00 Lunch (each day at Bonhoeffer Haus, with two hours to allow time for rest)

AFTERNOON SESSION: God's Eternal Word

- 14:00 Lucy Gardner
Introduction to texts (20 min)
Questions and clarifications (15 min)
- 14:40-17:00 Study in groups (include time for a short break ad libitum)
- 17:00 Break (20 min)
- 17:20 Closing Plenary
- 18:00 Finish for the day
- 19:00 Dinner (Bonhoeffer Haus)

WEDNESDAY 21 JUNE
Muslim Texts

MORNING SESSION: The Divine Word Comes to God's Messenger

- 09:00 Muhammad Modassir Ali
Introduction to texts (20 min)
Questions and clarifications (15 min)
- 09:40 Study in groups (include time for a short break ad libitum)
- 12:00 Lunch break (Bonhoeffer Haus)

AFTERNOON SESSION: God's Eternal Word

- 14:00 Yousef Casewit
Introduction to texts (20 mins)
Questions and clarifications (15 min)
- 14:40 Study in groups (include time for a short break ad libitum)
- 17:00 Break (20 min)
- 17:20 Closing Plenary
- 18:00 Finish for the day
- 19:00 Dinner (Bonhoeffer Haus)

THURSDAY 22 JUNE
Christian Texts

MORNING SESSION: God's Word, the Community of Believers, and Scripture

- 09:00 Christopher Hays
Introduction to texts (20 min)
Questions and clarifications (15 min)
- 09:40 Study in groups (include time for a short break ad libitum)
- 12:00 Lunch break (Bonhoeffer Haus)

AFTERNOON SESSION: Review of significant texts from earlier sessions

Participants will consider texts, topics, and questions that have featured in the preceding three sessions to which they would like return for further discussion, and in order to frame two or three comments or questions to take to the plenary.

- 14:00 Study in Groups
- 15:30 Break (30 min)
- 16:00 Closing Plenary
- 17:00 Finish for the day
- 18:00 Early dinner at Bonhoeffer Haus
- 19:00 Walking Tour

FRIDAY 23 JUNE
Muslim Texts

MORNING SESSION: Response to God's Word

- 09:00 Mehdi Azaiez
Introduction to texts (20 min)
Questions and clarifications (15 min)
- 09:40 Study in groups (include time for a short break ad libitum)
- 12:00 Lunch break (Bonhoeffer Haus)

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14:00 Study in Groups

15:30 Break (30 min)

16:00 Concluding plenary and planning for 2024

17:15 Finish for the day

19:00 Closing dinner (location TBA)

Saturday 24 June – Departures