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RELIGIONS IN GLOBAL ENCOUNTERS: TRADITIONS AND IDEOLOGIES

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THEME

The development of cultural anthropology and the rise of cultural studies are signs of a global introspection, as if the memory of the world is involved in a state of retrospection instead of generating metaphysical systems. This turning point has rightly been called a „cultural turn“ with devastating consequences: launching the debate on multiculturalism, transculturality and interculturality on the one hand and opening up the horizon of global studies, world philosophies and critical de- & postcolonial approaches on the other.

The *Zeitgeist* of the 1990s gave the impression that ideologies had been erased from mental maps and that “the end of history” had been reached; the era of liberal or social democracies would be the future of the world and the only remaining problem would be the compatibility of cultures, values and lifestyles. But after 30 years, a fundamental question should be asked: why, despite the growing global commitment to cultural openness, is the rise of ideologies such as chauvinistic nationalism, institutional racism and religious fundamentalisms stronger than before? Or to put the question more clearly: why does the age of multiculturalism go hand in hand with the revival of hard ideologies and the return of archaic forms of hatred, exclusion and rage?

Ideologies arise when cultural canons are obsolete, when world-visions become broken mirrors and the *res religiosa* finds no equivalent. The consequence is the essential paradox of ideology: it is the subjectivation of the totality insofar as it excludes the permanent search for intersubjective truth (and this makes it different from culture, which envelops the subject in the totality of a relation to the world as a whole). But the same process leads to the de-totalizing vision of truth, which manifests itself in the egocentric consciousness cut off from reality. The ideologized mind, dispossessed of its symbols, seeks to reinvest itself in secularized ideas.

23 MARCH (DAY 1)

9:30 *Reception*

10:00–11:00

Traditionalism, Modernity and Post-modernity –
Mark J. SEDGWICK (Aarhus University)

11:00–12:00

The Sovereignty of God: On a Post-Modern
Fantasy of Islamic Political Theology –
Anoush GANJIPOUR (Centre Jean Pépin Paris)

12:00–14:00 *Lunch Break*

14:00–15:00

Modern Classicism, Modern Religious Structures
and Non-Religious Conservative Right –
Patrick MCGUINNESS (University of Oxford)

15:00–16:00

Gods and Idols War: the Liberation Theology in
Latin America –
Luis Martinez ANDRADE
(Université Catholique de Louvain)

24 MARCH (DAY 2)

9:30–10:30

Can Twentieth-Century German Theory Help Us
to Understand Today’s Political Myths? –
Angus NICHOLLS
(Queen Mary University of London)

10:30–11:30

Traditionalism, Ideologization and the
„In-Between“ of Comparative Philosophy –
Abbed KANOOR (University of Tübingen)

11:30–12:00 *Coffee Break*

12:00–13:00

Tradition, Traditionalism and Ideology:
Moroccan Intellectuals Facing the Past –
Mohammed Ech-Cheikh
(Université Hassan II Casablanca)

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