



## De/Sacralization of Texts

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Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen

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The DFG research group works on the question of the authority of texts, which we seek to describe and theoretically define in more detail from a heuristic perspective as processes of sacralization and desacralization. The joint research programme is based on the observation that certain texts circulate within societies and groups and can be described as important reference texts for individual and social questions of orientation. These texts emerge through increased attributions of meaning - they establish themselves as important referents, but they can also lose meaning. Furthermore, these texts compete with each other, and their interpretation is disputed. They partially also develop an identity-forming significance for individuals and groups and can fulfil contradictory functions by supporting or also questioning norms, institutions, and authorities. So-called sacred writings of religious communities also fall into this dynamic perspective. Moreover, it can be shown that within these scriptures, some texts develop greater or lesser meaning, or none at all. We therefore use the concept of *sacrality* as a heuristic concept for the texts we have selected, without categorically distinguishing between religious and non-religious, profane and sacred texts. At the conference, we would like to discuss the research programme together with colleagues from the participating disciplines. The questions we are particularly interested in are aimed at the core of our programme:

- What is the added value of using the concept of sacrality or de/sacralization to describe ways of using texts? This question arises against the background of established concepts such as auratisation, canonisation, claims to authority, inspiration, revelation (according to each discipline).
- What is the added value of focusing on dynamic processes instead of a static understanding of sacrality of profanity?
- What is the added value of analysing texts as text-in-use configurations while also aiming to make visible the interconnectedness of text qualities and modes of use?

## Programme

### 19.02.2024 – Pragmatisation

14:00

**Registration**

14:30

**Welcome**

Prof. Dr. Birgit Weyel (Universität Tübingen)

15:00

**Intertextualisierungspraktiken und Anagnorisis-Effekte - am Beispiel des Umgangs mit biblischen Texten**

Prof. Dr. Ursula Roth (FAU Erlangen-Nürnberg)

Chair: Prof. Dr. Birgit Weyel

16:00

**Coffee break**

16:30

**Scripture and Violence**

Dr. Julia Snyder (University of Cambridge)

Chair: Prof. Dr. Andreas Hasenclever

17:30

**Fundierung und Sakralisierung - Zur sakralisierenden Wirkung der rechtlichen Fundamentalprinzipien Würde, Gleichheit und Freiheit**

Dr. Tim Wihl (Universität Erfurt)

Chair: Prof. Dr. Jochen von Bernstorff

## 20.02.2024 – Formation

09:30

### **Die Neuformation japanischer Religiosität als therapeutischer Ethnomystizismus. Poetische Sakralisierungen in den Texten des Schriftstellers Ôe Kenzaburô**

Prof. Dr. Lisette Gebhardt (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt)

Chair: Prof. Dr. Klaus Antoni

10:30

### **Coffee break**

11:00

### **Narrative Formation und Sakralisierung: Sakralisierungsprozesse in frühen französischen Gralstexten**

Prof. Dr. Susanne A. Friede (Ruhr Universität Bochum)

Chair: Prof. Dr. Matthias Bauer & Prof. Dr. Angelika Zirker

12:00

### **Lunch**

13:15–14.45

### **Poster Session 1**

- Prof. Dr. Jochen von Bernstorff, Felipe Bley-Folly, Natalie Coelho Lessa, Max Henry Mayer (TP3): *The Universal Declaration of Human Rights as a sacralised text?*
- Sonja Borchers, Prof. Dr. Jürgen Leonhardt, Anita Watzel, Leon Zimmermann (TP7): *Sakralisierungstendenzen des antiken Kanons im 18. Jahrhundert*
- Marcel Brenner (TP9): *Doing Abendmahl - Praxistheoretische Ethnografie des gegenwärtigen Evangelischen Abendmahls*
- Julia Dolkovski (TP1): *Exploring Japanese Mythology in Contemporary Popular Media*

- Dr. Everett Messamore (TP8): *American Scriptures: Transformations of Scriptural Authority and Canonicity in 18th- and 19th-Century American Protestantism*
- Julia Schatz (TP2): *Processes of De/Sacralisation in Shakespeare's Late Plays*
- Lea Schlenker (TP4): *Dimensions of De/Sacralization in the Use of Ps 145 at the Table.*

15:00–16:30

### **Poster Session 2**

- Capucine Blanc (TP2): *De/sacralizing Texts in Doctor Faustus*
- Abdullah Goekbel (TP4): *Legal opinions between institutionalisation and sacralisation*
- Prof. Dr. Andreas Hasenclever, Mark Amaliya Anyorikeya, Alexandra Dick (TP5): *Blasphemy Killings in Sokoto*
- Joel Klenk, Nikolai Kohler, Prof. Dr. Christof Landmesser, Dr. Aleksei Volchkov (TP6): *Sakralisierung und Desakralisierung in und von Texten des Neuen Testaments*
- Louise Neubronner (TP1): *Contending Visions of Sacrality: Edo Period Discourse on Myth*
- Prof. Dr. Birgit Weyel, Marcel Brenner, Marko Jesske (TP9): *Textgebrauch und Lebensdeutung anlässlich von Bestattungen*

16:30

### **Coffee break**

17:00

### **What is a 'sacred' text? From Durkheim to the 'strong programme' of cultural sociology**

Prof. Dr. Gordon Lynch (University of Kent)

Chair: Prof. Dr. Jan Stievermann

19:00

## **Conference Dinner**

Hotel Krone, Uhlandstraße 1, 72072 Tübingen

## **21.02.2024 – Reception**

09:30

### **Heilig oder kanonisch? Identitätskonkrete Texte in gedächtnis-theoretischer Perspektive**

Prof. Dr. Sandra Huebenthal (Universität Passau)

Chair: Prof. Dr. Christof Landmesser

11:00

### **Theologische Konstruktionen der religiösen Funktion des Schriftbezugs im aufgeklärten Protestantismus**

Prof. Dr. Folkart Wittekind (Universität Bonn)

Chair: Prof. Dr. Jürgen Leonhardt

12:00

### **Desacralizing the Other's Scripture: Patterns of Bible & Qur'an Interpretation**

Prof. Dr. David Bertaina (University of Illinois)

Chair: Prof. Dr. Dr. hc. Lejla Demiri

13:00

### **Closing remarks**

Prof. Dr. Birgit Weyel (Universität Tübingen)

13:30

### **Optional Lunch**



More details can be found on our website:

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