

**The Rationality and Rhetoric of Preaching
Current Homiletical Challenges**

International Online Conference

Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen
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- *Please be reminded that all the time shown in the program is based on CEST (Central European Summer Time; UTC/GMT +2 hours). You may use the [Time Zone Converter](#) to convert the CEST time to your local time.*
- *For each of the presentations and commentaries, there will be 20 minutes of lecture and 10 minutes of discussion.*

Thursday, 06 May 2021

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (CEST) Welcome and Introduction

Part One

The Rationality of Preaching and the Pluralization of Society

5:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (CEST) Crossing Boundaries and Facing Others. South African Perspectives on the Transgressive Rhetoric of Preaching *Johan Cilliers, Stellenbosch*

6:10 p.m. to 6:40 p.m. (CEST) The Rationality of Aesthetics. Narrative and Poetry as Communication Media in a Plural Society *Albrecht Grözinger, Basel*

6:50 p.m. to 7:20 p.m. (CEST) Rationality and Topics. The Art of Argumentation and the Cultural Embedding of Religion *Manuel Stetter, Tübingen*

7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (CEST) Commentary: The Rationality of Preaching and the Pluralization of Society. Observations and Suggestions *Tone Stangeland Kaufman, Oslo*

Part Two

The Rationality of Preaching and the Decolonialization of Faith

8:10 p.m. to 8:40 p.m. (CEST) Cultures of Rationality. Postcolonial Criticism and Reason *Emmanuel Lartey, Atlanta*

Friday, 07 May 2021

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (CEST) Decolonizing Preaching in a Pluralized World. Current Approaches *Sunggu Yang, Newberg*

5:40 p.m. to 6:10 p.m. (CEST) Preaching in Postcolonial Contexts. A Case Study from Brazil *Júlio César Adam, São Leopoldo*

6:20 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. (CEST) Commentary: The Rationality of Preaching and the Decolonization of Faith. Observations and Suggestions *Wilhelm Gräb, Berlin*

Part Three

The Rationality of Preaching and Change in the Media

7:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. (CEST) Performativity and Rationality. Bodies, Spaces, Things and Communication about Faith *David Plüss, Bern*

7:40 p.m. to 8:10 p.m. (CEST) ‘So Faith Comes by Hearing’. Plausibility and Religious Involvement in Hearing Sermons *Theo Pleizier, Groningen*

Saturday, 08 May 2021

5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. (CEST) Reason and Media Change. How Much Rationality Can Public Speech Tolerate in the Present? *Olaf Kramer, Tübingen*

5:40 p.m. to 6:10 p.m. (CEST) Preaching and the Mediatization of Communication *Gerald Kretzschmar, Tübingen*

6:20 p.m. to 6:50 p.m. (CEST) Commentary: The Rationality of Preaching and Change in the Media. Observations and Suggestions *Sonja Keller, Hamburg*

7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. (CEST) Plenary discussion: Conclusions and further appointments