

De/Sacralization of Texts



This DFG funded interdisciplinary research project focusses on processes of sacralization and desacralization of certain texts which possess a normative and identity-shaping character, whether for the society as a whole or for certain groups within it. Such texts are associated with various cultural and religious uses (e.g., interpretation, performance, citation, and attribution) through which their special status and truth claims are expressed and justified. In addition to the more apparent examples of sacred writings, the canonical books of religious communities, we are also interested in sacralized writings in the fields of literature, law, and politics. Bringing together theologians and scholars of religion, literature, law, philology and politics, the project is structured in three major units: formation, reception and pragmatization of 'scriptural texts'.

The sub-project '**The Argument from Scripture**' (**Lejla Demiri**) explores the Muslim textual corpus of the religious 'other', especially Christianity, in the Ottoman 16th-17th centuries context. This is the first attempt to draw a comprehensive picture of the Muslim perception, reception and interpretation of Christian scriptures in early Ottoman times. To this end, it explores relevant texts in Arabic and Ottoman Turkish, contextualises these works and analyses them theologically. Of significance, the project contributes particularly to the areas of tension between perception of oneself and the 'other', inclusion and exclusion, and similarity and alterity. Thus, the project not only provides innovative research and an integral contribution to the overarching research group, but also contributes to strengthening linguistic, historical, hermeneutical and comparative theological research more broadly.

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TP4: **The Argument from Scripture**

Muslim Readings of the Bible

Workshop
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Rümelinstraße 27

Room 8 (Ground Floor)

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Programme

Wednesday, 27 September 2023

17:30-18:00 **Welcome and Introduction**

18:00-19:00 **Aims of the Workshop**

19:00 Conversation over Dinner

Thursday, 28 September 2023

09:30-10:30 **David Vishanoff** (University of Oklahoma)
The Islamic Psalms of David in Ottoman Manuscript Collections

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 **Lejla Demiri** (University of Tübingen)
The Ottoman Prince in the Majlis of the Pope

12:00-13:00 **Phil Dorroll** (Wofford College)
Reading the Qur'an and Constructing Eastern Orthodox Identity in the Ottoman Levant

13:00-15:00 Lunch Break

15:00-16:00 **Samuel Ross** (Texas Christian University)
Reading the Bible in Late Ottoman Syria: Ṭāhir al-Jazā'irī's Munyat al-adhkiyā' fī qiṣaṣ al-anbiyā'

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-17:30 **Lea Schlenker** (University of Tübingen)
Birgivi Meḥmet Efendī's (d. 981/1573) Employment of Scripture to Address the Im/Permissibility of Non-Muslim Food

17:30-18:30 **Abdullah Gökbel** (University of Tübingen),
Ibn Kemal's (d. 940/1534) views of the Bible in his Tafsīr al-Qur'ān al-karīm

19:00 Dinner

Friday, 29 September 2023

09:30-11:00 **Outcomes and Future Perspectives**
Serkan Ince (University of Tübingen)
Claire Gallien (University of Tübingen)
Stefan Schreiner (University of Tübingen)

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 **Guided City Tour**

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