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# Press Release

## Rhetoric between cultures

Researchers from around the world meet in Tübingen next week for the 20<sup>th</sup> International Society for the History of Rhetoric conference

Tübingen, 21 July 2015

More than 350 experts will be meeting at the University of Tübingen from **28 - 31 July 2015** for the Rhetorik zwischen den Kulturen/ Rhetoric Between Cultures conference. Participants from more than 30 countries will discuss the history of rhetoric at the Audimax (Neue Aula, Geschwister Scholl Platz) and in the Brechtbau (Wilhelmstr. 50, 72074 Tübingen). This 20<sup>th</sup> conference of the International Society for the History of Rhetoric (ISHR) is hosted by Germany's only Institute of General Rhetoric, founded in 1967 by the philosopher and writer Walter Jens.

The more than 300 presentations will be in English, German, French, Spanish or Italian, and will examine themes as diverse as Rhetoric and culture from ancient times to the present day, as well as Biblical, Byzantine, African, Chinese, Korean, Indian, indigenous Latin American, feminist and musical rhetoric. The conference aims to broaden the spectrum of rhetorical concepts, while inviting participants to reconsider what rhetoric is.

Conference program at: [http://www.ishr-conference.org/general\\_program.php](http://www.ishr-conference.org/general_program.php)

Speakers include Prof. Dr. **Karlheinz Töchterle**, Classical philologist and former Economics Minister of Austria; Prof. **Yameng Liu**, Rhetoric Professor in Fuzhou, China, Prof. **Margaret E. Mullett** OBE; Byzantium specialist in Washington and Prof. **Michael J. Edwards**, Greek scholar in London, see: [http://www.ishr-conference.org/general\\_program\\_speakers.php](http://www.ishr-conference.org/general_program_speakers.php)

### Exhibition

**500 Years – Continuing Rhetoric in Tübingen**, University Library (Wilhelmstr. 32), 28 July - 14 August 2015, conceived and designed by Tübingen Rhetoric students studying under Professor Joachim Knappe and Professor Dietmar Till.

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