

The Saved and the Damned: Soteriology and Religious Encounter

'Salvation' is a fundamental concept across religious traditions and contexts. Various salvation schemes could be applicable to individuals, communities or even entire nations. Often a religious encounter, whether in the form of conflict or transfer, could centre on the discourse about salvation. Adherents of different religions who come into contact for a variety of reasons elaborate various ideas on who is saved and who is not; they may use soteriology to underline or justify various individual or collective actions, such as mission, conversion or military conquest in the name of a new religion; eventually new salvation models can develop out of religious contact. The purpose of this two-day workshop is to explore these and other aspects of soteriology in inter and intra-religious and spatial contexts. Religions to be taken into consideration will include Zoroastrianism, Buddhism, Daoism, Judaism, Christianity, Islam and Manichaeism, including variations of those when appropriate.

Thursday, 18 April 2013

Chair: Adam Knobler (Bochum)

- 10.00 Welcome by John Cabot University
- 10.15 **Welcoming Remarks and Practical Matters**
Zara Pogossian (Rome) and Georgios Halkias (Hong Kong)
- 10.30 **Introductory Remarks**
Volkhard Krech (Bochum)
- 10.45 Coffee Break
- 11.00 **'Israel among the peoples is like the heart among the organs':
Jews as Saviors of the Gentiles in Late Antique and Medieval Jewish Thought**
Alexandra Cuffel (Bochum)
- 11.30 **People or Light? Who is Manichaean Soteriology Directed at?**
Desmond Durkin-Meisterernst (Berlin)
- 12.00 Lunch Break

Chair: Georgios Halkias (Hong Kong)

- 14.00 **The Book of Muhammad's Ladder or How to Transform Soteriology into a Subject for Polemics**
Ana Echevarría (Madrid)
- 14.30 **Salvation's Other: Two Anti-Soteriological Polemics from Pre-Modern Korea**
Marion Eggert (Bochum)
- 15.00 Coffee Break
- 15.30 **Final Discussion**

Friday, 19 April 2013

Chair: Dorothea Weltecke (Konstanz)

- 10.00 **A Hidden Soteriology of Tibetan Texts:
Duplicating the Words and Engendering their Sound**
Georgios Halkias (Hong Kong)
- 10.30 **Multi-religious Soteriological Schemes in an Armenian Apocalyptic Text**
Zara Pogossian (Rome)
- 11.00 Coffee Break
- 11.30 **The Downfall of Islam and the Salvation of Christians in Eastern Christian
Apocalypses (7th-13th c.)**
Barbara Roggema (Rome/London)
- 12.00 Lunch
- Chair: Georgios Halkias (Hong Kong)
- 14.00 **Appropriated Salvation: On the Adoption of Buddhist Pure Land Beliefs by Chinese
Daoists of the Early Tang**
Henrik Sørensen (Copenhagen)
- 14.30 **Unbelievers in Hell? Christian Answers**
Dorothea Weltecke (Konstanz)
- 15.00 Coffee Break
- 15.30 **Final Discussion**



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