



Conference in Salzburg, 12 – 14 April 2012

Migration as a Sign of the Times

Perspectives from social sciences and theology

The contested realities of migration in a globalized world are a challenge to theology. As a sign of the times, migration calls theology into a wider academic discourse and poses two distinct questions:

How can the message of the gospel be brought to the fore in the context of migration? What is the specific contribution of theology in the contested discourses on human mobility?

How does migration bring to the fore the message of the gospel? Which language do migratory experiences provide for theology? How does migration in-form and re-form our way of experiencing, celebrating and conceptualizing God?

The conference tackles these two poles of the mutual hermeneutical process of a theology in the signs of the times in three contexts:

- Emigrating: Leaving one's country
- Migrating: Travelling the interstices
- Immigrating: Arrival?

In each step, perspectives from the social sciences and from theology are presented and – in an extended phase of plenary discussion – are brought into dialogue and analyzed as to their mutual implications, thus bringing an evolving theology of migration further on the way.

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14.00	Arrival, Coffee	
14.30 – 16.00	Conference Opening	
	Introduction to the Concept of the Conference: <i>Migration as a Sign of the Times</i>	Hans-Joachim Sander
	Introduction to the Theme of the Conference: <i>Migration: A report from the borders</i>	Hagen Kopp
16.00 – 16.30	Break	
	EMIGRATING: LEAVING ONE'S COUNTRY	
16.30 – 18.00	Migration: Causes and Problematics	Bridget Anderson
18.00 – 19.30	Panel Discussion	Johannes Okoro Joana Adesuwa Hagen Kopp Bridget Anderson Frontex 1 (solicited)
20.00	Wine reception	

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	MIGRATING: TRAVELLING THE INTERSTICES	
9.00 – 9.15	Insight: Personal Experience of Migration	Exit
9.15 – 10.00	Deconstructing the Nation State – Memories of Migration	Anne-Marie Fortier
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee break	
10.30 – 11.15	Jewish-Christian Tradition: Anamnesia of Migration	Katherine Southwood
11.15 – 12.30	Discussion	
12.30 – 14.30	Lunch break	
14.30 – 16.30	Paper- and Poster-Session	
16.30 – 17.00	Coffee break	
17.00 – 18.30	Theology of Migration: A Genealogy and Methodology Response	Daniel Groody Jorge Castillo Guerra

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	IMMIGRATING: ARRIVAL?	
9.00 – 9.15	Insight: Personal Experience of Migration	Frontex 2 (solicited)
9.15 – 10.00	Discourse studies: Construction of the Stranger	Ruth Wodak
10.00 – 10.30	Coffee break	
10.30 – 11.15	Christology: Subverting Exclusions	Hildegund Keul
11.15 – 12.30	Discussion	
12.30 – 14.30	Lunch break	
14.30 – 16.00	Group discussions	
16.00 – 16.30	Coffee break	
16.30 – 18.00	The Conference in Retrospect: Migration as a Sign of the Times? Discussion	Hans-Joachim Sander Regina Polak