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Everyone interested in any of these
topics is very welcome!

On January 20 2022, theologians in Halle/Germany reflected upon the climate change as one of the most defining crises of our time. Their discussions illustrate that the question "Who will save the world?" leads to various, conflict-laden answers.

On the same day, it became obvious again that sexualized violence against children and adolescents was and still is covered up by bishops and other persons in leading positions within the Catholic Church.

Thereupon, many people demanded that the Church's dealings with its guilt-ridden past should be accompanied actively by the State.

Within the same week 125 employees of the Catholic Church went #OutInChurch and called for an end of the discrimination of LGBTQ+ persons and gender injustice. Among them were priests, parish and pastoral assistants, religion teachers and employees within the church administration.

A closer look at the events highlights the fact that social, political and cultural transformation processes are currently highly contested and that religion is ambivalently involved in these processes. In this light, the conference will discuss whether religion and theology have been transformative forces in the past and present and ask under which circumstances they can be so in the future.

The ambivalent relationship between religion and transformation will be examined in three interconnected sections:

Section 1: Society, Nation and Ethnicity

Section 2: Theology in the face of climate crisis

Section 3: Religion & Gender/ LGBTQ+

Through interdenominational (Catholic - Protestant - Orthodox) and interdisciplinary exchange (theology - philosophy - history - cultural and natural sciences - gender studies) the conference will analyze the transformative potential of religion and theology in depth. In doing so, it takes into consideration different geographical and intellectual contexts from Western Europe (Germany, United Kingdom), Central and Eastern Europe (Hungary, Poland, Slovenia), North America (USA) and South America (Brazil). The goal is to enrich the scientific debate on the ambivalent relationship between religion and transformation.

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RELIGION AND TRANSFORMATION

Societal, Political and
Cultural Processes

- ▶ Society, Nation and Ethnicity
- ▶ Theology in the face of climate crisis
- ▶ Religion & Gender/ LGBTQ+

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WEDNESDAY MARCH 9, 2022

► **Society, Nation and Ethnicity**

- 13.00-13.45 **Arrival of the Participants & Lunch**
- 13.45-14.00 **Prof. Dr. Elżbieta Adamiak, Landau**
Introductory Remarks
- 14.00-14.35 **PD Dr. Sonja Strube, Osnabrück**
Right-wing Extremism in Germany
- 14.35-15.10 **PD Dr. August H. Leugers - Scherzberg, Saarbrücken**
Nationalism and Racism - International Perspectives
- 15.10-15.45 **Prof. Dr. Małgorzata Grzywacz, Poznań/Posen (Poland)**
National and Religious Minorities in Modern and Contemporary Polish History
- 15.45-16.15 **Coffee Break**
- 16.15-16.50 **Christine Böckmann, Heidelberg**
African American Preaching and the Fight for „Racial Equality“
Transformation Through Preaching
- 16.50-17.25 **PD Dr. Katharina Peetz, Landau**
Nationalism and Exclusion – People Living with Disability in Bolsonaro's Brazil
- 17.25-17.45 **Coffee Break**

► **Theology in the face of climate crisis**

- 17.45-18.20 **Dr. Anja Lebkücher, Landau**
Science, Creation and Transformation: How Does Science Transform our Concepts of God's Creation?
- 19.00 **Ecumenical Service**
Chapel of the Maria Ward School
Cornichonstr.1, 76829 Landau
- 20.00 **Dinner**

THURSDAY MARCH 10, 2022

► **Theology in the face of climate crisis**

- 9.00-13.00 **Dr. Bettina Reichmann, Landau/ Wolfgang Urbany, Landau**
Excursion (Neustadt an der Weinstraße)
Hambach Castle: Political Transformation - Then and Now
Memorial Site: Schutzhaft- und Arbeitslager
- 13.00-14.00 **Lunch**
- 14.00-14.35 **Prof. Dr. Nadja Furlan Štante, Primorska (Slovenia)**
Eco-feminist Philosophy and Theology
- 14.35-15.10 **Prof. Dr. Elizabeth Theokritoff, Cambridge (UK)**
Theosis: Transforming our Vision of the Material World
- 15.10-15.45/
09.10-09.45 NJT **Prof. Dr. Catherine Keller, Madison (NJ/USA)**
Facing Apocalypse: Climate, Democracy and Other Last Chances
- 15.45-16.15 **Coffee Break**
- 16.15-16.50/
07.15-07.50 PST **Tyler Shattuck, Azusa (CA/USA)**
Contesting Transformation in Eastern and Western Theologies of Creation
- 16.50-17.25 **Prof. Dr. Judith Hartenstein, Landau**
Women and Gender in Apocryphal Literature – Transformations in Early Christianity
- 17.25-18.00 **PD Dr. Monika Waluś, Landau/ Warsaw (Poland)**
Contextualizing "Typical" Female Qualities and Values in Polish Nation, Culture and Religious Communities

► **Religion & Gender/ LGBTQ +**

- 18.00-18.35 **Prof. Dr. Elżbieta Adamiak, Landau**
Transforming Iconography of Mary in Current Controversies of Gender- and LGBT- Rights
- 19.00 **Dinner**

FRIDAY MARCH 11, 2022

► **Religion & Gender/ LGBTQ +**

- 9.00-9.35 **Prof. Dr. Julia Enxing, Dresden**
Theology as a Resource of / for Transformation? Relationality of Human Beings, Animals & Plants
- 9.35-10.10 **Prof. Dr. Celia Deane-Drummond, Oxford (UK)**
Reconsidering Concepts of Cosmology, Eco-theology and Deep Incarnation in the Anthropocene
- 10.10-10.40 **Coffee Break**
- 10.40-11.15 **Prof. Dr. Lucia Scherzberg, Saarbrücken**
Maria 2.0: A chance for the Church's Transformation?
- 11.15-11.50 **Dr. Aurica Jax, Düsseldorf**
"This is my body!" Analyzing and Fighting Violence Against Women in Church Contexts
- 12.00-13.00 **Lunch Break**
- 13.00-13.35 **Judit Gyarfás, Budapest (Hungary)**
Queering the Way Out of Hungarian T-Theologies
- 13.35-14.10 **Dr. Kerstin Söderblom, Mainz**
Christian and Queer. A Leadership Training Project for Activists in Central & Eastern Europe
- 14.10-15.00 **General Discussion**