



A Humboldt Foundation International Workshop  
Comparative Studies in Imperial History  
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## Empires and Religions

Freie Universität Berlin, March 1-3, 2018  
(Venue: Otto-von-Simson-Straße 7, 14195 Berlin)



### PROGRAM

#### Thursday, March 1, 2018 >

13:30-14:00: **Eva Cancik-Kirschbaum** (Freie Universität Berlin) and **Jörg Rüpke** (Erfurt University), *Opening session*

14:00-15:00: **Eva Cancik-Kirschbaum** (Freie Universität Berlin), *"Imperial Claims and the Role of Henotheism in Ancient Mesopotamian Societies"*

15:00-16:00: **Alberto Cantera** (Freie Universität Berlin), *"Avestan Texts, Solar Calendar and Eternal Fire: A Religious 'Reformation' in Achaemenid Iran?"*

16:00-16:30: *Coffee break*

16:30-17:30: **Patrick Olivelle** (The University of Texas at Austin), *"Imperial Ideology and Religious Pluralism in Aśoka"*

17:30-18:30: **Yuri Pines** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), *"Secular Theocracy? State and Religion in Early China Revisited"*

#### Friday, March 2, 2018 >

09:00-10:00: **Corinne Bonnet** (Université de Toulouse Jean Jaurès - Toulouse II), *"On Imperial Intermediaries: New Elites and the Promotion of the Royal Cult in the Ptolemaic Empire"*

10:00-11:00: **Jörg Rüpke** (Erfurt University), *"Religion In, For, and Against the Roman Empire"*

11:00-11:30: *Coffee break*

11:30-12:30: **Matthew Canepa** (University of Minnesota), *"The Art and Ritual of Imperial Temporality in Persia and the Ancient Iranian World"*

13:00-14:30: *Lunch*

14:30-15:30: **Johannes Preiser-Kapeller** (Austrian Academy of Sciences), *"A Christian Roman Empire? Byzantium between Imperial Monotheism and Religious Multiplicity"*

15:30-16:30: **Chase F. Robinson** (City University of New York), *"Religion, Community and Loyalty on the 20th of March, 865 CE"*

16:30-17:00: *Coffee break*

17:00-18:00: **James A. Benn** (McMaster University), *"Action Buddhism' in the Medieval Chinese Empire"*

18:00-19:00: **Len Scales** (Durham University), *"Eschatology and the Medieval Western Empire"*

#### Saturday, March 3, 2018 >

09:00-10:00: **Michal Biran** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), *"Religions in the Mongol Empire Revisited: Exchanges, Conversions, Consequences"*

10:00-11:00: **André Wink** (University of Wisconsin-Madison), *"Religion and Politics in the Mughal Empire of India"*

11:00-11:30: *Coffee break*

11:30-12:30: **Baki Tezcan** (UC Davis), *"A Populist Reformation: The Early Modern Transformation of Islam in the Ottoman Empire"*

12:45-13:30: *Final discussion*

*Lunch*

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