

- 15.15–16.00** | **Ronie Parciack**
Discourses of Sacred Islamic
Geographies in Urban India
- 16.00–17.00** | **Coffee Break Followed by Guided
Tour to the Augustinerkloster**
- 17.00–18.30** | **Media and Money: Religious
Minorities in Different Urban
Rankings (Panel 6)**
Chair: Martin Christ
- 17.00–17.45** | **Miri Rubin**
Sisters, No Longer: Ecclesia and
Synagoga in Urban Space
- 17.45–18.30** | **Jesse Spohnholz**
Fractured Lives: The Challenges of
Sixteenth-Century Netherlandish
Exiles in German Urban
Communities
- 19.00** | **Dinner**

Friday, 13th of December

- 09.00–10.30** | **Emplaced Heterarchies: The Urban
Location of Religious Authorities
(Panel 7)**
Chair: Asuman Lätzer-Lasar
- 09.00–09.45** | **Jörg Rüpke**
Urban Places of Religious Authority
- 09.45–10.30** | **Katalin Szende**
From Model to Rival? Competition
or Complementarity in the Spatial
Setup of Bishops' Seats in East-
Central Europe
- 10.30–11.00** | **Coffee Break**
- 11.00–12.30** | **Centrality Revised: Centre and
Periphery Through the Lens of
Heterarchy (Panel 8)**
Chair: Sara Keller
- 11.00–11.45** | **Shana Zaia**
In the Shadow of Nineveh: Assessing
the Hierarchies and Heterarchies of
Temples and Cult Cities in the
Neo-Assyrian Empire

- 11.45–12.30** | **Anne Murphy**
Articulations of Heterarchical Power
Relations at the Intersections of the
Urban, Semi-Urban and Rural in Hir,
the 18th Century Punjabi-Language
Text by Waris Shah
- 12.30–13.15** | **Final Discussion**
- 13.30** | **Lunch**

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The conference is part of the DFG-funded Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies "Religion and Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations" (FOR 2779). The group is based at the Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies of the University of Erfurt, Germany. This group analyses the mutual formation of urbanity and religion from antiquity to the present. It focuses on specific case studies, like Mediterranean cities of the ancient world, early modern political and religious centres or modern Indian or European towns, but it also introduces more wide-ranging, theoretical investigations.

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According to archaeologist Carole L. Crumley, heterarchies are systems in which the component elements have ‘the potential of being unranked (relative to other elements)’ and/or the potential of being ‘ranked in a number of ways, depending on systemic requirements’. In contrast, explains archaeologist Alison E. Rautman, the concept of a ‘hierarchy’ ‘involves three assumptions regarding the organization of the constituent elements of a system: that a lineal ranking of constituent elements is in fact present; that this ranking is permanent (that is, the system of ranking has temporal stability); and the ranking of elements according to different criteria will result in the same overall ranking (that is, the relationships of elements is pervasive and integral to the system, and not situational)’. For the issue of the reciprocal formation of religion and urbanity, ‘heterarchies’ open up diverse directions of analysis within cities as well as with regard to inter-urban networks. In both fields, the conference papers will deal with institutional arrangements as much as media of representation, narratives of legitimation, practices of comparison, strategies of mutual recognition or critique and interference up to the point of violence. As a result, we will try to develop more complex models of constellations and paths of development that will help us to better understand and explain religious change and changes of urbanity.

The conference will bring together leading experts focusing on empirical and theoretical questions and representing multiple disciplines, such as religious studies, Asian studies, history, classics, archaeology, geography, and sociology, in order to bring the heuristically promising concept of heterarchy to bear on the study of the cross-cultural and -temporal entanglements of religion and urbanity.

PROGRAMME

Wednesday, 11th of December

- 15.00–15.15** | **Welcome and Introduction to the Conference by Emiliano R. Urciuoli, Susanne Rau and Jörg Rüpke**
- 15.15–16.45** | **Birthing Heterarchies: Archaic Cities, Archaizing Religions (Panel 1)**
Chair: Elisa Iori
- 15.15–16.00** | **Francesca Fulminante**
Exploring Hierarchies and Heterarchies at the Birth of First Cities and State Organizations in Pre- and Proto-Historic Central Italy
- 16.00–16.45** | **Asuman Lätzer-Lasar**
Emergent Religious Authority: The Archaistic Look of the Mater Magna Priests
- 16.45–17.15** | **Coffee Break**
- 17.15–18.45** | **‘Religiocities’ and ‘Urban Theopias’: When Planning Faces Heterarchy (Panel 2)**
Chair: Martin Fuchs
- 17.15–18.00** | **Nimrod Luz**
Religious Gentrification and Heterarchies of Urban Planning: Reflections on the Religious Neighbourhood in Acre
- 18.00–18.45** | **Sanjay Srivastava**
Urban Theo-Topias: Religious Claims to Space and the Language of Administrative Rationality in the New City of Gurgaon, India
- 19.15** | **Dinner**

Thursday, 12nd of December

- 09.00–10.30** | **Claiming the Street, Staging the Order: Heterarchical Views of Processions (Panel 3)**
Chair: Susanne Rau
- 09.00–09.45** | **Simone Wagner**
Forced Hierarchies: Spatial Formations, Processions, and Heterarchies of Monasteries in the City of Constance
- 09.45–10.30** | **Bärbel Beinbauer-Köhler**
The Patriarch’s Visit to the Vizier: A Coptic Chronicle Mediating Different ‘Publics’ in Fatimid Cairo
- 10.30–11.00** | **Coffee Break**
- 11.00–13.15** | **One City, Many Powers: Cases of Intra-Urban Heterarchies (Panel 4)**
Chair: Jörg Rüpke
- 11.00–11.45** | **Elizabeth DePalma Digeser**
Heterarchy in Late Ancient Autun: A Case Study
- 11.45–12.30** | **Rubina Raja**
Investigating Early Church Buildings in Gerasa (5th–8th Centuries) as Reflections of Urban Heterarchies
- 12.30–13.15** | **Susanne Rau**
Canons, Aldermen and Confreres: Changing Power Constellations in the City of Lyon (Late Middle Ages, Early Modern Times)
- 13.20–14.30** | **Lunch**
- 14.30–16.00** | **Untenable Hierarchies: Sacred Orders and Reality Checks (Panel 5)**
Chair: Simone Wagner
- 14.30–15.15** | **Emiliano Rubens Urciuoli**
When Intellectualism Confronts Heterarchy: The Case of Cyprian of Carthage