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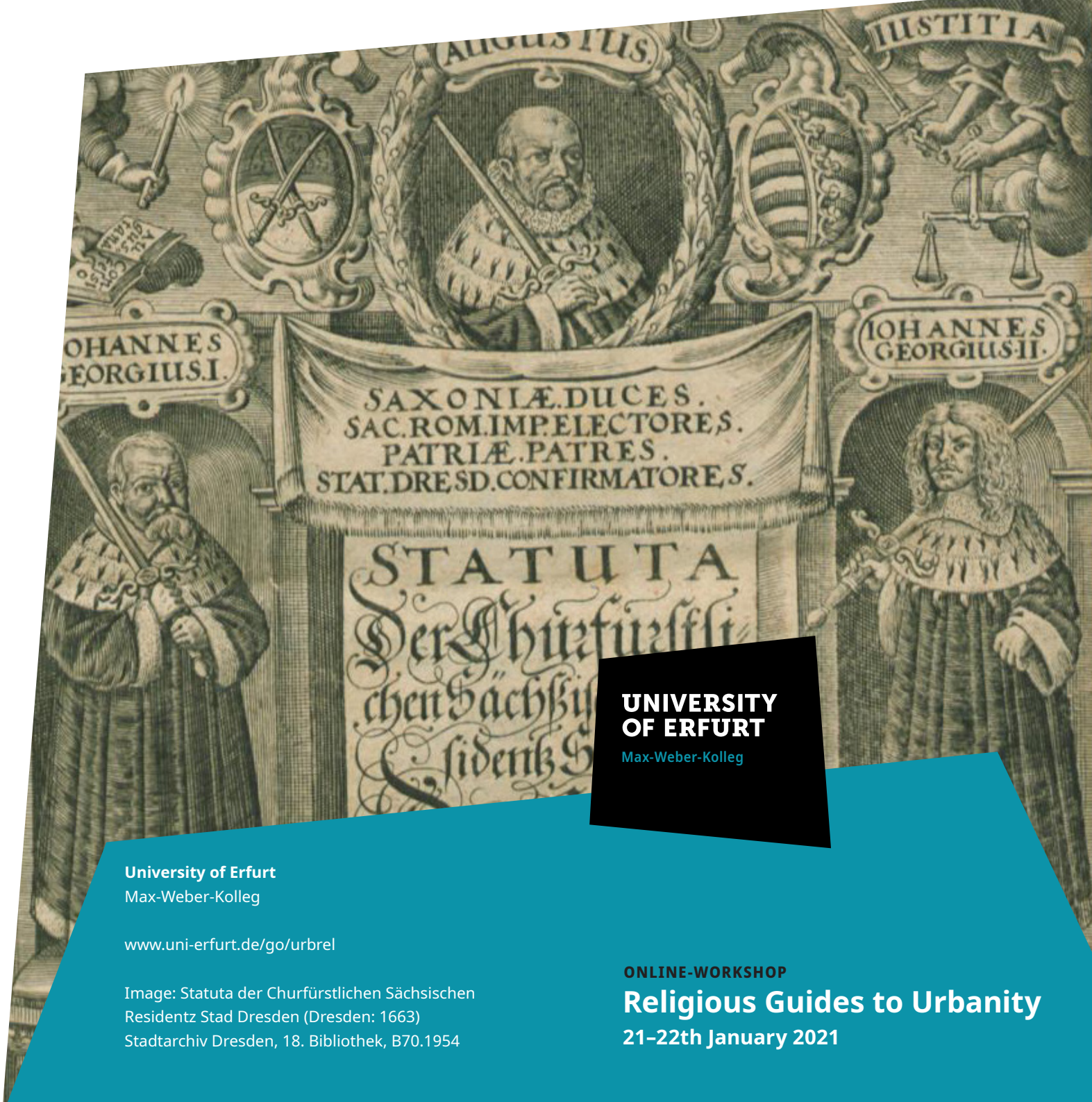
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The conference is part of the DFG-funded Humanities Centre for Advanced Studies "Religion and Urbanity: Reciprocal Formations" (FOR 2779). The group is based at the Max Weber Centre for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies of the University of Erfurt, Germany. This group analyses the mutual formation of urbanity and religion from antiquity to the present. It focuses on specific case studies, like Mediterranean or Indian 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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ONLINE-WORKSHOP

Religious Guides to Urbanity

21–22th January 2021

RELIGIOUS GUIDES TO URBANITY

This workshop focuses on the regulation of urban life through orders, ordinances, instructions and other forms of written authoritative communication that are spurred by religious motivations, betray religious concerns, or target religious behaviors and misbehaviors. It takes a broad chronological and cross-cultural view in order to compare urban productions as diverse as anti-idolatrous regulations authored by late antique Christian and Jewish religious specialists, institutions like the Muslim *hisba*, council orders of early modern European towns (Polizeiverordnungen), and several other textualized strategies to promote and/or impose a “safe urban life”. As suggested by the notion of urban religion, which considers the spatially informed dialectic of co-production of urban life and religious communication, the focus of the workshop is twofold: on the one hand, it addresses the regulation of religious life and the ways in which religious texts aim to shape the urban conditions of living, and on the other hand it looks at how urban spaces, actors, and ideals of urbanity generate more or less binding projects of religious normativity. The workshop takes a source-based approach and seeks to take a close look at individual sources and their interpretation to enable meaningful comparisons across cultures past and present as well as a range of regions.

THURSDAY, 21 JANUARY 2021

9:00 – 9:15 | Introduction

Martin Christ, Emiliano Rubens Urciuoli

PANEL I

Chair: Asuman Lätzer-Lasar

9:15 – 10:00 | “An Urban Guide to the Non-Urban (Tibull, Carmina, Book 2)”

Jörg Rüpke

10:00– 10:45 | “Urbane Distances: Christians’ Guidelines to Lie, Secrecy, and Discretion”

Emiliano Rubens Urciuoli

10:45 – 11:30 | Break

PANEL II

Chair: Emiliano Rubens Urciuoli

11:30 – 12:15 | “The Integration of Jews and Christians into Third Century Carthage’s Idolatrous Urbanity”

Stephanie Binder

12:15 – 13:00 | “Controlling Misbehaviour in an Urban Context: Imperial Interventions during the Council of Ephesus 431 CE”

Jessica van t’Westeinde

13:00 – 14:30 | Lunch Break

PANEL III

Chair: Susanne Rau

14:30 – 15:15 | “Guides to the Rabbinic Market Place”

Reuven Kiperwasser

15:15 – 16:00 | “Strangers in the City: Religious Diversity and Sociability in Early Modern Port Cities”

Cristiana Facchini

16:00 – 16:30 | Break

PANEL IV

Chair: Elisa Iori

16:30 – 17:15 | “Why did the Muslims establish Ramla?”

Michael Ehrlich

17:15 – 18:00 | “Vāstu śāstra-s as cosmological Guides to an Indian Urbanity (5th–15th Century and Beyond)”

Sara Keller

18:00 | Socialising via online Tool

FRIDAY 22 JANUARY 2021

PANEL V

Chair: Simone Wagner

9:00 – 9:45 | “‘Ecco la città tua come a te viene’: Virgin Mary’s Role in the Fifteenth-Century Bolognese ‘Laude’ for the Gallows”

Gioia Filocamo

9:45 – 10:30 | “Between Divine Intervention and Urban Authority: The Gute Policey in Early Modern German Towns”

Martin Christ

10:30 – 11:00 | Break

PANEL VI

Chair: Martin Fuchs

11:00 – 11:45 | “Hisba Handbooks in Ottoman Tunis: Religious Guides to Urbanity?”

Nora Lafi

11:45 – 12:30 | “Being a tablighi in a Contemporary Mumbai Slum – Islamic Reformism in the Context of Urbanity”

Qudsiya Contractor

12:30 – 14:00 | Lunch Break

PANEL VII

Chair: Martin Christ

14:00 – 14:45 | “Sunday Laws and Shabbat Observance in Urban America”

Judith Thissen

14:45 – 15:30 | “The Pope’s Homily on the Ethics of Urbanity. Jesuanic Socio-spatial Practices as a Model for Crossing Social Space and Exposing Oneself to the other”

Veronika Eufinger

15:30-16:00 | Closing Discussion