



Invitation

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21 May 2019

**Migrants, "Ossis" and Religion:
Religious Changes in Germany since the beginning of the 21st century**

10.15-10.30 Prof. Dr. Wilhelm Richebächer / Prof. Dr. Andreas Kunz-Lübcke	Welcoming address
10.30-12.00 Prof. Dr. Alexander Kenneth Nagel (Universität Göttingen)	"Migration and Religious Pluralization: Challenges of Interreligious and Intercultural Opening"
12.00-13.00	Lunch
13.00-14.30 Rev. Ulrich Storck (Missionsseminar Hermannsburg) Francis Abdelmassie (MA FIT-Göttingen) / Evet Bebawy (BA FIT)	Workshops "Case Studies on the Situation of Religion in Different Parts of Germany"
14.30-15.00	Coffee Break
15.00-16.30 Prof. Dr. Daniel Cyranka (Martin-Luther-Universität Halle Wittenberg)	"Typically East German? Representations of 'Religion' and 'Non-religion'"
16.30 Prof. Dr. Andreas Kunz- Lübcke / Prof. Dr. Gabi Beckmann	Closing address



The religious landscape of Germany is currently undergoing dramatic changes with the two mainline churches facing a continual reduction of church membership numbers. The reduced role played by religion (and the church) in Germany today and the immigration of religious individuals to Germany has initiated a debate on the immigrants' effect on the country's religious state. In the Eastern part of Germany, formerly known as the German Democratic Republic, the term "mainline church" is becoming more out of place than ever before. The recent massive immigration of people to Germany has resulted in the growth of religious diversity, with people of Christian and Muslim backgrounds in particular settling in the country.

The first "**Dies Academicus**" at the FIT Hermannsburg provides a platform for discussions on contemporary religious developments, specifically in Germany, and will take place on the 21st May 2019. Experts from different areas of religious life and academia have been invited to this event to shed light on their extensive research in this field. To ensure a broad spectrum of input and to make this event a rewarding experience for all, the FIT Hermannsburg requests your participation.

For planning purposes, we would be grateful if you could email us your **registration by the 9th May 2019** to the following address:

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Lunch

Could you also please let us know by the **9th May 2019** whether you would like to order lunch (price €4.95) or not.

I look forward to welcoming you, on behalf of the FIT Hermannsburg, on the 21st May.

(Prof. Dr. Andreas Kunz-Lübcke)