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The research project

„Body of Christ: Gender-Sensitive Reconstruction of a Theological Metaphor“

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VENUE

Maternushaus

Conference Center of the Archdiocese of Cologne

Room „Adelheid“ (ground level)

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Envisioning the Cosmic Body of Christ: Materiality - Incarnation - Ecology



Expert Conference

October 12 - October 13, 2018

The main focus of the conference consists in a critical evaluation of the prospects and boundaries of an updated metaphor of the Body of Christ, especially in its cosmic dimension.

On the one hand, different stages of development of cosmologically enriched christologies shall be reconstructed. On the other hand, innovative contemporary concepts of cosmic christologies shall be investigated, since they are quite neglected in the German-speaking context.

These metaphors of cosmic spaces of salvation exhibit eco-theological and gender-theological reflexivity, and they offer links to the philosophical concept of 'New Materialism' which will be considered as well.

Image:
Hildegard of Bingen, Trinity
[Die wahre Dreiheit in der wahren Einheit]

Friday, October 12th 2018

9 – 10.30am

Introducing the

Conference Theme

Embodied Conscious Life. The Idea of an Incarnated God and the Precarious Metaphor of the Cosmic Body of Christ
Saskia Wendel, Cologne

"And Wisdom Became Matter..." Gender-Sensitive Explorations of the Cosmic Body of Christ
Aurica Nutt, Cologne

10.30 - 11am Coffee and Tea

11am – 12.30pm

Ancient Roots

The Son as the Paradigm and Soul of the World: The Cosmic Christ in Origen
Christian Hengstermann, Münster

Christ and the Cosmos in Nicholas of Cusa's Universe
Inigo Bocken, Nijmegen

12.30 - 2.30pm Lunch

2.30 – 4pm

The Cosmic Christ

Teilhard de Chardin, Apostle of the Cosmic Christ
Ursula King, Bristol

Promiscuous Incarnation and the Cosmic Body of Christ
Laurel Schneider, Nashville (TN)

4 - 4.30pm Coffee and Tea

4.30 – 6pm

Bodies

Incarnational Presence: Sacramentality of Everyday Life and the Body
Maaïke de Haardt, Nijmegen

Poetics of the Flesh: The Materialities of Incarnation
Mayra Rivera, Cambridge (MA)

7pm Dinner

Saturday, October 13th 2018

9 – 10.30am

Deep Incarnation

Deep Incarnation, the Cosmic Christ, and Contemporary Understandings of the Material World
Niels Gregersen, Copenhagen

Deep Incarnation in a Balthasarian and Wisdom Paradigm
Celia Deane-Drummond, South Bend (IN)

10.30 - 11am Coffee and Tea

11am – 12.30pm

Intercarnations

"These are my bodies...": Cosmic Christology between Monotheism and Polytheism
Matthew Eaton, New York

Members of Each Other: Intercarnation, Gender and Political Theology
Catherine Keller, Madison (NJ)