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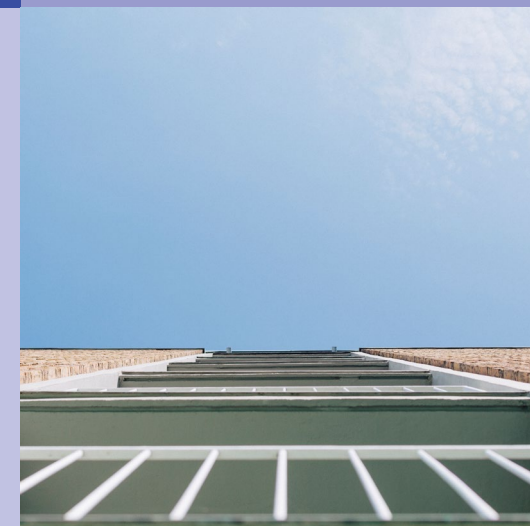
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CURRENT DEBATES ON DIVINE ACTION

International and interreligious
conference

27. - 28. Oktober 2017

Friday - Saturday



Invitation

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Muslims and Christians both believe in a personal God who cares for humans and is present in the lives of religious believers. They address him in their petitionary prayers and give thanks to him for his mercy. But is it still possible to give thanks to God for our lives if so many others around us seem to suffer without just cause? How can we rely on the power of intercession and divine involvement, if so many other urgent pleas to God appear to go unanswered? Can we still give thanks to God for signs of mercy and faithfulness in our own lives, if innumerable people have waited for these same signs in vain? May I still give praise to God's providence and power in history, if this power has done nothing at times to stop the murder of innocent children, or if belief in providence has, because of its ideological abuse, been widely discredited? Questions like this challenge the traditional metaphysics of divine action in both religious traditions. In modernity a typical response to these questions highlights the significance of free will for theological reflections. Hence, in the English speaking world as in the German speaking context, different philosophical understandings of free will have become influential in shaping theological investigations on divine action. Today these different modes of free will theism are challenged by postliberal and postmodern concerns which also have to be taken seriously in developing a theological concept of divine action. In our conference, we would like to present these traditions and to create an atmosphere of creative debate between different accounts from both academic and religious traditions.

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Prof. Dr. Klaus von Stosch, Institute for Catholic Theology, University of Paderborn

Maria Kröger, Academy Franz Hitze Haus, Münster

Friday, 27 October 2017

10 am

Greetings and introduction to the conference

Klaus von Stosch (Paderborn)

I. Discussions on Divine Action in the tradition of continental philosophy

A Muslim free will account to Divine Action

Mouhanad Khorchide (Münster)

Response: *Dorothea Sattler (Münster)*

A Christian free will account to Divine Action

Aaron Langenfeld (Paderborn)

Response: *Vahid Mahdavi Mehr*

(Mashhad/Paderborn)

12:30 am

Lunch

2 pm

God's presence and Divine Action

Frederek Musall (Heidelberg)

Response: *Johannes Grössl (Siegen)*

II. Divine Action in the tension of liberal and postliberal concepts

Christine Büchner (Hamburg)

Response: *Zaida Mirsadri (Teheran)*

Break (Coffee and Tea)

4 pm

4.30 pm

Between Divine Action and Human Responsibility. Who said we understood Divine Will in the first place?

Ebrahim Moosa (Notre Dame)

Response: *Bernhard Nitsche (Münster)*

Feminist perspectives on Divine Action

Juliane Hammer (Chapel Hill)

Response: *Cordula Heupts (Paderborn)*

6.30 pm

Dinner

7.30 pm

Do we need a metaphysics of Divine Action?

Muhamad Legenhausen (Qom)

Thomas Schärfl-Trendel (Regensburg)

Klaus von Stosch (Paderborn)

9 pm

End of the daily programme

Saturday, 28 October 2017

9 am

III. Divine Action Debate in the context of open theism and panentheism

Theological arguments for an open account of Divine Action

John E. Sanders (Hendrix College)

Response: *Ufuk Topkara (Paderborn)*

A Muslim Panentheistic approach to Divine Action

Muna Tatari (Paderborn)

Response: *Manuel Schmid (Basel)*

Philosophical arguments for an openist account to Divine Action

Gregory Boyd (St. Paul)

Response: *Darius Asghar-Zadeh (Münster)*

Lunch

12.30 pm

2 pm

Divine Action and postmodernism

Karlheinz Ruhstorfer (Dresden)

Response: *Nasrin Bani Assadi (Mashhad)*

Summary and discussion

Mouhanad Khorchide (Münster)

3.30 pm

End of the conference