



Annual Conference 2015

Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Haus, Berlin, 16 - 19 April 2015

Ziegelstr.30, 10117 Berlin

"Convivencia - How We Learn To Live Together"

How to live together in peace inspite of and with all our differences? How to overcome the age old fear of the other ? History shows us that religions have done both, propelled that fear but also offered ways to overcome it by sharing life in community, by strengthening what is helpful, and transforming what is harmful in relationships.

Convivencia originally was a concept of peaceful living together of Christians, Jews and Muslims in Al Andalus, medieval Spain under Muslim rule. While contested by some scholars, it is a fascinating vision of cooperation on concrete issues, while at the same time respecting religious diversity and existing differences.

Modern visions of *convivencia* stress the cooperative and communitarian dimension, especially in Latin America.

The German theologian Theo Sundermeier spoke of the three "pillars" of *Convivencia*: *All help each other, all learn from each other, all celebrate together*. We want to develop the concept around the pillar of education and learning.

Inhowfar is interreligious sensitivity and knowledge trained in programmes of religious education in schools, or in religious communities; in education in ethics; in adult education. How should it be trained? How could it reach secular people, who want to live ethically responsible?

We shall reflect on these issues and analyse good practice examples.

By exploring *convivencia* from the perspective of Jewish, Christian and Muslim women, IKETH hopes to contribute to a practical theology of religions.

Convivencia - wie wir miteinander leben lernen

Wie leben wir miteinander in Frieden - trotz und mit unseren Verschiedenheiten? Wie überwinden wir die alte Angst vor den "anderen"? Die Geschichte zeigt uns, dass Religionen diese Angst geschürt, dass sie aber auch Möglichkeiten eröffnet haben, die Angst zu überwinden: Dazu gehört das Leben in der Gemeinschaft, die Stärkung all dessen was im Miteinander hilfreich ist und die Transformation schädlicher Beziehungen.

Convivencia bezeichnete ursprünglich ein Konzept weitgehend friedlicher Ko-Existenz zwischen christlichen, jüdischen und muslimischen Menschen in Al-Andalus (jenem Teil des mittelalterlichen Spanien, der sich unter muslimischer Herrschaft befand). Obwohl dieses Konzept historisch umstritten ist, bleibt es eine faszinierende Vision, verband es doch Kooperation bei konkreten Vorhaben mit Respekt für die existierenden Differenzen zwischen den Religionsgemeinschaften.

Moderne Konzepte der convivencia betonen die kooperative und kommunitaristische Dimension, besonders in Lateinamerika.

Der deutsche Theologe und Religionswissenschaftler Theo Sundermeier hat von drei Säulen der Convivencia gesprochen: Alle helfen einander, alle lernen von einander, alle feiern miteinander. Wir möchten das Konzept an der Säule Bildung und Lernen entwickeln.

Wir werden uns mit einigen kritischen Fragen im interreligiösen Lernen auseinander setzen: Wie weit ist interreligiöse Sensibilität ein Lernziel im Religionsunterricht in der Schule, in religiösen Gemeinschaften, in der Erwachsenenbildung und im Ethikunterricht ist. Wie sollte sie erlernt werden? Wie könnten säkular orientierte Menschen erreicht werden, die ethisch verantwortungsvoll leben wollen? Dazu werden Beispiele guter Praxis vorgestellt.

Indem wir convivencia aus der (Alltags)-Perspektive jüdischer, christlicher und muslimischer Frauen betrachten, hoffen wir zu einer praktischen interreligiösen Theologie/Theologie der Religionen beizutragen.

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Programme

Thursday, April 16, 2015

- 15.00 pre-meeting of the board, arrivals
16.00 - 18.00 Annual General Meeting of IKETH
followed by dinner
19.30 - 21.00 **Welcome and introduction** to the theme, getting to know each other

Friday, April 17, 2015

- 9.00 Morning meditation, Susanne Wolf
9:15 – 10.30 **(Interreligious) Learning: How to learn together and what to learn together?**
Inputs by:
Prof. Zrinka Stimac, BiH and Germany, (rel. education in schools,
Amira Hafner-Al Jabaji, Switzerland, (interreligious learning in
adult education)
Cantor Jalda Rebling, Berlin, Jewish, (creative approaches to
learning)
11.00 – 12.00 visiting the lecturers for deepening conversations in groups
12.00 – 12.15 Plenary: What we have heard
12.30 lunch
14.30 **Visits:** to Muslim community at Sehitlik Mosque
with Naida Huskanovic.
and to
Jewish community Oranienburger Str. (Rabbi Gesa Ederberg),
service, and encounter.

Dinner at the hotel

Evening free

Saturday, April 18 2015

- 9.00 - 9.15 morning meditation by Bosnian group
9.15 – 10.15 **Workshops and sharing of good practice examples:**
1. *"Towards a pedagogy of diversity" - concepts of learning in adult education in the EPIL project with Reinhild Traitler, Switzerland*
2. *"Challenges for religious education in secular societies", with Naida Huskanovic, Bosnia & Herzegovina*
10.45 – 11.45 Presentation and conversation with the women from BiH, Serbia, Slovakia and Moldavia: Interreligious learning for good living together in their contexts
11.50 – 12.20 Reflexions on "Diapaxis" by Brigitte Enzner - Probst
12.30 lunch
14.30 **Learning as memory:**
Exploring some important religious memorials in Berlin (in small groups), e.g.:
The Holocaust memorial
The Plötzensee memorial with the Totentanz tablets by Alfred Hrdlicka

Dinner at the hotel

20.00 – 21.00 Meeting in Plenary: Looking back, impressions, learnings

Sunday, 19. April 2015 Getting to know the “House of One”

9.30 walk to Marienkirche along historical places -
Brief input about Marienkirche before the service (especially on its
role during the time of the Wende).
-the service is from 10.30 - 11.30
approx. 12.00 - -after the service gathering in the chapel of Marienkirche: an
13.00 interreligious team with Ulla Albrecht from the *House of One* will
introduce the project. Drinks served.
Walk back through “Unter den Linden”
13:30 Lunch and departures

Lecturers:

Amira Hafner-Al Jabaji is a scholar of Islamic Studies, on the Team of the Swiss Television - religious programme, and president of the Swiss Interreligious ThinkTank

Cantor Jalda Rebling is spiritual leader of the Ohel-HaChidush congregation in Berlin

Dr. Zrinka Stimac is scholar of Religious Studies and works as researcher at the Georg Eckert institute for international textbook research in Braunschweig

Dr. Brigitte Enzner-Probst is a theologian specialised on questions of liturgy. She is lecturer at various universities (most lately Bern/Switzerland), and widely published. She is a member of IKETH.

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