

HOLY SCRIPTURE IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

ECCLESIAL DIMENSIONS OF BIBLICAL HERMENEUTICS

17-18TH MAY 2021

International Conference
Bochum, Germany
Online

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RESEARCH QUESTION

According to Dei Verbum, exegetes have a twofold task. They must try to determine the meaning of the biblical texts in their historical context. But they must also read Scripture "in the spirit in which it was written," attending, therefore, to the "unity of all Scripture," the "analogy of faith" and the "living tradition of the whole Church." Relating these two tasks remains an open problem, one that touches on fundamental aspects of hermeneutics and ecclesiology: church, truth, inspiration, communication, meaning, reception. Such a multifaceted question calls for a multifaceted dialogue between theologians from different countries, religious backgrounds, academic disciplines.

GOAL OF THE CONFERENCE

Focusing on the New Testament, the conference fills the void by examining the ecclesial dimensions of biblical hermeneutics. On the one hand, it will examine how the texts themselves point to the believing community as their proper interpretive context. On the other hand, it will analyze what it means to see the church as a community that comes to faith through reading the scriptures. These questions have a major impact on both ecumenical and interreligious dialogue. They call for a comparison between ecclesial and political use of the Bible.

KEY QUESTIONS

- How do Catholics understand the role of the community in the interpretation of Scripture, in comparison with Protestants and in relation to both Jews and Muslims?
- What does the emergence of the canon imply about the Church as a reading community of faith?
- What is the role of the community in the process of inspiration? In discerning the truth of Scripture?
- What is the place of the Old Testament in the church's life?
- How do Americans and Germans understand the role of the Bible in the Public Square?

SPEAKERS

GARY ANDERSON, NOTRE DAME, IN
MARKUS BOCKMUEHL, OXFORD, UK
MICHA BRUMLIK, FRANKFURT/BERLIN
REINHARD FELDMEIER, GÖTTINGEN
ANTHONY GIAMBRONE OP, JERUSALEM
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DAY 1: MONDAY, MAY 17TH 2021

SESSION 1: OPENING

Chair: Aaron Pidel SJ and Thomas Söding

9-10.30 **Welcome**

CEST Introduction and Program
Experiences and Expectations

SESSION 2: THE EMERGENCE OF THE CANON IN THE CHURCH

Chair: Aleksandra Brand

11-12.30 **Presentation A**

The Gospel of Jesus *secundum scripturas*.

New Testament processes

Keynotes: *Karl-Wilhelm Niebuhr, Jena*

Anthony Giambrone OP, Jerusalem

Presentation B

Church as reading community.

Systematic debates

Speaker: Dorothea Sattler, Münster

SESSION 3: THE OLD TESTAMENT IN ECCLESIAL RECEPTION

Chair: Philippe Van den Heede

15-16.30 **Presentation A**

The Book for the People.

Christian Hermeneutics of the Old Testament

Speaker: Katharina Pyschny, Berlin

Presentation B

Word of the living God.

The Old Testament in Christian Liturgy

Speaker: Gary Anderson, Notre Dame, IN

SESSION 4: SCRIPTURES AND COMMUNITIES.

INTERRELIGIOUS ASPECTS OF HERMENEUTICAL DEBATES

Chair: Aaron Pidel SJ and Thomas Söding

17-18.30 **Presentation A**

Micha Brumlik, Frankfurt/Berlin

Presentation B

Mouhanad Khorchide, Münster

Presentation C

Jeff Morrow, Seton Hall, NJ

EVENING TALK: THE BIBLE IN THE PUBLIC SQUARE:

AMERICAN AND GERMAN PERSPECTIVES

Moderation: Aaron Pidel SJ and Thomas Söding

20-21.30 Discussants:

Tine Stein (Göttingen)

Robin Lovin (Chicago)

DAY 2: TUESDAY, MAY 18TH 2021

SESSION 5: INSPIRATION AS A COMMUNICATIVE PROCESS

Chair: Miriam Pawlak

9.-10.30 **Presentation A**

Inspired Witnesses.

Early Christian experiences and reflections

Speaker: Reinhard Feldmeier, Göttingen

Presentation B

Scripture, Dissent and Ecclesial Discernment

in the Second Century

Speaker: Markus Bockmuehl, Oxford, UK

SESSION 6: THE TRUTH OF THE SCRIPTURE IN THE EYES OF FAITH

Chair: Aaron Pidel SJ

11-12.30 **Presentation A**

Beyond Neo-Scholasticism.

Catholic hermeneutics of reform

Speaker: Ursula Schumacher, Karlsruhe

Johanna Rahner, Tübingen

Presentation B

The Truth of the Scripture in the

Gospel of John

Speaker: Philippe Van den Heede, Jerusalem

SESSION 7: THE TEACHING OF THE CHURCH ACCORDING TO THE SCRIPTURES

Chair: Thomas Söding

15-16.30 **Presentation A**

The Responsibility of the Magisterium.

Orientation by Dei Verbum

Speaker: Susan Wood, Toronto

Presentation B

The Truth of Freedom.

Orientation by Paul

Speaker: Robert Vorholt, Luzern

SESSION 8: SUMMARY AND PERSPECTIVES

Chair: Aaron Pidel SJ / Thomas Söding

17-18.30 **Closing**

Lines of discussion. Framing of problems

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