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Online meet-up Mittelbau SGR-SSSR

Comparison & the Study of Religion

22 March 2021, 15:00 – 17:30 CET on Zoom.

In absence of “in-person” academic meetings, we invite all early career scholars in the study of religion in Switzerland for a series of online meetups. We believe that it is important to stay in touch and even expand our network during this strange period. How can we collaborate beyond the boundaries of our institutions? What is the impact of online meetings and conferences on your international network?

The aim of this first 2021 *Mittelbau* meetup is to broaden our scope beyond the particularities of our own research, by meeting colleagues from other universities and thinking about the role of comparison in the study of religion. We will start with an introduction into the topic by prof. Oliver Freiberger, followed by a plenary discussion in which we aim to translate his insights into our own work (as well as in our vision for the discipline as such).

Oliver Freiberger is Professor of Asian Studies and Religious Studies at the University of Texas at Austin, after holding positions at Göttingen and Bayreuth. His most recent book on the comparative method in the study of religion, *Considering Comparison: A Method for Religious Studies*, was published by Oxford University Press in 2019.

Program

15:00 – 15:10	Welcome and introductions	Mattias Brand, Stephanie Majerus
15:10 – 15:40	Presentation on Comparison	Oliver Freiberger
15:40 – 16:00	Discussion in plenum	Moderator: Mattias
16:00 – 16:20	Panel 1 – 4; Online coffee break with networking and informal discussion	In groups of 3-5 individuals, depending on number of participants.
16:20 – 17:00	Exchange of experiences with online conferences & networking, and a discussion about applying for postdocs.	Moderators: Mattias and Stephanie

The conference will be held in English. Some of the panels can be organized in linguistic units (de, fr) if necessary.

Registration

Via e-mail: stephanie.majerus@unifr.ch

After registration, you will receive a link to the Zoom meeting (with password). It may be necessary to install the program if you are working with Linux. Please use your full name and university affiliation in your Zoom name.