

Towards a Theory of the Modern Religious Bookshelf

International
Workshop
24–26 October
2024

Thursday, 24 October 2024

2:30 p.m.

Welcome

Christian Meyer (Freie Universität Berlin,
EXC 2020)

2:45–5:30 p.m.

FIRST PANEL

**Introduction and Theoretical Foundations
of the MRB**

**Introduction to the Modern Religious
Bookshelf Project**

Christian Meyer (Freie Universität Berlin,
EXC 2020) & Anton Terhechte
(Freie Universität Berlin, EXC 2020)

**The Literary Bookshelf and the Religious
Bookshelf: Observations on Secularisation
and Canon Formation in Oxford Circa
1870–1910**

Angus Nicholls (Queen Mary University
of London)

World Religions and World Literature

Sebastian Lecourt (University of Houston)

Friday, 25 October 2024

9:00–11:15 a.m.

SECOND PANEL

**Early Genealogies of the MRB and
Christian Missions**

**Early Jesuit »Bookshelves« in the Global
Catholic Mission**

Katja Triplett (Leipzig University)

**The Missionary Gleaner's Bookshelf:
Evangelical Print and the Formation of
Nineteenth-Century World Literature**

Jade Werner (Wheaton College, MA)

**Making a Protestant Bookshelf: Agents,
Materials and Reading Practices
in Nineteenth-Century South India**

Sulthana Nasrin (Jawaharlal Nehru
University Delhi)

11:45 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

THIRD PANEL

**Forming the Religious Bookshelf as
Infrastructure**

**Friedrich Max Müller's Bookshelf of
Comparative Religious Literature**

Arie Molendijk (University of Groningen)

**»My shelf of Eastern Books«: Asian Reli-
gious Texts and the Victorian Household**

Alexander Bubb (University of Roehampton)

**Ahmet Midhat Efendi's »Tarih-i Edyan«
(History of Religions, 1911): An Ottoman
Turkish Contribution to the Modern
Religious Bookshelf?**

Laurent Mignon (University of Oxford)

**(Beyond?) Islam as the Standard of
Comparison? Religious Studies in Arab
Universities**

Florian Zemmin (Freie Universität Berlin)

4:30–5:30 p.m.

**From Theory to Practice: Religious Book-
shelves at Freie Universität – A Guided
Library Tour**

Cosima Wagner (Freie Universität Berlin) &
Amir Moghadass (Freie Universität Berlin)

Saturday, 26 October 2024

9:00–11:45 a.m.

FOURTH PANEL

**Formations and Practices of the Modern
Religious Bookshelf in the 20th and
21st Century**

**The Bookshelf of the Young Mircea Eliade:
an Early Canon for the History of Religions
in Inter-War Romania**

Ionuț Băncilă (former fellow Einstein Center
Chronoi)

**The »Bibliotheca Mundi« Series and
its Agents, or the Construction of a Trans-
cultural Canon in the Polish People's
Republic**

Karina Jarzyńska (Jagiellonian University
in Kraków)

**The Chinese Bookshelf of Islam: A World
Religion's Place in Modern China's Literary
Landscape**

Anton Terhechte (Freie Universität Berlin,
EXC 2020)

11:45 a.m.–12:30 p.m.

Concluding Discussion

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