

On behalf of the ESWTR Germany Section  
we are glad to invite all ESWTR members and anyone interested to the

## **15<sup>th</sup> International Conference**

### **New Horizons – Resistance and Visions**



**28 August – 1 September 2013, Dresden, Germany**

The Conference will be held at  
*Haus der Kirche* in Dresden-Neustadt,  
Hauptstraße 23, 01097 Dresden

<http://www.hdk-dkk.de>

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## Introduction

The ESWTR's international conference takes place in the historical city of Dresden, Germany, from 28 August to 1 September 2013. With its topic "New Horizons of Resistance and Visions", the German organizing team would like to connect with the conference in Salamanca 2011, which in the face of deep societal concern and social challenges vividly searched for new feminist, gender sensitive and queer liberation theologies. In our world coined by globalisation and neoliberalism a commodification of the whole life has emerged. In consequence poverty, (hetero-)sexism, homophobia, racism, fundamentalism and nationalism (including rightwing extremism) are producing violent exclusions instead of inclusive ideas of community. What are the answers theological perspectives of different religions can offer to sustainably decrease economic and epistemic violence?

With the chosen context of East Germany, the political and theological power of Eastern European dissidence, which led to the peaceful revolutions of 1989, shall bear fruit in the current search of living together in solidarity in the "one world". Numerous resisting political, religious and arts mobilisations imagined an open and radically democratic society not only beyond real existing socialism but also beyond capitalism. They had their roots in women's, peace- and environmental movements and not least the ecumenical process.

Experiences of resistance and vision shall be brought into conversation with current counter discourses from the globalisation critical and the recent "occupy wallstreet" context. To deepen emancipatory theological perspectives it shall be discussed how existing violence deconstructing intersectional, feminist, gender, queer, postcolonial and post-secular approaches, could be used even better in theologies and critiques of religions.

The particular contribution of theological approaches could be to address and appropriate the dimension of what is transcendent to humanity, the uncontrollable, other wordly yet deeply meaningful involved in the endowment of meaning. Theologians make use of their religious forms, practices, texts and traditions – their talk of God – to achieve this. Especially in intersectional, feminist, gender sensitive, queer, postcolonial and post-secular approaches theologian's struggles and research prove to have a specific sensitivity to manifestations of violence on deep levels of social, global, textual orders, and of course in theological and religious forms of speech.

## **Formats of the conference**

### ***Plenary sessions with 2 speakers (Thu, Fr and Sa 9:00 – 11:00)***

In the main panels the speakers will address the topic of the day, each lecture will take about 30 minutes.

Speakers:

PROF. DR. ULRIKE AUGA, Juniorprofessorin für Theologie und Geschlechterstudien, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

PROF. DR. SCHIRIN AMIR-MOAZAMI, Juniorprofessorin für Islam in Europa, Freie Universität Berlin

PROF. DR. MUSA DUBE, Ass.Professor of Biblical Studies, University of Botswana

DR. DR. SR. TERESA FORCADES I VILA, Fundamentaltheologie / Feministische Theologie, Barcelona

PROF. DR. JANET JAKOBSEN, Professor of Women's Studies, Barnard Center for Research on Women, New York

PROF. DR. KWOK PUI-LAN, Professor of Christian Theology and Spirituality, Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge MA, President of the American Academy of Religion in 2011

PROF. DR. JÖRG RIEGER, Wendland-Cook Endowed Professor of Constructive Theology, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas

PROF. DR. MAYRA RIVERA RIVERA, Ass.Professor of Theology and Latina/o Studies, Harvard Divinity School

### ***Panels, taking place simultaneously (Thu and Sa 11:30 – 13:00)***

Each panel will include three 20 min presentations, followed by 10 min of discussion with the audience. The panel presentations should engage in the three main topic clusters: ***Postcolonialism, (Post-) Secularism*** and ***(queer) Visions***. These terms represent the focal perspectives of this conference's title "Resistance and Visions".

### ***Subject groups, also simultaneously (Fr and Sa 17:30 – 18:30)***

In each of the subject groups two 20 min presentations are scheduled, followed by 10 min of discussion with the audience. These groups allow space for the approach of the theological disciplines to the overall conference topic.

### ***Parallel groups of young researchers (Fr and Sa 17:30 – 18:30)***

There will be two presentations of 20 minutes in each group followed by 10 minutes of discussion. These groups provide a particular space for young researchers.

***Rituals (Thu to Sun, morning and/or evening)***

The rituals enable participants to pray together and provide space for spirituality, they also make visible the variety of traditions and religions at the conference.

***Proposals*** are invited for papers in panels, subject groups, groups of young researchers, and also for rituals. Please submit your proposal with your registration on the enclosed form. We will consider both new proposals as well as those already submitted after the first Call of Papers. If you wish, you can also specify your older proposal.

Deadline for proposals: **15 April 2013**

As we are planning a publication we ask you to mark on the form whether you are interested in the publication of your paper. (Decisions will be made in a peer review process. The deadline for the manuscripts will be 15 October 2013.)

***Conference Languages*** are English, German, Spanish.

## Programme

	We 28.8.	Thu 29.8.	Fr 30.8.	Sa 31.8.	Sun 1.9.
8:30		Ritual	Ritual	Ritual	
9:00 – 11:00		<b>Postcolonialism</b> Plenary Panel PROF. DR. MUSA DUBE, University of Botswana PROF. DR. MAYRA RIVERA RIVERA, Harvard Divinity School	<b>(Post)Secularism</b> Plenary Panel PROF. DR. SCHIRIN AMIR- MOAZAMI, Freie Universität Berlin 10:15 – 11:45 Panel discussion with contemporary witnesses	<b>(Queer) Visions</b> Plenary Panel DR. DR. SR. TERESA FORCADES I VILA, Barcelona PROF. DR. JANET JAKOBSEN, Barnard Center for Research on Women, New York	9:00 – 10:00 Workshop Discussion 10:15 – 11:45 Podium with main speakers and conference observers
11:30 – 13:00		Parallel Panels	12:00 – 13:00 Preparation General Assembly	Parallel Panels	12 – 13 Con- clusion, Ritual
15:00 – 17:00	Registration	City tours	General Assembly ESWTR	15 – 16 General Assembly ESWTR 16 – 17 Workshop Discussion	Departure
17:30 – 18:30	17:00-18:00 Meeting of theContact Women		Subject Groups Groups of young researchers	Subject Groups Groups of young researchers	
	18:00 Dinner	Individual Dinner	18:30 Dinner	Break	
Evening events	19:00 Welcome and Opening Lecture PROF. DR. ULRIKE AUGA, Humboldt- Universität Berlin Country Groups	19:30Public lecture PROF. DR. KWOK PUI-LAN, Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge; PROF. DR. JÖRG RIEGER, Dallas	19:30 Ritual  starting 20:00 Parallel Film Screenings	19:30 Party / Conference Dinner  22:00 Ritual	

## Detailed Programme

### Wednesday 28.8.

from 15:00	Registration
17:00 – 18:00	Meeting of the Contact Women and the Board Secretaries
18:00	Dinner
19:00	<b>Welcome</b>

#### **Opening Lecture**

PROF. DR. ULRIKE AUGA, Juniorprofessorin für Theologie und Geschlechterstudien Humboldt Universität Berlin

*Widerstand und Visionen - Neue Perspektiven. Einführung in das Thema und Anbindung an die osteuropäische Dissidenz der friedlichen Revolutionen 1989*

*Resistance and Visions – New Perspectives. Introduction to the Issues of the Conference and Connection to the Eastern European Dissidence of the Peaceful Revolution of 1989*

#### **Country Groups**

### Thursday 29.8. »Postcolonialism«

8:30	<b>Ritual</b>
9:00 – 11:00	<b>Plenary Panel</b>

PROF. DR. MUSA DUBE, Ass.Professor of Biblical Studies, University of Botswana

*To push the Boundaries. Post-colonial feminist interpretation of the Bible (working title)*

PROF. DR. MAYRA RIVERA RIVERA, Ass.Professor of Theology and Latina/o Studies, Harvard Divinity School

*A Labyrinth of Incarnations: Body and Society in the 21st Century*

11:00 – 11:30	Break
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11:30 – 13:00	Panels:
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**Panel 1 New Forms of Resistance – and Society**

**Panel 2 New Forms of Resistance – and Biopower**

**Panel 3 New Forms of Resistance – and Politics**

### ***Panel 4 Resistances and Ethical Discourses***

More Panels possible

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch

15:00 – 18:30

***City tours***

Individual Dinner

19:30

***Public Lecture***

PROF. DR. KWOK PUI-LAN, Professor of Christian Theology and Spirituality, Episcopal Divinity School, Cambridge MA

PROF. DR. JÖRG RIEGER, Wendland-Cook Endowed Professor of Constructive Theology, Perkins School of Theology, Dallas

*Occupy Religion – Theology for the Multitude* (working title)

**Friday 30.8.**

**»(Post)Secularism«**

8:30

***Ritual***

9:00 – 11:00

***Plenary Panel***

PROF. DR. SCHIRIN AMIR-MOAZAMI, Juniorprofessorin für Islam in Europa, Berlin

*Secular Embodiments and the Muslim Question in Europe*

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:45

***Panel Discussion with Contemporary Witnesses***

PROF. DR. ANGELIKA ENGELMANN, Dresden, Germany

MARIANNE SUBKLEW, Potsdam, Germany

FREYA KLIER, Berlin, Germany (still uncertain)

PHD MÁRTA BODÓ, Cluj, Romania

DR. JADRANKA SR. REBEKA ANIĆ, Split, Croatia

11:45 – 12:00

Break

12:00 – 13:00

Preparation General Assembly

13:00 – 15:00

Lunch

15:00 – 17:00

***General Assembly ESWTR*** (Part 1)

17:00 – 17:30

Break

17:30 – 18:30

***Subject Groups***



***Groups of young researchers***

18:30 – 19:30	Dinner
19:30	<b><i>Ritual</i></b>
starting 20:00	Parallel <b><i>Film Screenings</i></b> regarding the topic of the conference

**Saturday 31.8. »(Queer) Visions«**

8:30	<b><i>Ritual</i></b>
9:00 – 11:00	<p><b><i>Plenary Panel</i></b></p> <p>SR. DR. DR. TERESA FORCADES I VILA, Fundamentaltheologie / Feministische Theologie, Barcelona</p> <p><i>Las falsas democracias y las consecuencias políticas de la noción cristiana de 'persona'</i> (Fake democracies and the political consequences of the Christian notion of 'person')</p> <p>PROF. DR. JANET JAKOBSEN, Professor of Women's Studies, Barnard Center for Research on Women, New York</p> <p><i>Visions of Justice: New Economies and Solidarities</i></p>
11:00 – 11:30	Break
11:30 – 13:00	<p>Panels</p> <p><b><i>Panel 5 Queer Visions and Biopower</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Panel 6 Visions and Interreligious Discourses</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Panel 7 Visions, Arts and Aesthetics</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Panel 8 Visions and Translations</i></b></p> <p>More Panels possible</p>
13:00 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 16:00	<b><i>General Assembly ESWTR</i></b> (Part 2)
16:00 – 17:00	<b><i>Workshop Discussion</i></b> <i>Resistance and visions in practice: ESWTR members in action</i>
17:00 – 17:30	Break
17:30 – 18:30	<p><b><i>Subject Groups</i></b></p> <p><b><i>Groups of young researchers</i></b></p>
18:30 – 19:30	Break

19:30 ***Party / Conference Dinner***

22:00 ***Ritual***

**Sunday 1.9.**

9:00 – 10:00 ***Workshop Discussion*** *Resistance and visions in practice: ESWTR members in action*

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 11:45 ***Podium*** with main speakers and conference observers

11:45 – 12:00 Break

12:00 – 13:00 ***Conclusion and Closing Ritual***

13:00 Lunch

Departure

## Registration

If possible, please register by email, sending your completed form at the latest until the **15 June 2013** to:

***eswtr\_kongress\_2013@mailbox.tu-dresden.de***

If it is impossible for you to register in this way you can send your form to:

**Prof. Dr. Maria Häusl**

Philosophische Fakultät

Institut für Katholische Theologie

Technische Universität Dresden

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Germany

The **conference fee** is **240,00 Euro**, including participation as well as all meals except breakfast on all days and dinner on Thursday. (All meals will be vegetarian. The conference starts with dinner on Wednesday and ends with lunch on Sunday.)

There is an **early bird discount** until the **15 April 2013**, the early bird conference fee is **200,00 Euro**.

If you wish to apply for a **stipend** please contact Kerstin Menzel:  
kerstinmenzel@yahoo.de

We are inviting those who can afford to support others to a **solidarity fee**. (You will get a receipt with the mark „conference fee plus“.)

Please transfer the fee and costs of accommodation (see below) to the following account (only then your registration will be validated!):

Name: ESWTR/BRD e.V.

Bank: LIGA Bank eG

IBAN: DE59 7509 0300 0104 3268 30

BIC: GENODEF1M05

Subject: ESWTR 2013 Registration NAME

Should you need to **cancel** your registration, you can get your fee refunded partially (50%) if you cancel until 15 August 2013, after that date there is no possibility for refund. Accommodation costs cannot be refunded.

You will get more information concerning the **conference venue** together with the detailed program after your registration.

For accomodation and breakfast we have reserved:

- double rooms in the *Motel One* (Palaisplatz 1, 01097 Dresden):  
34,50 Euro per person/night (69,00 Euro per room/night)

and

- single rooms in the *Ibis Budget Dresden City* (Wilsdruffer Str 25, 01067 Dresden):  
51,00 Euro per room/night.

Please specify on the registration form where you want to stay and note with whom you would like to share a double room if possible.

If you want to find further accommodation, please check [www.dresden.de](http://www.dresden.de).

## Registration Form

Name:

First Name:

Institution/Community:

Position:

Denomination:

Email:

Telephone:

Street, No.:

Postal Code:

City:

Country:

This is my first ESWTR conference: ☐ yes ☐ no

Preferred language: ☐ German ☐ English ☐ Spanish

I need translation: from ☐ German ☐ English ☐ Spanish

to ☐ German ☐ English ☐ Spanish

I am able to translate: from ☐ German ☐ English ☐ Spanish

to ☐ German ☐ English ☐ Spanish

I would like to: ☐ apply for a panel

☐ apply for a Subject Group

☐ apply for a group of young researchers

☐ prepare a ritual

(Please fill in the respective form,  
deadline: 15 April 2013.)

I need special food:

I would like to stay in: ☐ Motel One, double room

☐ Ibis Hotel, single room

I would like to share a room with:

I agree with the conditions of the registration and I know that my registration will only be validated after the transfer of both, the conference fee and the costs of accommodation. I will transfer the following amount to the ESWTR-account.

☐ 378,00 Euro (240,- Conference fee plus 138,- for 4 nights Motel One)

☐ 444,00 Euro (240,- Conference fee plus 204,- for 4 nights Ibis Budget Dresden City)

☐ 338,00 Euro (200,- Early-bird-fee plus 138,- for 4 nights Motel One)

☐ 404,00 Euro (200,- Early-bird-fee plus 204,- for 4 nights Ibis Budget Dresden City)

☐ 240,00 Euro (Conference fee)

☐ 200,00 Euro (Early-bird-fee)

(We will send you an email to confirm your registration after having received your registration form as well as your transfer.)

## Personal Form

Name:

Address:

Email:

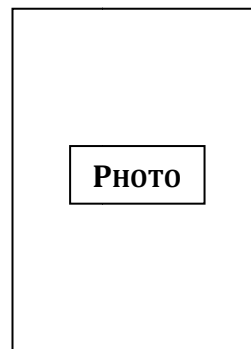
Phone:

Personal Introduction:

Research Interests:

Publications:

Socio-political involvement:



## Panel Form

Full Name:

Email:

Phone:

Title:

Abstract (maximum 150 words or 10 lines):

In which language will you present?

☐ Spanish ☐ English ☐ German

In what other languages could you provide a summary?

☐ Spanish ☐ English ☐ German

Are you interested in a publication? ☐ yes ☐ no



## Subject-Group-Form

Full Name:

Email:

Phone:

Title:

Abstract (maximum 150 words or 10 lines):

In which language will you present?

☐ Spanish ☐ English ☐ German

In what other languages could you provide a summary?

☐ Spanish ☐ English ☐ German

Are you interested in a publication? ☐ yes ☐ no

## Form for Young Researchers

Full Name:

Email:

Phone:

Title:

Abstract (maximum 150 words or 10 lines):

In which language will you present?

☐ Spanish ☐ English ☐ German

In what other languages could you provide a summary?

☐ Spanish ☐ English ☐ German

Are you interested in a publication? ☐ yes ☐ no

## **Ritual Form**

Full Name:

Email:

Phone:

Denomination:

Please describe the ritual (maximum 150 words or 10 lines):

What day and time would you prefer?

☐ Thursday morning      ☐ Friday morning      ☐ Friday evening

☐ Saturday morning      ☐ Saturday evening

In which language will you conduct your ritual?

☐ Spanish    ☐ English    ☐ German

In what other language/s could you provide instructions to facilitate participation in the ritual?

☐ Spanish    ☐ English    ☐ German

Do you need any material (e.g. a CD-player) and if so, what?