



**Transformations Within and Between:
How Does Our New Relationship Affect Christian and Jewish Self-Understandings?**

PROGRAM OVERVIEW¹

Sunday, June 30, 2019

13:30	On-Site Registration of Conference Participants	13:30 – 15:00
15:30	Bus Transfer to the Cathedral of Lund	
16:00	Opening Event Moderator: Rev. Dr Bo Sandahl Keynote Speaker: Rabbi Ute Steyer (<i>inquired</i>) Is There a New Relationship Between Jews and Christians? (<i>working title</i>) Greeting Addresses by Representatives of Religious and Civic Organizations and Institutions Music: Robert Bennesh & Isidoro Abramowicz (<i>inquired</i>) + Reception	16:00 – 19:00 (simult. transl.)
19:00	Bus Transfer to the "Scandic Star" Hotel	
19:30	Dinner	

¹ Biographical information about the speakers can later be found in the program booklet of the conference, chapter "Presenters and Speakers"; a first draft of the program booklet will be published anytime soon.

Monday, July 1, 2019

7:00	Jewish Morning Prayer			Christian Morning Prayer		
8:00	On-Site Registration for Day Guests					
8:30	Meditative Moment					
9:00	Plenary I: Has the Way Jews See Themselves Been Affected by Their New Relationship with Christians?					9:00 – 10:30 (simult. transl.)
	Moderator: Prof. Dr Philip A. Cunningham (USA) Speakers: Rabbi Joshua Ahrens (Germany), Rabbi Rebecca Lillian (Sweden)					
	<p>Over the centuries, large numbers of Jews and Christians have had intertwined histories. They have had to define the boundaries between them. To some degree they have shaped their own religious ideas in response to each other. Although Jews and Christians were suspicious, hostile, and estranged from each other for a long time, more recently a new relationship of respect and solidarity has begun to develop.</p> <p>Has this new relationship led to changes in Jewish religious thinking about Christians and Christianity? Do different movements and communities within the diverse Jewish world engage with Christians in different or similar ways? Do Jews think of their lives in the world and of themselves differently because of the transformed encounter with Christians? Are Jews able to affirm any aspects of Christian particularity or may Jews only view them in terms of the Noahide commands?</p>					
10:30	Coffee Break					
11:00	Plenary II: Has the Way Christians See Themselves Been Affected by Their New Relationship with Jews?					11:00 – 12:30 (simult. transl.)
	Moderator: Liliane Apotheker (France) Speakers: Bishop Michael Ipgrave, OBE (UK), Prof. Dr Karl-Josef Kuschel (Germany)					
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12:30	Lunch					
14:00	Workshop A1 (simult. transl.)	Workshop A2 (English)	Workshop A3 (English)	Workshop A4 (English)	Workshop A5 (English)	14:00 – 15:30
15:30	Coffee Break					

16:00	Plenary III: What are the Prospect, Limits, and Consequences of Jewish-Christian Dialogue?	16:00 – 18:00 (simult. transl.)
	Moderator: Dr Pavol Bargár (Czech Republic)	
	Keynote Speaker: Prof. Dr Jesper Svartvik (Sweden)	
	Respondents: Hana Bendcowsky (Israel), Prof. Dr Mary Boys (USA)	
18:30	Dinner	
20:00	Evening Program	

Tuesday, July 2, 2019

7:00	Jewish Morning Prayer	Christian Morning Prayer
8:00	On-Site Registration for Day Guests	
8:30	Meditative Moment	
9:00	Plenary IV: New Clothing, Old Hatred – Is There a Transformation of Antisemitism? <i>(working title)</i>	9:00 – 10:30 (simult. transl.)
	Moderator: Dr Michael Trainor (Australia)	
	Speakers: Prof. Dr Alan Berger (USA), Johannes Heumann (Sweden)	
10:30	Coffee Break	
11:00	Workshop B1 (simult. transl.)	Workshop B2 (English)
	Workshop B3 (English)	Workshop B4 (English)
	Workshop B5 (English)	11:00 – 12:30
12:30	Lunch	
15:00	Bus Transfers to the Sites of Local Trips	

15:30	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4	Trip 5	Trip 6
Free Evening						

Wednesday, July 3, 2019

7:00	Jewish Morning Prayer	Christian Morning Prayer
8:00	On-Site Registration for Day Guests	
8:30	Meditative Moment	
9:00	<p style="text-align: center;">Plenary V: Muslims in the Dialogue</p> <p style="text-align: right;">9:00 – 10:30 (simult. transl.)</p> <p>Moderator: Prof. Dr Reuven Firestone (USA), Prof. Dr Heidi Hadsell (USA) Speakers: Elena Dini (Italy), Mohammad Hannan Hassan (Singapore), Prof. Dr. Frederek Musall (Germany), Imam Mortaza Rezaazadeh (Iran)</p> <p>In the past dozen years, various international Muslim groups have issued statements encouraging and inviting dialogue with Christians and Jews. The first was an international interfaith initiative called “A Common Word” (based on Quran 3:64). This project was initiated by an international collection of Muslim scholars in response to Pope Benedict’s famous Regensburg address of 2006. Ten years later, the “Marrakesh Declaration” was issued by over 200 Muslim religious leaders, heads of state and scholars that called for the protection of the rights of religious minorities in predominantly Muslim countries. Most recently “An Alliance of Virtues: An Opportunity for Global Peace” was the topic for an international conference between Muslims, Christians and Jews hosted by a consortium of Muslim scholars in Abu Dhabi in December, 2018.</p> <p>Each of these initiatives included follow-up programs and projects to encourage ongoing dialogue and problem-solving that were planned and carried out by Muslims in fellowship with Christians and Jews. How much have these initiatives impacted the dialogue in Europe and North America? How much do we know about Muslim engagement in interreligious dialogue today and in history? Probably not much!</p> <p>This plenary session will treat “Muslims in the Dialogue.” We will learn about Muslim contributions to interfaith relations in history and today, and will have the opportunity to interact and dialogue with Muslim and other member in the International Abrahamic Forum, the body that has been developed with the blessing of the ICCJ to extend the dialogue to communities beyond the very special bilateral dialogue between Christians and Jews. The goal of this plenary will be to understand more about “Muslims in the Dialogue” and to consider ways in which Muslim participation can further the goals of improved religious understanding and collaboration between all religious populations in our communities around the globe.</p>	

10:30	Coffee Break					
11:00	Workshop C1 (simult. transl.)	Workshop C2 (English)	Workshop C3 (English)	Workshop C4 (English)	Workshop C5 (English)	11:00 – 12:30
12:30	Lunch					
14:00	Celebrating the 10 th Anniversary of the 12 Points of Berlin					14:00 – 16:30 (simult. transl.)
	Moderator: Dr Debbie Weissman (Israel)					
	Workshop D1 (simult. transl.)	Workshop D2 (English)	Workshop D3 (English)	Workshop D4 (English)	Workshop D5 (English)	Workshop D6 (English)
16:30	Coffee Break					
17:00	Closing Discussion					
19:30	Bus Transfer to the Venue of the Festive Dinner					
20:00	Festive Dinner					

Celebrating the 10th Anniversary of the 12 Points of Berlin - Workshops

14:30 – 16:00
(simult. transl.)

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(English)

D1 (simultaneous translation English – Swedish)

(provided by the Samarbetsrådet för judar och kristna)

Title and presenters to be announced

D2 (English):

(provided by the Association of Friends and Sponsors of the Martin-Buber-House)

Title: **Religion Lived – Day in Day out: Martin Buber and the Twelve Points of Berlin**

Presenters: Birgit Meurer (Germany)
Eva Schulz-Jander (Germany)

“For me this is what I mean by religion – not removing yourself into another world, but responding to the call that comes into your everyday life.” MB, Israel and the world, p. 11.

Religion for Buber is not an abstract building of thought, it does not occur in another dimension or in a mystical space removed from everyday life. According to him religion cannot be separated from the life we live. We must be truthfully in our daily life the same as in our religious life. Buber goes even further and includes political life within individual life. Thus his view of Zionism and politics must be considered within this framework.

Following a story illustrating Buber’s view on religion, Eva Schulz-Jander, who was part of the Berlin-Committee, will give insights into the process of shaping the Twelve Points of Berlin. Birgit Meurer offers an overview of Buber’s ideas and his effect on Zionism and politics in Israel. In the last part of the presentation Eva Schulz-Jander will look at Buber’s personal relationship with Christians. In a common discussion with the plenum the following question is asked: Where do Buber’s ideas correspond to the twelve points of Berlin, especially point 4,5 and how does it relate to point 7,2?

The last part of the workshop will be dedicated to teamwork: Using different Buber- quotations buzz groups will be asked to reflect on his ideas. All results will be presented to the plenum and conclusions for our every day life summarized: Can Buber help us understand and apply the twelve points better?

[This workshop is related to theses 4 and 7 of the Twelve Points of Berlin]

D3 (English):

(provided by members of the ICCJ Executive Board)

Title: *to be announced*
Presenters: Debbie Weissman (Israel)
Willy Weisz (Austria)

D4 (English):

(provided by members of the ICCJ Executive Board)

Title: **Can Our Self-Understanding as People of Faith be Changed by the Twelve Points of Berlin?**
Presenters: Anette Adelman (Germany)
Liliane Apotheker (France)

Belief and Liturgy are nestled inside our inner world, in an intimate part of ourselves. We believe what we pray or say in prayer, and we pray to strengthen our belief.

Nowadays, our inner religious world is as it always was nurtured by tradition, yet also by perceptions of what surrounds us: culture, encounter with other people and their faith. As a consequence, the need for more respect for the other grows.

Thesis 3 (addressed to Christians and Christian communities) and thesis 6 (addressed to Jews and Jewish communities) urge us to implement some change in what we inherited from our traditions.

There is a tension between what our traditions always taught us to be true, like for instance that Judaism is replaced by Christianity (for Christians) or that Jewish prayers are never problematic (for Jews), and the reality implemented by the new openness in our relationship.

How do we resolve that tension? How do we feel today when we become aware of these traditional stances? Is our self-awareness transformed by the Twelve Points of Berlin and in particular by theses 3 and 6 of the document?

These questions and many more will be discussed during our workshop which is meant to be interactive.

[This workshop is related to theses 3 and 6 of the Twelve Points of Berlin]

D5 (English):

(provided by ICCJ's International Abrahamic Forum [IAF])

Title: **Ethics and Human Dignity at the Center of Interreligious Relations: Lessons and Recommitment for a Common Future**

Presenters: Heidi Hadsell (USA)
Mohammad Hannan Hassan (Singapore)
Frederek Musall (Germany)

The history of Jewish-Christian-Muslim relations has invariably comprised of multiple perspectives, voices and narratives, instead of a single story. These nuanced perspectives and stories will remain to be so, today and tomorrow. This workshop aims to draw inspirations and learn from this multiplicity of perspectives and experiences of contemporary models and various contexts of inter-religious cooperations, co-existences and relations. It seeks to found these relations on shared ethical principles in shaping a common future for inter-religious relations and dialogue, and reaffirm the commitment of the 12 Points of Berlin to inter-religious dialogue.

[This workshop is related to theses 9 – 12 of the Twelve Points of Berlin]

D6 (English):

(provided by ICCJ's Theology Committee)

Title: **Celebrating and Transforming: The 12 Points of Berlin in a Theological Perspective**

Presenters: Pavol Bargár (Czech Republic)
Patrick Morrow (UK)
Michael Trainor (Australia)

This workshop will bring together the topic of the anniversary of the Twelve Points of Berlin with this year's ICCJ conference's main focus on transformation. Being an interactive workshop, it will explore how the recent paradigmatic shift in theologizing towards intentionally contextual, grassroots, and publicly-engaged ways of doing theology has an impact on Jewish-Christian relations. Taking the 9-12 Berlin points as a thematic framework, the participants in the workshop will be led to pursue first a "social analysis" and then a "theological reflection" on the issues that are relevant to both their own contexts and the area of Jewish-Christian/interfaith relations. The aim is to provide a mosaic of various views, themes, and approaches on the issues such as interreligious education, social justice, dialogue with society, and environmental stewardship.

[This workshop is related to theses 9 – 12 of the Twelve Points of Berlin]