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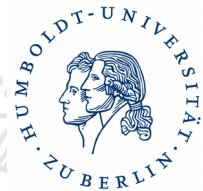
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin Theologische Fakultät 8–10 October

Central European Time

International Video Conference Nationalism and Internationalism in the Young Ecumenical Movement, 1895–1920s



internationalism



How did Christian groups negotiate the tensions between their aspirations for global unity and their national identities? At the turn of the twentieth century, increasing global connections made unity movements possible among Christians around the world. The embrace of internationalism among Christians in Europe, Asia, and North America occurred simultaneously with the growth of patriotism directed toward emerging modern nation-states in a matrix of western colonialism. As Christianity expanded beyond its predominantly European heartland, Christian leaders found themselves navigating the tensions between their own ethnic and national identities, and an idealistic internationalist vision they often connected to the “kingdom of God.”

Inclusive of student Christian movements, regional church councils, and efforts to rebuild Europe after the First World War, what we are calling the “young ecumenical movement” promoted worldwide Christian fellowship in tension with the emerging fascist, communist, and capitalist empires of the era. The conference explores the entanglements between nationalism and internationalism in Christian unity movements in order to understand their mechanisms of mutual demarcation and mutual interdependence, and their idealistic globalist stance during an age of heightened nationalism. It thus illuminates an epoch that has been under-researched so far.

This international conference is co-sponsored by scholars at Humboldt Universität and Boston University. It brings into conversation researchers working on a diverse range of Christian leaders and unity movements in Europe, Asia, and North America during the period under consideration.

Public Lecture

will be uploaded: on 7 October 2020
<https://hu.berlin/internationalism>

Dana L. Robert

Boston

Finding Fellowship: The Search for Transnational
Christian Community during the 1920s

Thursday, 8 October

CET

1.00–2.00 pm

Welcome + Plenary Meeting

Chair: [Dana L. Robert/Judith Becker](#)

Panel I

Chair: [Judith Becker](#)

Panel II

Chair: [Dana L. Robert](#)

2.00–2.30 pm

[John Wolffe](#)

The Open University

[Charlotte Methuen](#)

Glasgow

Ecumenical Prehistory: Philip Schaff and the Evangelical Alliance 1868–1893

George Bell and International Ecumenism 1914–1925

2.30–3.00 pm

[Sarah Scholl](#)

Geneva

[David W. Scott](#)

Boston

Travelling with John Mott. Switzerland and the WSCF

Leading the World Parish: American Methodist Nationalism in an International Framing

3.00–3.15 pm

Break

3.15–3.45 pm

[Benjamin L. Hartley](#)

Seattle

[Frieder Ludwig](#)

Stavanger

Three Motifs for Negotiating Internationalism and Nationalism in the Life of John R. Mott, 1895–1925

Norwegian Missionary Educators between Nationalism and Internationalism, 1910–1928

3.45–4.00 pm

Plenary meeting

Chair: [Dana L. Robert](#)

Friday, 9 October

CET

1.00–1.15 pm

Plenary Meeting

Chair: [Judith Becker](#)

Panel I

Chair: [Dana L. Robert](#)

Panel II

Chair: [Katharina Stornig](#)

1.15–1.45 pm

[John Thomas](#)

Guwahati

Towards Resolving the Nationalist Dilemma: Gandhi and the Ecumenical Leaders in Early Twentieth Century India

[Patrick Cabanel](#)

Paris

Social Gospel, Ecumenism, Pacifism and the Great Hope in the League of Nations: The French Christian Internationalism in the 1920s and its Failure

1.45–2.15 pm

[Klaus Koschorke](#)

Munich

"At the Special Request and Invitation of the Indian... Y.M.C.As". The Y.M.C.A. as a Platform and Networking Site for Asian Christian Leaders in Early 20th Century

[Judith Becker](#)

Berlin

The German Ecumenical Youth Movement between Nationalism and Internationalism

2.15–2.30 pm

Break

2.30–3.00 pm

Yeonseung Lee
Boston

Currents of Christian Nationalism and Internationalism: Yun Ch'i-ho and the Korean YMCA in the 1920s

Ada Focer
Boston

Ruth Rouse: Binding and Rebinding the World's Student Christian Federation

3.00–3.15 pm

Plenary meeting
Chair: [Dana L. Robert](#)

CET

Saturday, 10 October

1.00–1.15 pm

Plenary Meeting
Chair: [Judith Becker](#)

Panel I
Chair: [Judith Becker](#)

Panel II
Chair: [Dana L. Robert](#)

1.15–1.45 pm

Noriko Ishii
Tokyo

Nationalism and Internationalism: Japanese and British Women's Imaginations of the Other in the World Student Christian Movement after the Russo-Japan War

Yun Zhou
Canberra

Between the Nation and the World: Christian Work directed at Chinese Students in the 1920s

1.45–2.15 pm

Deanna Ferree Womack
Atlanta

Islam and Early
Ecumenical
Thought: Protestant
Internationalism in
the Middle East and
South Asia

Andreas Feldtkeller
Berlin

The National Chris-
tian Council in China
during the 1920s
between
Nationalism and
Internationalism

2.15–2.30 pm

Break

2.30–3.30 pm

Plenary Concluding Discussion

Chair: **Judith Becker**/**Dana L. Robert**

Introductory Statements by

Heike Liebau *Berlin*, **Georg Essen** *Berlin*,
Jennifer Wasmuth *Strasbourg*

Papers must be read ahead of time.
The video conference focusses on the discussion.
Please register for the conference by 10 September
2020.
Registration limited.

