

Workshop list Berlin conference

**Monday Morning July 6, 11.00 hrs – rooms will be announced in Berlin
Bios separately at the end of this document.**

No.	Themes	Presenters	Description of the theme
1	Paul and Judaism The Leuven project Workshop language: English	Mr. Emmanuel Nathan Mr David Bolton Moderator: Dr. John Pawlikowski	“Knowledge of Saul the Jew is a precondition of understanding Paul the Christian. The better we know the former, the more clearly we shall understand the latter” (Hengel, 1991: xiii). How much dis/continuity is there between Saul’s Judaism and Paul’s Christianity? The workshop will survey various positions currently in vogue regarding Paul’s identity and his relationship to the Judaism(s) of his time. We will also ask questions regarding the relevance of Pauline studies to contemporary Christian/Jewish relations.
2	The mutual influence of Jewish and Christian liturgy Workshop language: English	Prof. Clemens Leonhard Moderator: Prof. Dr. Martin Kloeckener	
3	The impact of the Israeli- Palestinian conflict on C-J dialogue Workshop language: English	Mrs. Judith Banki Dr. Jane Clements Dr. Deborah Weissman Moderator: Dr. Eva Schulz Jander	This is a subject of overwhelming importance in inter religious relations in the UK, where views are often polarised. It offers a microcosm of how Jews and Christians do and perhaps could relate.
4	Substitutionstheologie ohne Ende? Über die Schwierigkeiten christlicher Theologie, das Judentum zu denken". Workshop language: German	Mrs. Dagmar Mensink. Moderator: Rev. Friedhelm Pieper	
5	The Papacy of B16	Dr. Hans Hermann Henrix. Mrs. Lucia Faltin	HHH: It belongs to the defaults for the relationship of Pope Benedict XVI with the Jews that at the end of the long pontificate of his predecessor John Paul II we stood in a new climate of the catholic-Jewish relationship. Benedict began his Pontificate with gestures and signs of a friendly solidarity with the Jewish people. But with the Good Friday Prayer 2008 and the decree for the lifting of the excommunications of the four bishops of the Priestly Fraternity of Pius X. deep shadows were thrown on this relationship. How is its analysis after the Israel visit of Benedict? LF: The presentation will focus on the papacy of Benedict XVI within the context of Jewish–

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	Workshop language: English	Moderator: Dr. Phil Cunningham	Christian relations and of his earlier works on the subject of interfaith relations. The main objective is to challenge some of the popular attitudes to his papacy in search for a constructive engagement with the subject.
6	From Asymmetry to complementarity? - Church and Israel, a joint study of European Prot. (KEK) - Die Rheinischen Synodalbeschlüsse Workshop language: English	Rev. Dr. Matthias Loerbroks Rev. Katja Kriener Moderator: Director Gunnel Borgegard	The workshop will consider documents in which churches declare their self-understanding in relation to the Jewish people. We will try to find out what these declarations imply; what already is achieved; which issues are still to be addressed and how this could be done. The results of the Christian-Jewish dialog, as were manifested in the Rheinische Synodalbeschluss of 1980, are analysed with attention to three aspects: - speaking of the God of Israel - speaking of the State of Israel as a sign of God's faithfulness - Christian service as a place where theological insights have to prove themselves valuable in the context of Christian-Jewish dialog.
7	What is the Christian responsibility to the Jews after the Shoah? Workshop language: English	Dr. Hanspeter Heinz Drs. Marieke den Hartog Moderator: Rabbi Dr. Andrew Goldstein	God's covenant with the Jewish people presents a way of salvation – even without the acceptance of Jesus Christ and the sacrament of baptism. What do we Christians hope for the Jews in the end of times? Should we pray to God to illuminate them so that they may believe in Christ as the Messiah? The Protestant Church in the Netherlands refuted the whole concept of mission to the Jews in the years following WW II and the Shoah, although before that we had a strong tendency to missionarize among Jews. Being a theologian and a student of Jewish tradition, and being engaged in the Jewish-Christian dialogue in the Netherlands, Drs. den Hartog will discuss what she sees as her\our responsibility toward the Jewish community and the priorities we have to derive from the Twelve Points of Berlin.

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Monday Afternoon, July 6, 14.30 hrs.

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8	L'avenir du dialogue judéo-chrétien en France - une question de vocation et de transmission. Workshop language: French	Rev. Florence Taubmann Moderator : Dr Michel Sternberg	Depuis 60 ans, le dialogue judéo-chrétien en France se montre humainement et théologiquement riche, profond, évolutif. Une des questions qui se posent aujourd'hui concerne la motivation des jeunes générations pour poursuivre le travail entrepris. Le témoignage des anciens montre que la plupart du temps, leur engagement dans l'Amitié judéo-chrétienne a été vécu sur le mode d'une vocation spécifique. Comment passer le relais ? Le livre de Catherine Chalier : <i>Transmettre de génération en génération</i> , nous offrira des outils pour réfléchir ensemble à ce défi.
9	The 'Christ and the Jewish People' consultation Workshop language: English	Prof. Dr. J. Sievers Prof. Dr. John Pawlikowski, Moderator: Rev. Katja Kriener	Beginning with an informal gathering on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of Nostra Aetate, a group of scholars (Catholic and Protestant, with Jewish participant observers) from different institutions has organized the 'Christ and the Jewish People' consultation. The work of the group starts from the meta-question "How might we Christians in our time understand our faith claim that Jesus Christ is the Savior of all humanity, even as we affirm Israel's covenantal life with God?". This workshop will include a brief report on the consultations in Ariccia/Rome (2006), Leuven (2007), Notre Dame, Ind. (2008), and Jerusalem (2009) and discuss some of the hermeneutical and theological issues that have been tackled in the course of these sessions.
10	What's in a prayer? How Jews and Christians pray about the other. Workshop language: English	Dr. Phil Cunningham Rabbi Dr. Andrew Goldstein Moderator: Dr. Ruth Langer	In the session Rabbi Goldstein will discuss four troublesome prayers from the traditional Jewish liturgy and how they have been modified to make them less offensive to non-Jews. Dr. Cunningham will explore the issues surrounding the Roman Catholic Good Friday intercession for Jews, as well as other occasions in the Catholic liturgy when prayers for Jews can occur.
11	Perceiving and Conceiving the "Other" through texts Workshop language: English	Rabbi Prof Dalia Marx Moderator: Dr Deborah Weissman	In interfaith conferences, such as this one, we tend to stress the similarities among, and the positive aspects of, our respective religious traditions. Rabbi Marx believes that in order to have true dialogue, we need to consider also their less friendly aspects. This workshop will deal with the ways in which Jews have defined themselves through negating and excluding the "Other". We will examine texts that show how the "Others" were perceived and conceived in the rabbinic literature in order to strengthen the Jewish religious-ethnic-cultural identity.
12	Jüdisch-christlicher Dialog in Deutschland – gestern und heute	Rabbi Dr. Walter Homolka Dr Hans Hermann Henrix	Der jüdisch-christliche Dialog nach der Schoa in Deutschland hat eine Tradition, für die Johann Baptist Metz einmal in den 1980er Jahren vier Phasen unterschieden hat: Aus dem Erschrecken über die Schoa erwuchs zunächst das „Stadium eines diffusen Wohlwollens, das seinerseits wenig stabil und krisenfest ist, leicht anfällig und verdrängbar“. Die zweite Phase bestand in der theologischen Diskussion des Übergangs „von der Mission zum Dialog“. Mit diesem Übergang

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	Workshop language: German	Moderator: Rev. Dick Pruiksmma	bildeten sich in einer dritten Phase „Ansätze zu einem bewussten theologischen Umdenken“ aus, die zur vierten Phase überleiteten: zu der „Einsicht nämlich der Christen in die konkrete glaubensgeschichtliche Abhängigkeit von den Juden“. Hat diese Skizze des jüdisch-christlichen Gesprächs (noch) seine Gültigkeit. Darauf soll das Gespräch eingehen.
13	Jewish communities today in Germany Workshop language: English	Mr. Sergej Lagodinsky Moderator: Dr Eva Schulz-Jander	
14	Dialogue and Difference in the Aftermath of the Shoah: Second and Third Generation, Jewish and German Witnesses Workshop language: English	Dr. Alan L. Berger Moderator: Rev. David Gifford	His workshop deals with the dialogue between second generation - children of Holocaust survivors and perpetrators. We note similarities and differences with the Jewish Christian Dialogue after Auschwitz. Attention is paid to two models; Abraham Peck-Gottfried Wagner Dialogue, and selected literary examples from America, Germany, and Israel

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Wednesday morning, July 8, 11.30 hrs.

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15	Women's issues in Interfaith dialogue Workshop language: English	Prof. Dr. Ursula Rudnick. Mrs. Jael Botsch-Fitterling Moderator: Director Gunnel Borgegard	
16	The current economic crisis and interfaith dialogue Workshop language: English	Pastor Christian Meissner Dr. Shanta Premawardhana. Moderator: Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein	
17	Interfaith Text Study Workshop language: English	Rabbi Ehud Bandel Dr. Barbara U. Meyer Rabeya Müller Moderator: Mrs Ruth Weyl	Elia (1. Kings 19) – For Dr Meyer's students in Israel, the most difficult to understand about Christianity is not the doctrine of trinity but the Christian canon. She is going to read 1. Kings 19 as part of the Christian Bible, with a distinctively non-supersessionist approach. But she will try a new kind of Christological reading: Marquardt suggested that while the Hebrew Scriptures do not talk about Christ, they might talk to Jesus. What then can Christians learn from Elia about Jesus? God interrupts the solitude of the chosen. And God surprises with unusual ways of criticism. Elia perceived himself as being left alone, and God gently shifts this view. Can this inspire a new Christological understanding of uniqueness?
18	Good cases in Jewish-Christian dialogue: The Garden Project Berlin Workshop language: English	Dr. Michael Wolffsohn Moderator: Dr Karlies Abmeier	
19	Intergenerational processes in interreligious dialogue Workshop language: English	Workshop leader: John Robinson	YLC workshop (Theatre of the oppressed-method) Quick lunch
20	Chavruta on Document Text Workshop language: English	Ms. Daniela Koepler Mr. Daniel Geese	Study on the text of the 2009 Berlin ICCJ Document.

Biographies of Presenters: (in alphabetical order)

Rabbi Ehud Bandel (Workshop no. 17)

Rabbi of the Masorti congregation at Melbourne, Australia, and Vice-President of the ICCJ

Judith Banki (Workshop no. 3)

Staff member of the Tannenbaum Foundation, New York, and a long-standing participant in Jewish-Christian dialogue.

Dr Alan L. Berger (Workshop no. 14)

**Raddock Family Eminent Scholar Chair of Holocaust Studies, Florida Atlantic University
Director of Center for the Study of Values and Violence After Auschwitz. Recent books are "Jewish-Christian Dialogue: Drawing Honey From the Rock" (Co-Author), "Encyclopedia of <Jewish America Literature" (Co-Editor). Berger is the Editor of the "Genocide" series for Rowman and Littlefield.**

David Bolton (Workshop no. 1)

Third year doctoral researcher at the Faculty of Theology, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, working on a comparison between contemporary Catholic/Jewish dialogue and the New Perspective on Paul as regards the issue of supersessionism

Jael Botsch-Fitterling (Workshop no. 15)

Co-President of the Parliament of the Jewish community in Berlin.

Dr Jane Clements (Workshop no. 3)

Director of the Forum for Discussion of Israel and Palestine. Formerly Director of Programmes at CCJ.

Dr Phil Cunningham (Workshop no. 10)

Professor of Catholic-Jewish Relations and director of the Institute for Jewish-Catholic Relations of Saint Joseph's University in Philadelphia, PA (USA). As secretary of the Council of Centers on Jewish-Christian Relations, he manages its resource website at www.dialogika.us. He also serves as a member of the Advisory Committee on Catholic-Jewish Relations for the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and is an ICCJ vice-president.

Lucia Faltin (Workshop no. 5)

Lucia Faltin is Director of International Programmes at the Centre for the Study of Jewish-Christian Relations, where she has been working since January 2000 after moving to the UK from Slovakia. She also contributes with teaching some aspects of modern history of Jewish-Christian relations at the University of Cambridge, where she is a doctoral student. She has been involved in ICCJ since 1995, including being the Chair of the Young Leadership Council and member of ICCJ Executive Board.

Daniel Geese (Workshop no. 20)

Studied Protestant Theology in Heidelberg 2000-2007, M. Phil. (Ecum.) at Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College in Dublin 2004-2005. Since April 2008, he is academic assistant at the Institute of Hermeneutics and Dialogue of the Cultures at the University of Tübingen.

Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein (Workshop no. 10)

Retired in September 2008 (after 38 years service) as Senior Rabbi of Northwood & Pinner Liberal Synagogue (UK) and is now Emeritus Rabbi. He is Chairman of the European Region of the World Union of Progressive Judaism, Chair of the Rabbinic Board (Bet Din) of the Liberal Judaism Movement in UK, and an Executive Board member of ICCJ. He recently co-edited a new High Holyday Prayer book for Liberal Judaism and is about to publish an anthology of meditations and prayers to be used at the High Holydays, as well as a new Liberal Jewish Passover Haggadah.

Drs. Marieke den Hartog (Workshop no. 7)

Secretary and Deputy President of OJEC (Dutch branch of the ICCJ). Theologian and scholar of rabbinic studies. During fifteen years (1993-2008) a professional worker in the field of Jewish Christian relations at the national offices of the Protestant Church in the Netherlands until last year when the position was cancelled because of budget cuts.

Prof. Dr Hanspeter Heinz (Workshop no. 7)

Born in Bonn in 1939. Studied philosophy and theology in Rome (P.U. Gregoriana). Since 1974 chairperson of the commission “Jews and Christians” at the Central Committee of German Catholics. 1983-2005 Chair for Practical Theology at the University of Augsburg. Since 25 years parish priest of a village near Augsburg.

Prof. Dr h.c. Hans Hermann Henrix (Workshop no. 5 and 12)

Director emeritus of the Catholic Academy of the Diocese of Aachen/Germany. Henrix began his career as lecturer on the Theology of Ecumenism in 1970 and was the Director of the Aachen Academy from 1988 to 2005. In 2000 he received an honorary doctorate in philosophy from the University of Osnabrueck. Dr. Henrix is consultant of the German Bishops' Conference for the Catholic-Jewish relations. Pope John Paul II appointed him 2003 to a consulter of the Vatican Commission for the Religious Relations with the Jews – a

mandate that was renewed by Pope Benedict XVI in 2008. On May 13, 2009 the University Salzburg awarded him the title Honorary Professor due to his specific scientific qualification.

Daniela Koepler (Workshop no. 20)

Studied theology and Judaica. She will complete her PhD at the Friedrich-Wilhelms University in Bonn in the near future.

Rev. Katja Kriener (Workshop no. 6)

Minister with Special Responsibilities for Christian-Jewish Dialog in the Protestant Church of the Rhineland. She has held this position since 1995 and organises conferences and publishes material to further Christian-Jewish relations. She was president of the Study-Program "Studium in Israel - Shalav", which sends German students of theology to the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, from 1995 until 2007. She has two daughters and lives with her husband in Bonn.

Prof. Clemens Leonhard (Workshop no. 2)

is the Director of the Department for Liturgy at Münster University.

Rev. Dr Matthias Loerbroks (Workshop no. 6)

Minister of the Protestant congregation Friedrichstadt at the French Dom in Berlin; wrote his PhD thesis under the guidance of the late Friedrich-Wilhelm Marquardt on biblical and systematic theological orientations for a church alongside Israel.

Rabbi Dalia Marx (PhD.) (Workshop no. 11)

Professor for Liturgy and Midrash at Hebrew Union College in Jerusalem. She is involved in various research groups and is active in voicing progressive Judaism in Israel. She writes for academic journals as well as in the Israeli press and is engaged in creating new liturgies and Midrashim. Marx is currently in Berlin with her

husband and three children, where she was invited as a guest professor to Potsdam University and Abraham Geiger College, the German liberal rabbinic seminary

Pastor Christian Meißner (Workshop no. 16)

Managing director of the Protestant Council (EAK) of the CDU/CSU (= German party: Christian Democratic Union / Christian Social Union)

Dagmar Mensink (Workshop no. 4)

Mrs. Mensink studied theology and is head of the department for Churches and religious communities in the German Socialist Democratic Party, SPD.

Dr Barbara U. Meyer (Workshop no. 17)

Barbara Meyer teaches Christian thought in history and present at the private University IDC Herzliya, at the reform-rabbinical program of Hebrew Union College and at the Hebrew University Jerusalem. Teaching Christianity in Hebrew and in a Jewish majority context inspires her to explore Christianity as “Other”. While her field of expertise is post-Shoah Christology, her current research focuses on ethics of memory in contemporary Israeli philosophy.

Rabeya Müller (Workshop no. 17)

Born in Germany, graduate of Islamic studies and theology. Already as a young woman, she converted to Islam. Director of the Institute of Interreligious Education in Cologne.

Emmanuel Nathan (Workshop no. 1)

Emmanuel Nathan is a third year doctoral researcher at the Faculty of Theology, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, examining Paul's antithetical language of new and old covenant in 2 Corinthians 3, and what role it plays in the later parting of the ways between Judaism and Christianity.

Prof. Dr John Pawlikowski (Workshop no.9)

A Servite priest and Professor of Social Ethics and Director of the Catholic-Jewish Studies Program at Catholic Theological Union in Chicago. He is the Immediate Past President of ICCJ.

He serves on the Steering Committee for the Christ and the Jewish People Consultation and is the author/editor of more than fifteen volumes in the area of the Christian-Jewish Relations. He has also served on the United States Holocaust Memorial Council where he continues as Chair of its Church Relations Committee.

Dr Shanta Premawardhana (Workshop no. 16)

Dr Premawardhana is a Baptist pastor and head of the department for Interreligious Dialogue and Interreligious Cooperation at the World Council of Churches in Geneva.

John Robinson (Workshop no. 19)

Chair of the ICCJ Young Leadership Council.

Prof. Dr Ursula Rudnick (Workshop no. 15)

Dr Rudnick teaches at the Institute for Theology and Religious education in Aachen. She is a member of LEKKI, the Lutheran European Committee on Church and Israel.

Prof. Dr Joseph Sievers (Workshop no. 9)

Professor of Jewish History and Literature of the Hellenistic Period at the Pontifical Biblical Institute and Director of the Cardinal Bea Centre for Judaic Studies at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. Born and raised in Germany, he holds a Ph.D. in History from Columbia University. Besides many publications in the area of Hasmonean history, he has co-edited with Jack Bemporad and John T. Pawlikowski, Good and

Evil After Auschwitz: Ethical Implications for Today (KTAV Publishing House, 2000) and with Philip A. Cunningham and Norbert J. Hofmann, The Catholic Church and the Jewish People: Recent Reflections from Rome (Fordham University Press, 2007). He is a member of the Focolare Movement and a Catholic priest.

Florence Taubmann (Workshop no. 8)

Pasteur de l'Eglise Réformée de France, présidente de l'Amitié judéo-chrétienne de France. 51 ans, mariée à Michel Taubmann, journaliste et écrivain. Ils ont deux fils. Après avoir exercé son ministère en région parisienne pendant 15 ans, elle est désormais en poste à Limoges, en Haute Vienne, qui fut une importante région de refuge pendant la seconde guerre mondiale. Sa découverte du judaïsme et du dialogue judéo-chrétien a profondément changé sa compréhension du christianisme et sa prédication.

Dr Deborah Weissman (Workshop no. 3)

Born in New York, moved to Jerusalem in 1972. She holds a BA from Barnard College and an MA from New York University, both in sociology, and a Ph.D. in Jewish education from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. Her main field of academic research is the social history of Jewish women's education. Debbie was one of the founders of the Coalition for the Advancement of Jewish Education. For many years, she has developed a specialization in teaching about Judaism to Christians. She was one of the founders and is still an active member of Kehillat Yedidya in Bak'a, a modern Orthodox synagogue. She is currently Co-Chair of the Inter-Religious Coordinating Council in Israel and President of the ICCJ.

Dr Michael Wolffsohn (Workshop no. 18)

Born in 1947 in Tel-Aviv, he moved to West-Berlin in 1954. Professor of history at the University of the Federal Armed Forces in Munich, and since 2008 heads the cultural department of the Jewish community in Munich.