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RELIGIOUS PLURALISATION —
A CHALLENGE FOR MODERN SOCIETIES

The long-held belief in the secularization thesis and the subsequent expectation that religion would gradually lose its societal relevance in public and scientific discourse led to religion being treated rather as a side issue. This has changed fundamentally in the wake of growing religious pluralization. In this respect, both the destructive potential of religion as well as initiatives designed to promote understanding between people of different religions and worldviews play a significant role. In view of these ambivalences, a need has arisen for clarification in the area of societal as well as scientific discourse. The planned conference will debate the challenges of religious pluralization and the contribution to be made by interreligious dialogue in five thematic areas — theology, politics/civil society, education, Communication/media and contexts. The aim of the conference is to describe innovative scientific approaches and broad political and social scopes of action for addressing religious plurality.

SPEAKERS AND CHAIRS INCLUDE

Peter Berger | Boston, USA
Reinhold Bernhardt | Basel, Switzerland
Peter Beyer | Ottawa, Canada
Gunther Dietz | Veracruz, Mexico
Edith Franke | Marburg, Germany
Johannes Frühbauer | Tübingen, Germany
Maria Del Mar Grieria | Barcelona, Spain
Robert Jackson | Warwick, UK
Manuela Kalsky | Amsterdam, The Netherlands
Sallie B. King | Madison/Georgetown, USA
Grit Klinkhammer | Bremen, Germany
Thorsten Knauth | Duisburg-Essen, Germany
Paul Knitter | New York, USA
Matthias Koenig | Göttingen, Germany
Volkhard Krech | Bochum, Germany
Alexander-Kenneth Nagel | Göttingen, Germany
Aydan Özoguz | Berlin, Germany
Gert Pickel | Leipzig, Germany
Anantanand Rambachan | Minnesota, USA
Perry Schmidt-Leukel | Münster, Germany
Leslie Seidle | Montreal, Canada
Silke Steets | Darmstadt, Germany
Jörg Stolz | Lausanne, Switzerland
Nikola Tietze | Hamburg, Germany
Michael von Brück | Munich, Germany
Uwe Justus Wenzel | Zurich, Switzerland
Jean Paul Willaime | Paris, France

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PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE AT www.volkswagenstiftung.de/pluralisation
REGISTRATION DEADLINE: September 15, 2016. There is no charge for attendance but booking is essential.
BEGINNING of CONFERENCE October 4, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.
END of CONFERENCE October 6, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.
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