Herrenhausen Symposium digital

**Reusing Churches. New Perspectives in a European Comparison**

February 15–17, 2021

**How could you attend the symposium?**

Dear participant

We are pleased about your participation in the Herrenhausen Symposium “Reusing Churches. New Perspectives in a European Comparison” from February 15-17, 2021. Since the symposium will take place digitally, you will receive information here on how to attend the symposium.

There will be a symposium platform. On February 12, you will receive an e-mail with a login for the symposium platform. If you do not find this mail in your inbox on this day, look in the spam folder and search for an email with the sender …@in.howspace.com. If you cannot find what you are looking for there either, please contact Susann Morgner from congressa (morgner@congressa.de).

With this login you can access the symposium platform and take a look around. There you will find the program and a field for each program item, which you can click on the day of the event to access the room in which the respective program item takes place. The program items run with the program Zoom. You can enter the room before the program starts. However, you will see the speakers only at the time when the program item starts. Each item has its own room, so you have come back again and again. If you are using Zoom for the first time, you will be asked to install the Zoom app on your computer the first time you join. All you have to do is follow the instructions on your desktop.

The symposium platform is a kind of foyer. After logging in, you will first be taken to a reception page. One hour before the symposium starts a contact person from congressa is there for you to answer any questions. Log in sooner rather than later.

In addition to the program, you will find further information on the symposium platform: a symposium booklet, information on the speakers, the abstracts of the presentations, exhibitions, a book table, films and more. You will also have the opportunity to talk and exchange ideas with other symposium participants. We are confident that you will find your way around the virtual space of the symposium.

If you would like to invite other people from your professional environment or from your circle of friends to the symposium, do so without hesitation. There are no space restrictions in the digital format of the symposium. Registration for the symposium continues as before via the symposiums website of the Volkswagen Foundation.

**Link to the symposium website with registration**
One more thing: The informal conversations among the symposium participants that take place at a face-to-face event during the breaks or while eating are also possible in digital format, but different. At the face-to-face event, you would speak to someone and exchange their business card. When it comes to digital events, you first have to know who you can address. That is why we would like to publish a list of participants on the symposium platform with their name, country of origin, field of work and their e-mail address. So you can get in touch with the people of your choice yourself. This list of participants can only be viewed by the symposium participants, that is, for those who have registered with the foundation and been given a login. The symposium platform is not a public website, but can only be visited by those who have registered. If you do not want to be on the list of participants or if you do not want to publish your e-mail address there, please inform Ms. Susann Morgner by February 10th (morgner@congressa.de).

Did you know, by the way, that the more than 60 people actively involved in the symposium (speakers, symposium observers, grantees, panel participants) come from fifteen countries? These are Belgium, Germany, Finland, France, Great Britain, Italy, Latvia, the Netherlands, Norway, Austria, Romania, Slovakia, Sweden, Switzerland and the USA.

We are now looking forward to welcoming you to the digital Herrenhausen Palace in Hanover on February 15 and spending two and a half days in an intensive exchange with you.

Yours sincerely,

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