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A Humboldt Foundation International Workshop  
Comparative Studies in Imperial History  
in memory of S. N. Eisenstadt

# Empires and Religions

Freie Universität Berlin, March 1-3, 2018



## PROGRAM

### Thursday, March 1, 2018 >

13:30-14:00: **Eva Cancik-Kirschbaum** (Freie Universität Berlin) and **Jörg Rüpke** (Erfurt University), *Opening session*

14:00-15:00: **Eva Cancik-Kirschbaum** (Freie Universität Berlin), *Imperial Claims and the Role of Henotheism in Ancient Mesopotamian Societies*

15:00-16:00: **Alberto Cantera** (Freie Universität Berlin), *Avestan Texts, Solar Calendar and Eternal Fire: A Religious 'Reformation' in Achaemenid Iran?*

16:00-16:30: *Coffee break*

16:30-17:30: **Patrick Olivelle** (The University of Texas at Austin), *Imperial Ideology and Religious Pluralism in Aśoka*

17:30-18:30: **Yuri Pines** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), *Secular Theocracy? State and Religion in Early China Revisited*

### Friday, March 2, 2018 >

09:00-10:00: **Jörg Rüpke** (Erfurt University), *Religion In, For, and Against the Roman Empire*

10:00-11:00: **Matthew Canepa** (University of Minnesota), *The Art and Ritual of Imperial Temporality in Persia and the Ancient Iranian World*

11:00-11:30: *Coffee break*

11:30-12:30: **Corinne Bonnet** (Université de Toulouse Jean Jaurès), *On Imperial Intermediaries: New Elites and the Promotion of the Royal Cult in the Ptolemaic Empire*

13:00-14:30: *Lunch*

14:30-15:30: **Johannes Preiser-Kapeller** (Austrian Academy of Sciences), *A Christian Roman Empire? Byzantium between Imperial Monotheism and Religious Multiplicity*

15:30-16:30: **Chase F. Robinson** (City University of New York), *Religion, Community and Loyalty on the 20th of March, 865 CE*

16:30-17:00: *Coffee break*

17:00-18:00: **James A. Benn** (McMaster University), *'Action Buddhism' in the Medieval Chinese Empire*

18:00-19:00: **Len Scales** (Durham University), *Eschatology and the Medieval Western Empire*

### Saturday, March 3, 2018 >

09:00-10:00: **Michal Biran** (The Hebrew University of Jerusalem), *Religions in the Mongol Empire Revisited: Exchanges, Conversions, Consequences*

10:00-11:00: **André Wink** (University of Wisconsin-Madison), *Religion and Politics in the Mughal Empire of India*

11:00-11:30: *Coffee break*

11:30-12:30: **Baki Tezcan** (UC Davis), *A Populist Reformation: The Early Modern Transformation of Islam in the Ottoman Empire*

12:45-13:30: *Final discussion*