

Increasingly, the media define the public image of religions and cultures. This image is often biased and negative.

On the other hand, there are signs that the public media in Europe and beyond are making greater efforts to convey accurate information about religions.

Education has the important task of encouraging young people as well as adults to play an active part in media culture.

In a broad sense the media have always been indispensable to religions. Perception of transcendent reality can only be conveyed through metaphor and symbol; the traditions of the great world religions could not possibly have been handed down without the media of the written and printed word. Thus the media play an essential mediating role, particularly where interreligious learning and a methodology for teaching world religions are concerned.

The 10th Nuremberg Forum 2010 will address the various challenges posed by this theme and will develop further perspectives.

Following a well-established pattern international personalities from different religious, ideological, political and educational fields will be brought together. In addition there will be representatives of the public media, media education and media policy.

Topics

1. The portrayal of religions in the public media
2. The banning of images/the cult of images: what the image and other media mean for the religions
3. Media ethics from a religious perspective
4. The media and interreligious/intercultural learning

International Symposium:

School textbook research and development

Prof. Dr. Manfred Pirner, current holder of the Chair for Religious Education at the University of Erlangen-Nuremberg his predecessor Prof. Dr. Johannes Lähnemann, and Dr Werner Haussmann look forward to the next stage of this continuing work in the field of cultural encounter.

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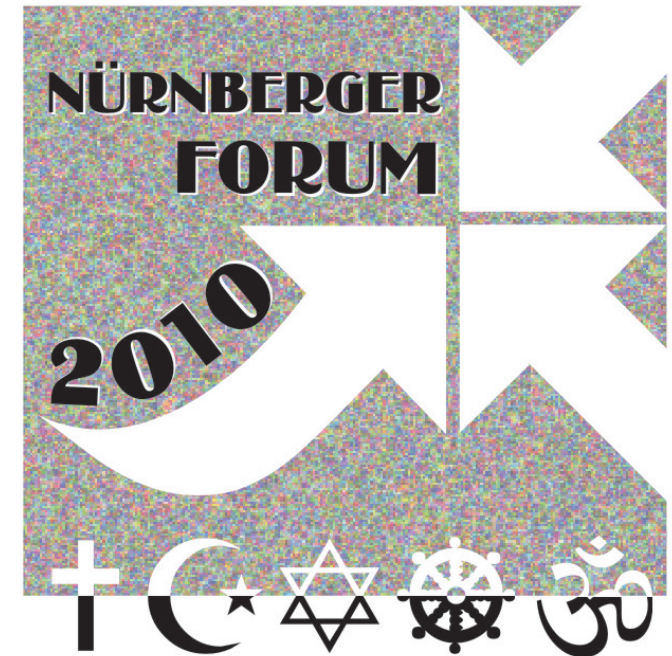
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Media Power and Religions

The Challenge facing Intercultural Learning

29.09. - 02.10.2010

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**Opening of forum on 29.09.10:
“The significance of the public media for
interreligious understanding”
followed by Reception**

Opening address: *Prof. Dr. Norbert Schneider*

Panel: *State Secretary Cornelia Rogali-Grothe, Rabbi Elisa Klapheck, Bekir Alboga M.A., Archbishop Dr. Ludwig Schick, Regional Bishop Dr. Stefan Ark Nitsche*

29.09.10

Presentations (Selection)

Prof. Sulak Sivaraksa/Bangkok:
Media responsibility for global partnership

Symposium (30.09-01.10.10) Interreligious school textbook research and development: standards and perspectives

Prof. Dr. Harun Behr
Dr. Saeid Edalad Nezhad / Teheran
Prof. Dr. Klaus Hock
Dr. Werner Haußmann
Lamyia Kaddor
Prof. Dr. Johannes Lähnemann
Prof. Dr. Christo Lombard / Kapstadt
Rabeya Müller
Prof. Dr. Wolfram Reiss / Wien
Prof. Dr. Mualla Selcuk / Ankara
Dr. Georg Tsakalidis / Kosanis
Dr. Frank van der Velden / Kairo

30.09.10

Presentations (Selection)

Prof. Dr. Jonathan Magonet / London: The banning of images in the context of the media culture: a Jewish perspective

Prof. Dr. Karl Josef Kuschel: The banning of images and the cult of images. What the great world religions can learn from one another

Prof. Dr. Heiner Bielefeldt: The media and human rights. A critical perspective

01.10.10

Prof. Dr. Karl Ernst Nipkow: The media and inter-religious learning. Criteria from a religious education perspective

Dr. Saeid Edalad Nejad / Teheran: Religious Pictures and Symbols. An Islamic Perspective

Prof. Dr. Alicia Cabezudo / Rosario: International Peace Education and the Media

Other topics:

- Political caricatures and religion
- Islam as portrayed in the media
- Interreligious learning with the television series “Turkish for Beginners”
- Media in Religious Conflict. Experiences from Northern Ireland“
- Media responsibility for global partnership

02.10.10

Closing ceremony on 02.10.10 “Media ethics in the context of religious diversity”

Prof. Dr. Thomas Hausmanninger: Media ethics from a (Catholic) theological perspective

Prof. Johanna Haberer: Theological media ethics as a public ethic. A Protestant perspective

Panel with *former Minister-President of Bavaria Dr. Günther Beckstein, Prof. Dr. Harun Behr, Viola Raheb, N.N.*

Notes on registration

All essential information about this year's Nuremberg Forum as well as registration details can be found on:

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