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Comparative Religion, History of Religion
Bookish Traditions: Authority and the Book in Scripturalist Religions
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TENTATIVE SYLLABUS

Thematic Sessions/Practicum/Working groups

Plenary sessions

1. Session: The Book as Object, Idea, and Fetish
2. Session: Formations of the Canon: Techniques of Authentication, Authorities of Validation, Historical Conditions
3. Session: Ad fontes 1: Techniques of Reading and Pragmatics of Interpretation in the Premodern Period
4. Session: The Reformation Paradigm?
5. Session: Ad fontes 2 – Techniques of Reading and Pragmatics of Interpretation in the Modern Period: Humanism and the Reformation
6. Session: Dissecting the Text: Philology, Historicism, Positivism
7. Session: Guardians of the Scripture in the Secular Age
8. Session: Closing the text: Modernity, Univocality, and Literalism

Practicum

“On the Margins – Techniques of reading a medieval page”

Manuscript examples of commentary and gloss, of Jewish, Christian, and Muslim provenance. Considerations of physical layout, intertextuality, and reference. The Practicum should be attended by all faculty and students

Working groups

These groups will offer students the opportunity to present and discuss their thesis or research projects.

Lectures:

- A. Opening Lecture
- B. – G.: To be defined after agreement with faculty

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