

Workshop: Language and Religion
5th – 6th February 2015, University of Bayreuth

Sermons, prayers, conversion stories, confessions, ritual forms are all part of what is referred to as the *genres of language use in religious context*. In various fields like theology, religious studies, linguistics, literature, sociology, ethnology etc., they are explored and discussed as dominant *verbal situations* of religious communication or representations of belief. Doctoral students of various specializations at the University of Bayreuth are working on different aspects of religious communication. We therefore wish to host in next spring a workshop focusing on the linguistic and interactional aspects of religion and religious practices. Our goal is to bring these doctoral students together and give them the opportunity to share and discuss their current PhD project or their work in progress in the framework of a presentation (about 20 minutes) and a prolific exchange beyond disciplinary boundaries. The workshop will take place on 5th and 6th of February 2015 at the University of Bayreuth. The conference languages are German and English. For registration, please send a short description of your project or (part of) work in progress before the January 23rd to the following e-mail addresses:

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