

"Decolonial Approaches Towards Social Transformation. Potentials of African Biblical Hermeneutics as Sources of New Theological Insights for Social Change."

Panel | 24 October 2022 | 18:00–20:00 (CEST / SAT) | online via Zoom
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The German–South African International Research Training Group (IRTG) **Transformative Religion: Religion as situated knowledge in processes of social transformation** is happy to invite you to a panel on Potentials of African Biblical Hermeneutics as Sources of New Theological Insights for Social Transformation.

The IRTG program broadly focuses on religion as situated knowledge in processes of social transformation from a decolonial and transdisciplinary perspective.

Reading Christian scripture from an Afrocentric point of view African biblical hermeneutics contribute to debates on decolonizing social transformation in several ways. Such readings not only challenge Western secular notions of "development" that have been disseminated with colonial modernity but also challenge interpretative hegemony of Eurocentric biblical readings enriching it with perspectives built on African knowledge.

The panel seeks to address questions of who's reading matters, what constitutes an African or Afrocentric reading, what enriching African knowledge can be found through an Afrocentric reading of Christian scripture and what role mother tongue plays in the interpretational process.

The objective is to unfold the liberational and transformational potentials of African biblical hermeneutics and its contributions towards societal wellbeing - rebuilding societies in decolonized terms.

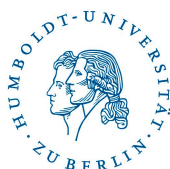
Panelists

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