



GUEST LECTURE

“The Theological Status of Islam – Toward a Christian Approach”

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Introduction: Mag. Dr. Michaela Neulinger MA

The emergence of Islam, chronologically after the advent of Christ, makes it difficult to approach this religion theologically from a Christian perspective. Is it possible to recognize a divine expression in a religious manifestation that emerges historically after God's gift of his Son? What theological value can be given to Islam, its message, its historical form, its messenger, its practices, its spirituality...? Is it a Jewish or Christian derivation, a kind of heresy that took root in Arabia? Is it a nature religion which is part of ancient historical religious forms or an Abrahamic branch which developed thanks to its internal coherence? The lecture will discuss these questions from a Christian theological perspective.

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