



INVITATION
to the
4th Pune - Innsbruck Joint Conference
on



Cross-Cultural Encounter: Experience and Expression
of the Divine
16th - 20th May 2007

Academic Programme

Thursday, 17th May

PART I: ENCOUNTER OF HOLY SCRIPTURES

- 10,30 – 10,45 ANDREAS VONACH and MOHANADOSS THERESNATAN
Introduction to the topics and subject matter of the conference
- 10,45 – 11,45 GEORG FISCHER
The desire to see God: A comparison between the *Bhagavadgita*
and the Book of Exodus
- Lunch-Break
- 14,30 – 15,30 NOEL SHETH
The diverse experiences of Krishna in the *Bhagavata Purana*
- 15,30 – 16,30 BORIS REPSCHINSKI
Purity, Fasting and Feasting: Refraining from Eating and Food
Consumption in Matthew, James and the Didache
- Coffee-Break
- 17,00 – 18,00 REKHA CHENNATTU
The Word became Flesh (John 1,1-18):
A cross-cultural Expression of the Divine

Friday, 18th May

- 08,45 – 09,45 ANDREAS VONACH
From Isa 5 to Isa 27: A prophetic metaphor for God's acting in
ordinary Israelite prophecy and in apocalyptic thinking
- Coffee-Break

PART II: PERSPECTIVES OF SOME SPECIFIC GROUPS

- 10,15 – 11,15 MOHANADOSS THERESNATAN
Experience and Expression of the Divine: A Folk Religious
Perspective
- 11,15 – 12,15 JOSE THAYIL
Cross-cultural encounter with, experience and expression of the
Divine: A Dalit Perspective
- Lunch-Break

- 14,30 – 15,30 WILLIBALD SANDLER
Excluding Transcendence: Does Transcendence according to a
Judeo-Christian Understanding produce or overcome violent
exclusion?
- 15,30 – 16,30 JAMES PONNAIAH
God on their side: Interrogation of the Social by Folk Shamans in
India

Coffee-Break

**PART III: PSYCHOLOGICAL, ANTHROPOLOGICAL AND SPIRITUAL
DIMENSIONS OF RELIGIOUS EXPERIENCE**

- 17,00 – 18,00 GEORGE KARUVELIL
Missing the Woods for the Trees: A critique of Wayne Proudfoot's
explanatory reduction of religion
- 18,00 – 19,00 TERESA PETER
Walking on water ... as though it would be dry land: Experiences
of anxiety as challenge to theological expression

Saturday, 19th May

- 08,45 – 09,45 KURUVILLA PANDIKATTU
Experience and expression of the Divine: Anthropological
Reflections
- Coffee-Break

PART IV: DRAFTS OF A CROSS-CULTURAL THEOLOGY

- 10,15 – 11,15 MATTHIAS SCHARER
(How) Does God act in the life of individual people? Concerning
the theological dignity of the biographical dimension
- 11,15 – 12,15 WINFRIED LÖFFLER
God and modern cosmology
- Lunch-Break
- 14,30 – 15,30 CYRIL DESBRUSLAIS
Understanding the Human Person in the light of genuine
philosophy of liberation
- 15,30 – 16,30 ROMAN SIEBENROCK
Talking about Trinity: Biblical and patristic terms and ways of
expressing this aspect of the Divine
- Coffee-Break
- 17,00 – 18,00 ROSARIO ROCHA
Cross-cultural experience of the Divine in Revelation: Christian
and Hindu
- Short Break
- 18,15 – 19,00 Concluding session: Summing up, Evaluation, Planning