Conference on “Interreligious Founding”
April 8th-9th, 2021
Humboldt University of Berlin

Thursday, April 8th, 2021
12:30-1:00 p.m. Welcome and introductory remarks

1:00-3:00 p.m. Session 1: What Did Dhimmis Do? Non-Muslim Foundations in the Islamicate World
- Chair: Johannes Pahlitzsch (Mainz)
- Dotan Arad (Bar-Ilan University): Endowments as a Tool for the Shaping of Community Identity in the Jewish Society of the Eastern Mediterranean
- Antonia Bosanquet (Hamburg): What May the Dhimmī Endow? A Comparison of the Regulation of Non-Muslim waqfs in 14th-century Legal Texts
- Elias Kolovos (Rethymno): The Monastery of Chora, Constantinople, as a Christian waqf under the Ottomans

3:00-3:30 p.m. Virtual coffee break

3:30-5:30 p.m. Session 2: Patronage and Power in the Multireligious Landscape of Medieval India
- Chair: Ignacio Sánchez (Warwick)
- Sanjukta Datta (New Delhi): Premier League: Pāla Kings in a Multi-Religious Landscape [7 p.m. Indian time]
- Dev Kumar Jhanjh (Calcutta): Patterns and Diversities in North Indian Royal Patronage: A Comparative Study of Two Regions (c.8th-11th Centuries CE) [7:30 p.m. Indian time]
- Annette Schmiedchen (Berlin): Buddhist Endowments by Śaiva Kings – Religious Patronage of the Maitrakas in Western India (6th-8th Cent.)

5:30-6:00 p.m. Concluding remarks and discussion

Friday, April 9th, 2021
10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Session 3: Local and Regional Variations of Religious Foundations in China
- Chair: Annette Schmiedchen (Berlin)
- Kentaro Matsubara (Tokyo): Lending and Borrowing in Qing South China: The Establishment of Ancestral Foundations and Local Social Strategies
- Ichiko Shiga (Mito): Shantang as a Chaozhounese Charitable Foundation: Exploring Its Origins and Modern Forms in China and Southeast Asia
- Toru Miura (Tokyo): Creating World History through the Cross-cultural and Comparative Study of Foundations

12:00-1:00 p.m. Lunch break

1:00-3:00 p.m. Session 4: Foundations and the Struggle for Orthodoxy in Pre-modern Western History
- Chair: Zachary Chitwood (Mainz)
- Philipp Winterhager (Berlin): From Canonry to Monastery: Changing Observances and the Agency of the Foundation’s Beneficiaries at 11th-Century Hasungen
- Tillmann Lohse (Berlin): Heterodoxy and Criticism of Foundations: Waldensians, Lollards and Lutherans from a Comparative Perspective
- Imke Johannsen (Hamburg): Adjusted Persistence: Religious Elements of Foundations in Early Modern Hamburg

3:00-3:30 p.m. Virtual coffee break

3:30-5:00 p.m. Session 5: Sometimes Schismatics: Latins, Greeks and Their Endowments in the Late Medieval Eastern Mediterranean
- Chair: Kostis Smyrlis (Athens)
- Zachary Chitwood (Mainz): Two Fifteenth-century Latin Christian Charters in Favor of Vatopedi Monastery on Mount Athos
- Miriam Salzmann (Mainz): Saving Souls across Boundaries. “Inter-rite” Founding Activities in Fourteenth and Fifteenth-century Cyprus

5:00-5:30 p.m. Concluding remarks and discussion

The papers stemming from this conference will be published in a special issue of the journal Endowment Studies.