Speakers

Andrew Hass  
Religion  
University of Stirling

David Jasper  
Theology and Literature  
University of Glasgow

Lothar van Laak  
Modern German Literature  
University of Paderborn

Martin Leutzsch  
Biblical Theology  
University of Paderborn

Andreas Mauz  
Hermeneutics and Philosophy of Religion  
University of Zurich

Jochen Schmidt  
Systematic Theology  
University of Paderborn

Maike Schult  
Practical Theology  
University of Marburg

Heather Walton  
Theology and Creative Practice  
University of Glasgow

Location

The conference will be held in room P1.301, University of Paderborn campus.

Registration

Attendance is free of charge. Please register via e-mail by November 30th 2021 (karina.kuppe@upb.de)

You can find more information on the conference website:  
https://go.upb.de/ethics

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Exercises in Hermeneutical Ethics

The meanings of ethics go beyond mere judgement. There are kinds of aesthetical-ethical reflection and ethical labour that are not merely preparatory to moral judgement or to ethical communication. These kinds of ethical reflection are established in their own right and come in many forms. One of the forms of such indirect ethical labour is the hermeneutical work on texts, i.e., on texts that could inspire moral thought in an albeit unforeseeable way, or on texts that might lead to an irritation of moral convictions and outlooks. Hermeneutical ethics is a practice that does not aim to denounce ethical theory by way of anti-theory, but rather to fully appreciate the complexities of ethical reality. The talks of the conference will enact hermeneutical ethics by offering close readings of texts (literary and other) that can both inspire and challenge ethical thought.

Friday, December 10th

9:15-10:45
Jochen Schmidt
Hermeneutical Ethics and Moral Motivation

Coffee

11:00-12:15
Andrew Hass
Listening as Interpretation: Ethical Responsibility in the Spirit of Music

Lunch

2:00-3:15
Andreas Mauz
The Same, Different: Perspective as a Key Aspect of Hermeneutics/Hermeneutical Ethics

Coffee

3:30-4:45
Heather Walton
Representing Deep Relationality: The Necessity of Fiction in a Time of Climate Crisis

5:00-6:15
Maike Schult
What Serves the Common Good: Ishiguro’s Novel Never Let Me Go as a Micrological Exercise in Hermeneutical Ethics

7:00
Conference dinner

Saturday, December 11th

9:30-10:45
David Jasper
Ethics after Postmodernism: The Literary Turn – a Study of J. Hillis Miller and Wayne C. Booth

Coffee

11:00-12:15
Martin Leutzsch
Demanding Forgiveness: The Ethical Impact of a Peculiar Form of Responsa Concerning the Holocaust

Lunch

1:45-3:00
Lothar van Laak
Vulnerability in the Aesthetics of Literature

Conclusion of the conference