

# Filling the void?



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## International Conference / **Religious Pluralisms and the City** 28 – 30 January 2016 / Technische Universität Darmstadt



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Rundeturmstraße 10 / Room S3 20/18 Participation is free of admission. Please register until 15 January 2016 by sending an email to: [fillingthevoid@ifs.tu-darmstadt.de](mailto:fillingthevoid@ifs.tu-darmstadt.de)

### Thursday, 28 January 2016

18.00 – 20.00 h

#### Keynotes

**PETER L. BERGER** (Boston University):  
The City as Vortex of Pluralism

**NEZAR ALSAYYAD** (UC Berkeley):  
The Death and Life of the Fundamentalist City

20.00 h

#### Get-Together

**Organizers:**  
Helmuth Berking  
Jochen Schwenk  
Silke Steets

### Friday, 29 January 2016

9.00 – 13.00 h

#### Conceptualizing Religion and Urbanism

Chair: **Jochen Schwenk**

**PHILIP SHELDRAKE** (Westcott House):  
The Spiritual City: Christian Concepts of  
the City & Contemporary Urban Challenges

**CHRIS BAKER** (University of Chester):  
Postsecularity and a New Urban Politics? –  
Spaces, Practices and Imaginaries

**MARIAN BURCHARDT** (Max Planck Institute  
for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity):  
Religion in Urban Space: Diversity and  
Governmentality after Identity

13.00 h

#### Lunch Break

### Friday, 29 January 2016

14.00 – 18.00 h

#### Religious Pluralism: Conflicts and Negotia- tions in the City

Chair: **Silke Steets**

**JOHN EADE** (University of Roehampton):  
Constructing Islam in a Global City –  
Building High Profile Mosques in London  
and Multiple Identities

**TULASI SRINIVAS** (Emerson College):  
Worlds of Wonder –  
The Megacity and Religious Pluralism

**MARTIJN OOSTERBAAN** (Utrecht University):  
Revisiting Religious Plurality and Conflict  
in Rio de Janeiro: Pentecostal Presence  
20 Years after 'Kicking the Saint'

### Saturday, 30 January 2016

10:00 – 14:00 h

#### Changing Urban Imaginaries

Chair: **Helmuth Berking**

**TOVI FENSTER** (Tel Aviv University):  
Jerusalem's Imaginaries –  
Visual and Sound Conflict Representations in the  
'Holy City'

**WERNER SCHIFFAUER**  
(Europa Universität Viadrina Frankfurt/Oder):  
Muslim Berlin – From City of Exile to Diasporic City

**EVA CANCEK-KIRSCHBAUM** (FU Berlin):  
The Sumerian 'Tempelstadt' –  
The Modern Making of an Ancient Urban Concept

15:00 – 17:00 h

#### Panel Discussion