

SEMINAR FÜR RELIGIONSWISSENSCHAFT UND INTERKULTURELLE THEOLOGIE

ÖFFENTLICHE FORSCHUNGSKOLLOQUIEN SS-2012

Learning in Inter-religious Dialogue. Case-Study: Masao Abe.

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Time: 18.15-20.15
Days: Mondays and Wednesdays
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Language: English



Masao Abe (1915-2006) was one of the chief Zen Buddhist proponents in Buddhist-Christian dialogue. His original thinking is strongly influenced by the philosophy of the Kyoto School, in particular by his teacher Shin'ichi Hisamatsu. In the research seminars Annewieke Vroom, who is an expert on M. Abe, will introduce key topics of Abe's dialogical work.

Classes and Topics:

1. (23/4) Masao Abe: thought, context, and theology of religions
2. (25/4) Religious knowledge and liberation: Buddhist, Jewish, and Christian challenges
3. (07/5) God and Emptiness: Jewish, Christian and feminist challenges
4. (09/5) Good and Evil: Jewish, Christian and feminist challenges
5. (21/5) Life and Death: Christian challenges
6. (23/5) Learning in Inter-religious Dialogue: philosophical assessment

All classes can either be attended individually or taken as a complete course ("Hauptseminar") with full credits.