

# INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

# When the cemetery becomes political

Dealing with the religious heritage in multi-ethnic regions: Cyprus, Lebanon, the Balkans ...

• DATE: 24-25 March 2017, Münster

VENUE: Lecture room RS 2 in courtyard building, Schlaunstraße 2

(same building as *Institute for Interdisciplinary Cypriot Studies*; entrance from Rosenstraße > cf. maps below)

## > FRIDAY, 24 March 2017

14:00–14:15 Opening and Welcome:

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Prof. Dr. Hubert Faustmann (Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Office Cyprus/University of Nicosia)

**Dr. Sabine Rogge** (Institute for Interdisciplinary Cypriot Studies)

14:15–15:00 **Dr. Olga Demetriou** (PRIO, Cyprus Centre)

Necropolitical Heritage: Counting and not counting the dead of the Cyprus conflict

15:00–15:45 **Dr. Thorsten Kruse** (University of Münster)

Religious heritage and politics: the case of Cyprus

Coffee break

16:00–16:45 **Petros Savvides,** PhD cand., MPhil (University of Nicosia, University of Birmingham)

The Islamisation of the Northern Part of Cyprus: From Turkification to Turkish-Cypriot Religious

Alienation

16:45–18:00 Dr. Lisa Dikomitis (Keele University) and Prof. Dr. Vassos Argyrou (University of Hull)

Revisiting the cemetery in Cyprus

#### > SATURDAY, 25 March 2017

9:00-9:45	Snežana Stankovi	ić, M.A	۱. (Humboldt-U	niversity Berlin)
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Empty spaces: vanished military cemeteries in Serbia

9:45–10:30 **Željana Tunić**, M.A. (University of Jena)

The meaning of bones in multi-ethnic communities – case studies from Herzegovina

Coffee break

10:45–11:30 Erdoğan Karakaya, M.A. (University of Frankfurt)

The political importance of Muslim cemeteries in Germany

11:30–12:15 **Dr. Leon Saltiel** (University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki)

Dehumanizing the Dead: The Destruction of Thessaloniki's Jewish Cemetery

Lunch

13:45-14:30	Dr. Malek Sharif (University of Münster)			
	Cemeteries and places of worship in multi-religious Lebanon			
14:30-15:15	Dr. Babak Rezvani (University of Amsterdam)			
	Georgian Muslims and Muslims of Georgia			
15:15-15:45	Discussion and closing comments			

Prof. Dr. Gisela Welz (University of Frankfurt) will act as a moderator/chairperson of the conference

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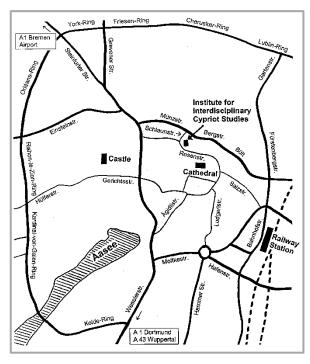
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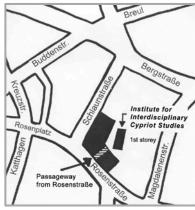






The conference, mainly initiated by Dr. Thorsten Kruse (research associate of the Institute for Interdisciplinary Cypriot Studies, University of Münster), focusses on the way the religious heritage of "the others" is dealt with in multi-ethnic/religious countries, such as Cyprus, Lebanon and the Balkans. It will present a closer look at the reasons, why one group destroyed or desecrated the cemeteries and places of worship of the other group(s) during interreligious or interethnic conflicts and it will critically analyse the intentions behind such measures. The conference will give further insights into the complex and complicated interaction between religion and politics.





Map of Münster with the location of the *Institute for Interdisciplinary Cypriot Studies* indicated + detailed drawing of the Institute's location

The conference venue (RS 2) is situated in the same building (ground-floor)

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