

**14:15 - 16:45 Section 3**

**Boundaries and the Dialectics of Indifference**

Moderation: Xenia von Tippelskirch  
(Goethe-University Frankfurt)

**Jo Spaans**  
(Independent Researcher, Utrecht)

Shifting Boundaries. The Impact of Comparative Religion in the Dutch Republic 1650-1750

**Nora Blume**  
(Martin-Luther-University Halle)

Indifference as a Boundary Marker: The Controversy about Johann Franz Budde's Defense of the Kabbalah in the Early 18th Century

**Andreas Pietsch**  
(University of Münster)

Blurring Confessional Differences. Irenical Writing in 18th-Century Berlin

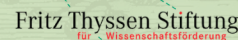
**17:00 - 18:00 Final Discussion**

Moderation: Sophie Houdard  
(Sorbonne Nouvelle Paris)

for online participation,  
please register before  
25 May



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# INDIFFERENCE

Religious Boundaries in Question  
1650-1750

Thursday 28 May - Friday 29 May 2026

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**Thursday, 28 May 2026**

**14:00 – 15:00 Introduction**

**15:00 - 17:30 Section 1**

**Religious Praxis of Indifference**

Moderation: Michael Leemann  
(Goethe-University Frankfurt)

**Francesco Quatrini**  
(University of Florence)

"Tolerance", not "Indifference". The  
Collegiants' Sermons between Religion and  
Politics.

**Simon Franzen**  
(UiT The Arctic University of Norway,  
Tromsø)

Spatial Dimensions of Confessional  
Indifference: The Perceptions of Mennonites  
in Albiheim and Krefeld (c. 1700–1750)

**Federico Barbierato**  
(University of Verona)

Believing in God, Believing in Demons: Zones  
of Religious Continuity and Indifference in  
Early Modern Venice

**18:00 - 19:30 Keynote Lecture**

**Jean-Pierre Cavillé**  
(EHESS Toulouse)

De Religione Cinganorum, or: On the  
Supposed Indifference of "Gypsies" Towards  
any Religion

**Friday, 29 May 2026**

**09:30 - 12:45 Section 2**

**Indifference in Knowledge Production**

Moderation: Nicole Reinhardt  
(Leibniz Institute of European History Mainz)  
Alexander Schunka  
(Free University Berlin)

**Girolamo Imbruglia**  
(University of Naples L'Orientale)

Religions of the World: Grotius and Bayle

**Karl Johann Scharpf**  
(Humboldt-University Berlin)

Johann Jakob Scheuchzer and the  
Boundaries of Epistemic Indifference

**Paola von Wyss-Giacosa**  
(Independent Researcher, Zurich)

Pictorial Dialectics of Indifference:  
Compilation as a Scholarly Stance in Picart's  
Corpus of Illustrations for the Cérémonies et  
Coutumes

**Andreas Häckermann**  
(Goethe-University Frankfurt)

Indifference in the Mirror: Jean-Frédéric  
Bernard's Handling of Islam