BEYOND TOLERANCE

SCHLEIERMACHER ON FRIENDSHIP SOCIABILITY AND LIVED RELIGION

Rising populist and nationalistic fervor throughout the West have raised concerns about the fragility of liberal political values, chief among them tolerance. If a defining characteristic of contemporary populisms is their staunch resistance to the stranger, a simple plea for greater tolerance appears inadequate. But what alternative social resources exist for cultivating the interpersonal relationships and mutual goodwill necessary for sustainable peace? And how might the lived practices of religious communities carry potential to re-circuit interpersonal tensions and transform the relationship with those who are *Fremde* from *Feind* to *Freund*? This seminar will view contemporary socio-political upheaval through the lens of Schleiermacher's theology, with a focus on friendship and sociability as a path beyond tolerance.

Keynote: Graham Ward (Oxford)

Schleiermacher's Theology of Friendship

Friendship and Interpersonal Subjectivity	Schleiermacher and the Hermeneutics of Culture
Arnulf von Scheliha (Muenster) The Development of Individuality and Friendship	Wilhelm Gräb (Berlin) Individuality and Sociability in Schleiermacher's Concept of the Christian Church
Cornelia Richter (Bonn/Cologne) Symphilosophieren and We-Intentionality Despite All Misunderstandings	Johann Meylahn (Pretoria) Lived Religion and Populist Reason
Jonas Lundblad (Uppsala) The Texture of Friendship: Polyphony and Sociability in Schleiermacher and Bonhoeffer	Nadia Marais (Stellenbosch) Contaminated by Grace? Salvation, Sociability and the Church as 'Collective Life'
Matthew Ryan Robinson (Bonn) Becoming Friends: Can Friendship be Taught and Learned?	Andrew Dole (Amherst) Schleiermacher's Strategy and The Dynamics of Religious Polarization

No registration necessary. Attendance is open to all. With questions or for more information: mrobinso@uni-bonn.de vanderschel@gonzaga.edu

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