

**Early Christian Encounters with Town and Countryside:  
Rural Jesus-Traditions and Urban Christian Start-ups – Contrast or Correlation?**

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**Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> February**

14:00 – 14:30	Coffee
14:30 – 15:15	<u>Keynote Address</u> : Gerd Theissen (Heidelberg): The Transition from Countryside to City – a Transformation of Christianity in its Beginnings?
15:15 – 16:00	Reinhard von Bendemann (Bochum): Interrelations between Urbanity and Rurality
16:00 – 16:45	Coffee Break
16:45 – 17:30	Markus Tiwald (Essen): The Rural Upstarts of the Jesus Movement and the 'Galilean Silence'
18:00	Dinner
19:00	Chilling out

**Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February**

9:00 – 9:45	Jodi Magness (Chapel Hill): Was Jesus exposed to Greco-Roman culture in urban settings? The urbanization of Sepphoris in Jesus' time, as well as other parts of Galilee and Jerusalem
9:45 – 10:30	Jörg Frey (Zürich): The Johannine Community between Rural and Urban Contexts
10:30 – 10:45	Coffee Break
10:45 – 11:30	Tobias Nicklas (Regensburg): "The Great Harlot Babylon". Anti-Urban Sentiments in Early Christianity
11:30 – 12:15	Ekatherini Tsalampouni (Thessaloniki): Urban Perspectives – Rural Traditions. The Process of Transforming Rural Traditions for an Urban Audience in Luke-Acts
12:30	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Event in the Afternoon: Visiting the Carolingian Foundation Werden (Cathedral and Treasury)
16:30 – 17:30	<u>Public Evening Lecture</u> : Jürgen Zangenberg (Leiden): Wie „Galiläisch“ war „Jesus der Galiläer“? Eine Spurensuche rund um den See Gennesaret
18:00	Dinner
19:00	Chilling out

**Wednesday, 7<sup>th</sup> February**

9:00 – 9:45	Günter Stemberger (Wien): The Urban World of Rabbis in post Bar Kochba Palestine
9:45 – 10:30	Zeev Weiss (Jerusalem): Urban and Rural Synagogues in Late Antique Palestine: Is There That Much of a Distinction between Them?
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee Break
11:00 – 11:45	Bas ter Haar Romeny (Amsterdam): Early Syrian Christianity at Edessa
11:45 – 12:00	Concluding the Conference
12:30	Lunch

30 Minutes Paper + 15 Minutes Discussion