

World Christianity Studies & Asymmetrical Dependency (WCSAD)

Working Group

Monthly Table Talk

The First Ecumenical Council of Nicaea (325), the Creeds, and Asymmetrical Dependency

Date: Tuesday, July 16th, 2024
from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. (CET)

Location: Heusallee 18-24 (Conference Room)
or via Zoom

Registration: To register, please email
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This Table Talk will focus on Wolfram Kinzig's new book *A History of Early Christian Creeds* (forthcoming on 1 July 2024 from De Gruyter). This is the first comprehensive scholarly treatment of the history of early Christian creeds for more than fifty years. The book contains an account of their origin and development from the credal texts in the New Testament to the fully-fledged classical formulae of the fourth century. It includes the creeds' use and alteration in subsequent periods until the time of Charlemagne and the beginnings of the filioque controversy. In addition, it includes a commentary on the most common ancient confessions, the Nicene Creed, the Creed of Constantinople, and the Apostles' Creed. The book also contains chapters dedicated to the use of creeds in law, art, and music, in everyday life, and even in magic. Credal developments in the eastern churches beyond the borders of the Roman Empire are also discussed. In the session we will, in particular, discuss the chapter on the normative significance of the creed in synodal and imperial legislation.

Prof. Dr. Wolfram Kinzig is

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Theology of the University of Bonn. Prof. Kinzig is also a BCDSS Principal Investigator, a founder of Bonn's Center of Religion and Society (ZERG), and Director of Studies for the English-language master's programs at Bonn's Faculty of Protestant Theology. A renowned expert on the early Christian creeds, the history of Jewish-Christian relations, the history of theological research in the nineteenth and twentieth centuries, and contemporary global Christianity, he has authored more than ten monographs. His 'Faith in Formulae' is acclaimed as a standard resource work for scholarly analysis of the early Christian creeds and related texts.