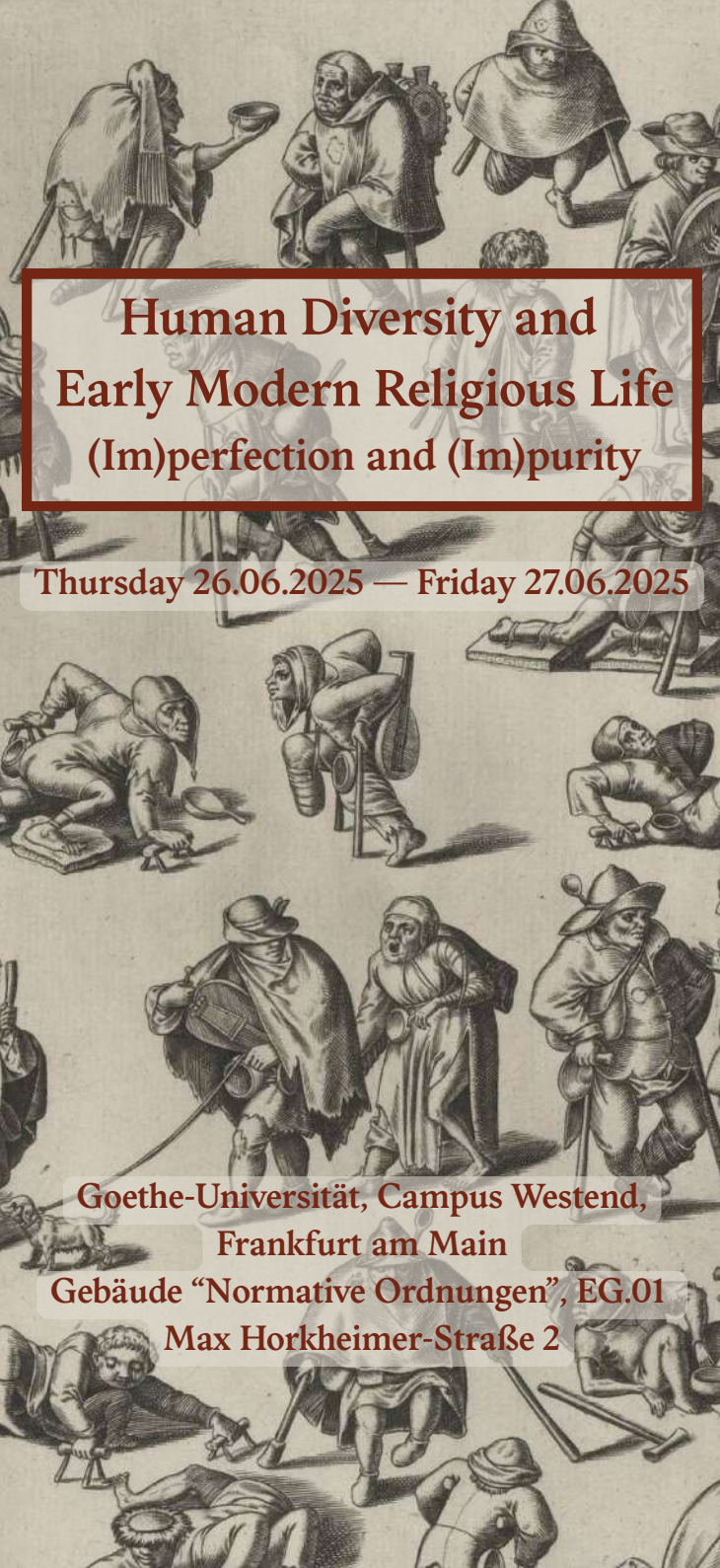




Human Diversity and Early Modern Religious Life (Im)perfection and (Im)purity

Thursday 26.06.2025 — Friday 27.06.2025

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13:30-14:00 Welcome and Introduction

14:00-16:00 Session 1: The Senses and
Religious Understanding
(Chair: Renate Dürr)

**Audrey Duru (Université Picardie-Jules
Verne Amiens):** Blind Experience and
Sensory Reform: Jean de Saint-
Samson, French Carmelite Mystic
(1571-1636)

**Anton Runesson (Stockholms
Universitet):** Deafness and Acquiring
Religion in Early Modern Lutheran
Sweden

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break



16:30-18:30 Session 2: Generation,
Procreation and Sexual Deviance
(Chair: Karin Sennefelt)



Ruth Albrecht (Universität Hamburg):
New Birth - New Bodies - New Human
Beings. Quest for Salvation by
Quedlinburg Pietists

**Francesco Quatrini (Vrije Universiteit
Amsterdam):** Controlling Bodies,
Controlling Communities: Practices of
Church Discipline in the Dutch Reformed
Church (17th Century)

19:30 Conference Dinner

Friday 27.06.2025

9:00-11:00 Session 3: Colonial Settings,
Mission and Physical Difference
(Chair: Christine Ott)

**Michael Leemann (Goethe-Universität
Frankfurt):** Race and Death in the
Eighteenth-Century Danish Caribbean



Gabrielle Robilliard-Witt (Carl Van Ossietzky-Universität Oldenburg):

Other Foods, Other Bodies ? Grappling with Culinary Diversity and Physical Difference in the Protestant Pietist Mission in Tranquebar in the Eighteenth Century

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Keynote: Tamar Herzig (Tel-Aviv University): Female Enslavement and Religious Life in Mediterranean Catholic Europe

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:00-16:00 Session 4: Diversity, Universality and Election
(Chair: Andreea Badea)

Benedikt Brunner (Johannes Gutenberg-Universität Mainz): "Indian Converts" (1727) and the Requirements of Puritan Perfection. Native American Christians and their Struggle for Equality



Johannes Ljungberg (Linköpings Universitet): (De)dramatizing Past Generations of Dissenters. Universal Historical Accounts of Elected Individuals and Role Models in the Nordic Countries, 1755-1771

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:30 Session 5: Othering Appearance
(Chair: Rebekka Voss)

Lisa Hecht (Philipps-Universität Marburg): "The Clearest Emblem of Romish Babel" - Visibility and Agency of Conjoined Twins in Early Modern Visual Culture and Religious Propaganda

Arndt Wille (Humboldt-Universität Berlin): Trapped in Fantasy: The Skin of the Abominable "Other". Constructing the Bodies of Jews and Witches during the Sixteenth Century

18:30-19:00 Renate Dürr (Eberhard-Karls-Universität Tübingen) and Birgit Emich (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt): Concluding Remarks



For online participation, please register at ifra@institutfrancais.de before 24.06.2025

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