With Christianity on the move for centuries, Christian outreach endeavors have, and still are, dynamic and contested fields of encounters. What happens when Christianity grows into new contexts? How does it relate to local cultures, address political power, and influence theological developments? This seminar addresses relations of power by exploring the historical and present role of Christian missions in our contemporary world.

Program

9.30: Coffee & tea

10.00: Word of welcome

10.15: African Independent Churches and mission encounters in South Africa | Prof. Andreas Heuser (Basel University)

11.00: Basel Mission among Dayak, Indonesia | Dr. Claudia Hoffmann (Basel University)

11.45: Batak indigenous religion and mission history, Sumatra | Edward Sinaga (Basel University)

12.30-14.00: Lunch

14.00: Nordic mission – an overlooked power in East Africa Pentecostalism | Martina Prosén (Lund University)

14.30: The notion of Manifestations of Pneuma in 1 Cor 12,7-10 and the Pneumatological expression sụnsuakyénte in Akan traditional spirituality | John Kwasi Fosu (Hamburg Missionsakademie)

15.00: Hakka Culture and Basel Mission, China | Li Lei (Basel University)

15.30-16.00: Coffee & tea break

16.00: The role of lay preachers in the church | Naibu Naftali Nyambo (Hamburg Missionsakademie)

16.30: Panel Discussion, Mission and Power

17.30: Closure

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