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**The Protestant Reformation
and the Middle East**
from March 18 – 22, 2015

Wednesday March 18, 2015

Saint Joseph University of Beirut: Amphitheatre B. Campus of Medical Sciences, Damascus road

6:30 pm **Opening Ceremony** at Saint Joseph University of Beirut speakers:

- Prof. Salim Daccache s.j., *Rector, Saint Joseph University of Beirut*
- Prof. George Sabra, *President, Near East School of Theology*
- Her Excellency Prof. Margot Käbmann, *Ambassador for the Reformation Anniversary in 2017 on behalf of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD)*
- His Excellency Mr. Christian Clages, *Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany*

7:15 pm Reception

Thursday March 19, 2015

Near East School of Theology (NEST), Sourati Street (off Jeanne D'Arc) Hamra, Beirut

5:00 pm Keynote address: Prof. Margot Käbmann, *Ambassador for the Reformation Anniversary in 2017 on behalf of the Council of the EKD*

Reformation and Politics

Respondent: His Grace Bishop Munib Younan, *Evangelical Lutheran Church in Jordan and the Holy Land; President, World Lutheran Federation*

Friday March 20, 2015

Saint Joseph University of Beirut: Amphitheatre Campus of Medical Sciences, Damascus road

9:00 am Welcome and opening remarks: Prof. Antoine Messarra, *Member of the Constitutional Council, Chaire UNESCO d'études comparées des religions, de la médiation et du dialogue, USJ*

9:30 am – 11:00 am **Panel A: The Reformation in a Historical Perspective**

Discussant: Dr. Thomas Scheffler, *Research Associate, Orient-Institute Beirut*

- Mr. Ermano Meichsner, *Former Adviser Reformation Jubilee, German Foreign Ministry*
The Pilgrim Martin Luther in Rome

- Mrs. Frieda Haddad Abs, *Lecturer in Social Work and Sociology- Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Haigazian University, Beirut*

Six Years of Systematic Dialogue Between Tübingen and Constantinople

- Prof. Eugene Sensenig Dabbous, *Chair of the Departments of Political Science, Public Administration, and International Affairs Notre Dame University; Secretary, AFBB*

A Turk by Any Other Name: Michael Sattler, Luther and the Radical Reformation

11:00 am -11:30 am Coffee break

11:30 am -1:00 pm **Panel B: In the Beginning was the Word**

Discussant: Mrs. Frieda Haddad Abs, *Lecturer in Social Work and Sociology- Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences, Haigazian University, Beirut*

- Prof. Jad Hatem, *Professor of Philosophy, Literature and Religious Sciences at Saint Joseph University*

L'amour pur chez Luther

- Prof. Miroslav Volf, *Director, Center for Faith & Culture, Yale Divinity School, New Haven Connecticut USA*

Religion and Violence

- Mr. Raymond Asmar, *PhD Candidate at the Faculty of Philosophy, Friedrich Schiller University, Jena*

La croix et le 'Principe protestant' entre Luther et Tillich

1:00 pm Lunch Break

2:30 pm – 4:30 pm **Panel C: Religion and Politics**

Discussant: Eugene Sensenig Dabbous, *Chair of the Departments of Political Science, Public Administration, and International Affairs Notre Dame University; Secretary, AFBB*

- Prof. Margot Käbmann, *Ambassador for the Reformation Anniversary in 2017 on behalf of the Council of the EKD*

Religion as a Factor of Solving Conflict

- Dr. Thomas Scheffler, *Research Associate, Orient-Institut Beirut*

Imperial Protestantism and the Middle East: Emperor Wilhelm II, Ottoman Islam and Oriental Christianity

- Prof. Antoine Messarra, *Membre du Conseil Constitutionnel, Chaire UNESCO d'études comparées des religions, de la médiation et du dialogue, USJ*

Politique et religions aujourd'hui : la duperie

- Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, *Pastor of the Nativity Lutheran Church in Bethlehem, Founder and President of the Diyar Consortium*

Religion and State in Contemporary Middle Eastern Theological Documents: «Kairos» & «From the Nile to the Euphrates.»

4:30 pm Coffee break

5:00 pm Closing remarks by Prof. Eugene Sensenig Dabbous, *Chair of the Departments of Political Science, Public Administration, and International Affairs Notre Dame University; Secretary, AFBB*

Saturday March 21, 2015

Friedenskirche and Gemeindezentrum: Pierre Aboukhater Building Rue Mansour Jurdak 429 Manara Beirut

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm Organ Concert: Klage und Trost in alter und neuer Musik“
(Music by Sweelinck, Bach and Reda)
Mr. Klaus Schulten, *Church Musician, Baden-Württemberg*

Sunday March 22, 2015

Friedenskirche und Gemeindezentrum: Pierre Aboukhater Building Rue Mansour Jurdak 429 Manara Beirut

11:00 am Service at the German Evangelical Church of Beirut held by Pastor Jonas Weiss-Lange and Ambassador Prof. Margot Käbmann