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# Turning Points in Global Mission History (1600-2000)

## *Aims, methods and effects*

Missionary societies are among the oldest and largest non-governmental organizations in world history and have been crucial catalysts of transformation and change. These missionary organizations are a missing link in current studies of empire and globalization. For better or for worse, the missionary enterprise was (and is) an autonomous and major force, running in parallel or interwoven with colonial and indeed postcolonial processes.

This colloquium intends to study the strategy and impact of Protestant mission, taking the avowed purpose of making converts as central. It intends to identify turning points, moments of conflict or crisis which forced missionaries to adapt their strategy. Whereas mission has been studied exhaustively, this colloquium researches cross-cultural missions in a comparative and longitudinal perspective, from their seventeenth-century beginnings to the present. The central premise is that missionaries, whilst aiming at conversion, initiated processes of transforming cultural and political consciousness, both in the empire and at home.

Speakers include Judith Becker (Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin), Hilary Carey (University of Newcastle (New South Wales) and University of Bristol), Martha Frederiks (Utrecht University), Jehu Hanciles (Emory University), Joseph Tse-Hei Lee (Pace University), David Onnekink (Utrecht University), Dana Robert (Boston University), Alec Ryrie (Durham University), Michael Snape (Durham University), David Trim (Andrews University), Arthur Weststeijn (Utrecht University), John Wolffe (Open University) and Robert Woodberry (Baylor University).

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