

## **Call for Papers**

**International conference  
Berlin, September 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014**

### **Messianism - Past and Present**

Presented by

The Moses Mendelssohn Center for European-Jewish Studies, University of Potsdam  
and the Institut für Religionswissenschaft, Freie Universität Berlin  
in cooperation with

the Theologische Fakultät, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Zentrum für Jüdische Studien,  
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Geistesgeschichte

The international conference planned to take place in Berlin from September 14<sup>th</sup> until September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014 aims to explore conditions and facets of messianism and messianic movements past and present in several panels, systematically and comparatively – from the religious history of the ancient Mediterranean and the ancient Near East to the late colonial revolutionary movements of the modern era and globally effective concepts and groups of the present. The conference organizers do not only mean to include individual religions, religious communities and political movements, but also in particular the forms of reception of the Messiah - as code for a ruler or salvation figure who acts on a divine mission, who has played a role or continues to play a role in the broadest sense in history, politics as well as in philosophy, literature and the arts.

The papers presented during the conference are to be published with some other contributions in a two-volume work by de Gruyter publishers.

Conference languages are German and English.

Directors and organizers: Prof. Dr. Almut-Barbara Renger/  
Prof. Dr. Julius H. Schoeps

Proposals in English or German (1-2 page abstract, short resume, references of institutional association) are to be received by June 1st, 2013 addressed to Prof. Dr. Julius H. Schoeps: [moses@mmz.uni-potsdam.de](mailto:moses@mmz.uni-potsdam.de)