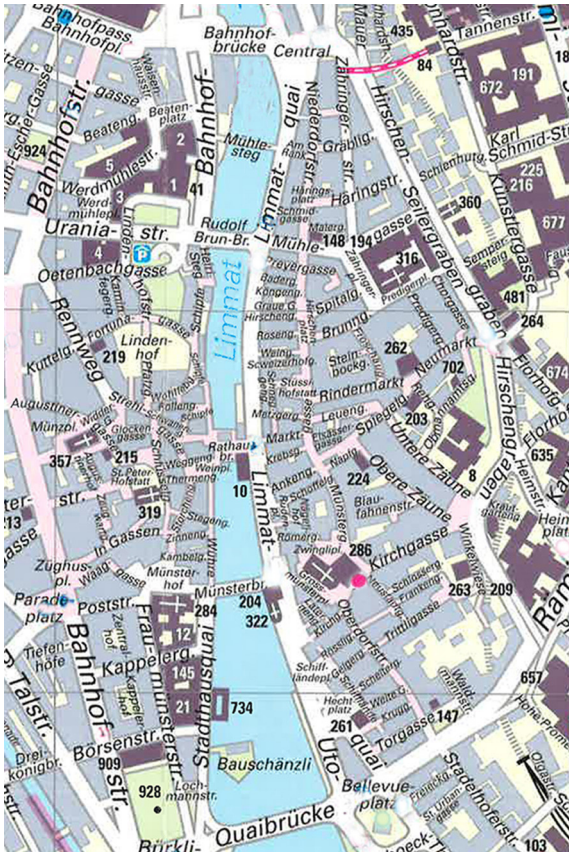


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## Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Concept of Theology

Since its beginning, Christian theology has been questioned by other academic disciplines about its method, subject, function, and truth. Different periods have developed different answers to these questions, always in conversation with the paradigm of science at that time. Nowadays secularization as well as the recurrence of religion challenge the relevance of Christian theology. Simultaneously, theology is seen as an important tool for analyzing the influence of religion on human self-understanding, social behavior or culture. Theological experience is of crucial importance for the development of an academic Islamic theology in Europe. Moreover, theologians themselves do not agree on the character and role of theology: Should theology still, as Karl Barth insisted, try to talk about God, or is its subject the human religious consciousness? Does theology differ from other disciplines in subject and method, or is it a cultural or historical science?

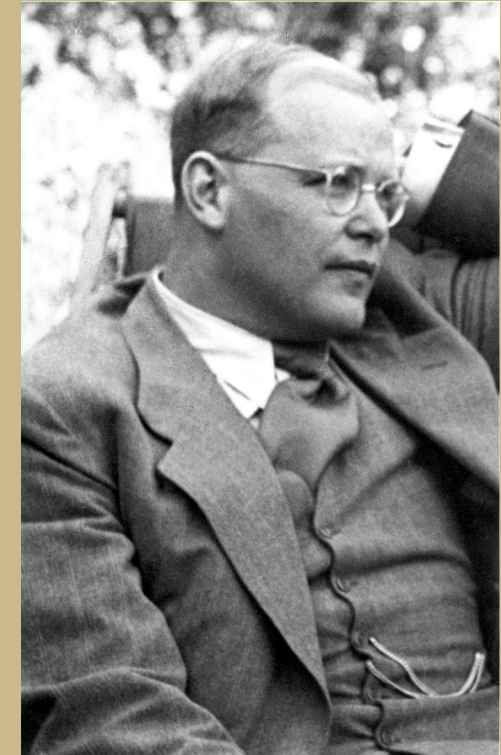
Dietrich Bonhoeffer's challenges were different from ours. The colloquium asks: Can his concept of theology, e.g. as being a reflection on the essence of faith or as relying on Christological insights, nevertheless be helpful nowadays? The conference aims at unfolding Bonhoeffer's way of doing theology, his understanding of method, function and essence of theology and at relating these to current debates on the concept of theology.

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Thursday, October 30, 2014

- 3.00–3.15 Opening of the Colloquium  
3.15–4.45 **Michael DeJonge**  
After the Crisis of Scientific  
Theology: Bonhoeffer and the  
Barth-Harnack Debate  
4.45–5.15 Coffee break  
5.15–6.45 **Andreas Hunziker**  
On the Difference of Philosophy  
of Religion and Theology. Bon-  
hoeffer's Alternative to the  
Understanding of Theology as  
«Kulturwissenschaft»

Friday, October 31, 2014

- 9.30–11.00 **Clifford J. Green**  
Theology and Autobiography. The  
Interaction of Psychology and  
Theology in Theological  
Anthropology and Soteriology  
11.00–11.30 Coffee break  
11.30–1 pm **Ralph Kunz**  
Life Together instead of Lonesome  
Study? On the Relation of Practice  
of Faith and Study in Bonhoeffer's  
Theology  
1–3 pm Lunch break  
3.00–4.30 **Christiane Tietz**  
Theology as a Function of the  
Church?  
4.30–5.00 Coffee break  
5.00–6.30 **Michael Roth**  
On the Starting Point of Christian  
Ethics

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- 9.30–11.00 **Michael Mawson**  
How does God Suffer? Moltmann  
and Bonhoeffer on the Nature of  
Theological Language  
11.00–11.30 Coffee break  
11.30–1 pm **Yuki Shimada**  
Considering Dietrich Bonhoeffer as  
Theologian in the Context of Pre-  
World War Two Japan  
1–3 pm Lunch break  
3.00–4.30 **Jason Lam**  
Sino-Christian Theology as a Test  
Case of Bonhoeffer's Religionless  
Christianity  
4.30–5.00 Coffee break  
5.00–6.00 **Muna Tatari**  
Developing Islamic Theology in a  
Western Context: Fruitful  
Possibilities and Potential  
Obstacles of the Reception of  
Bonhoeffer's Theology  
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