

THE LONG LINES OF HISTORY

Online Conference on 30th April 2022  via ZOOM

REGISTRATION
DEADLINE ON
April 24th, 2022



Postcolonial theory shares a fundamental claim that it is impossible to understand the world we inhabit except in relationship to the history of imperialism and colonial rule. Although the actual colonialism has ended, forms of colonial authority after the formal end of Empire are still lingering. The influence of the colonizing power still remain in the colony, and the history of having been a colonial power still remains in the former colonial power. Colonialism has long lasting effects until today which are visible in many areas internationally, e.g. in education, political cooperation, economic dependencies, culture.

Many of today's member churches of the United Evangelical Mission (UEM) in the Asian and

African region were founded on the soil of former European colonies. For 25 years, the UEM has been an international organization in which all members in Asia, Africa and Germany have equal responsibility and rights. After a long run-up to internationalization, UEM continues to develop concepts of participation and the overcoming of colonial structures and ways of thinking. It becomes the challenging but also liberating journey.

This conference is held to trace the colonial legacy and to discuss many questions on how the theme is relevant in our context in Asia, Africa and Germany both in the life of society and churches and what needs to be done by churches, ecumenical bodies or society and politics. ■

This online conference is the second conference of a joint series of conferences organized by United Evangelical Mission (UEM), The Evangelical Church in the Rhineland (EKiR), the Rhenish Service for International Ecumenism (RIO) and the working group Düsseldorf Postcolonial.

This conference is free of charge.

The ZOOM link will be sent upon registration.



WHERE TO REGISTER:

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PROGRAM (CET)

Time Program

- 8:00 Opening, Welcome
Devotion on the theme
Introduction into the idea of the three conferences
- 8:30 **Colonial Traces in my Context**
Sharing in Groups
All participants have been asked beforehand to hand in a photo on "Colonial traces in my context". Exchange on the photos.
- 9:15 **Colonial Traces and Public Perception**
3 Regional Spotlights:
Colonial traces in my country (Africa/Asia/Europe) and how they affect public society
Asia: Maraike Bangun, Indonesia/Hamburg
Africa: Rev. Lorenst Kuzatjike, ELCRN, Windhoek-Namibia
Germany: Jasmin Eppert, Leipzig-Germany
- 10:00 Questions, Remarks
- 10:15 Break
- 10:30 **Colonialism in Today's Church**
Inputs: Colonialism and Post Colonialism as issues of today's church.
Speaker: Prof. Muteho Kasongo, CBCA-ULPGL, Goma-Democratic Republic of the Congo
Response: Dr. Victor Aguilan, Dumaguete-Philippines and Volker Martin Dally, Wuppertal-Germany
- 11:10 Short Break
- 11:15 Plenary Discussion
- 11:45 **What needs to be done?**
Formulation of recommendations: The task of churches/ ecumenical bodies/society and politics
- 12:15 Plenary: Results from groups work on recommendations
- 12:45 Closing Remarks and closing of the conference