



Fachhochschule für
Interkulturelle Theologie
Hermannsburg

INVITATION

The University of Applied Sciences for Intercultural Theology Hermannsburg
invites to the

public Inaugural Lecture by

Professor Dr. Johannes Weth

Professorship for
„Systematic Theology in an Intercultural Perspective“

Date: Tuesday, 30.01.2024, 5.00 pm s.t.

Venue: Auditorium of University of Applied Sciences
for Intercultural Theology,
Missionsstraße 3-5, 29320 Südheide

PROGRAM:

- 5.00 pm s.t. • Welcome and introduction of Prof. Dr. Johannes Weth
by Rector Prof. Dr. Andreas Kunz-Lübcke
- Inaugural Lecture by Prof. Dr. Johannes Weth:
*"The Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all." (2 Cor 13:14)
Reflections on a Phenomenology and a Criteriology of the
Experience of the Holy Spirit – or, in other words:
How Intercultural Theology and Practice Could be Understood
in a New Way*

Afterwards Reception

Please note: All other lectures otherwise scheduled at this time are cancelled.

Prof. Dr. Andreas Kunz-Lübcke

REKTOR

INTRODUCTION OF PROFESSOR DR. JOHANNES WETH

Professor Dr. Johannes Weth, who is both theologian and freelance artist, shows that theology, art and intercultural commitment can build a creative connection:



Weth, born in 1975, studied Protestant theology from 1994 to 1997 at Kirchliche Hochschule Wuppertal and from 1997 to 2000 at Ruhr University Bochum. In Düsseldorf he passed his first church exam in 2000 and his second church exam in 2003. Alongside (1995 to 1999), he studied Fine Arts and Painting at the Academy of Fine Arts Düsseldorf, where he graduated as a master student of Prof. Markus Lüpertz.

In 2021, Weth completed his PhD at the Protestant Faculty of the Philipps University of Marburg with Prof. Dr. Malte Dominik Krüger on the topic of *„Weltweite Kirche vor Ort. Interkulturelle Ekklesiologie im Anschluss an Wolfhart Pannenberg und Jürgen Moltmann“* [Worldwide Church locally. Intercultural Ecclesiology in reception of Wolfhart Pannenberg and Jürgen Moltmann].

During his studies and doctorate, from 1994 to 2001, he spent several periods in India, where he worked with Kindernothilfe and the "Churches Council for Child and Youth Care" (CCCYC) in Bangalore to set up a community project called "Bethel Ashram" in Tamil Nadu in southern India. After his 2-years-vicariate at St. Thomas Church, Düsseldorf / Preacher's Seminary in Wuppertal, Weth worked as a pastor in the Protestant Church in Rhineland (EKiR) from 2003 to 2007, where he was involved in strategic consulting and management at the Office for Church Development and Missionary Services (GMD) as well as in parish work at Ev. Thomaskirche in Düsseldorf. In this church he was ordained as a Protestant pastor in 2005.

Next to his career as Theologian and Artist Weth is a founding member of the ecumenical Werner Pfetzinger Foundation Himmelsfels in Spangenberg, Northern Hesse, where he lives with his wife and their two sons. At Himmelsfels he has been involved as managing director since 2007.

Since October 2022, he has held the professorship for Systematic Theology in Intercultural Perspective at FIT. In his work at FIT, he particularly brings his experience from 15 years of intercultural, interdenominational and ecumenical learning and living community at Himmelsfels.

Furthermore, Johannes Weth is involved in projects such as the research network "Migration Churches", the network of intercultural congregational development "Gemeinde auf Augenhöhe" or as an extraordinary member of the EKD Conference for the Work with International Congregations (KAmiG).

The focus of his research work is on the theological understanding of the manifoldness and the tensions of the different expressions of faith and theology in various cultural contexts and a migration-shaped world.