

Prophets, clairvoyants, media:

Truth figures between inspiration and propaganda

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Kleine Synagoge, An der Stadtmünze 4, 99084 Erfurt

Thursday, 12 November 2026

12:30–13:00 | Arrival, Coffee, Snacks

13:00–13:30 | Opening

Welcome & Introduction: Liminal Figures/Truth Figures | Bernhard Kleeberg, Sophie Marshall, Matthias Perkams (Erfurt/Jena)

13:30–15:00

On Prophecy and Prophets. Some Remarks concerning Weber, Troeltsch, Cohen, and Foucault | Martin Bauer (Hamburg)

Person or Book? The Prophets of the Old Testament in Their Historical and Literary Contexts | Hannes Bezzel (Jena)

15:00–15:30 | Coffee Break

15:30–17:00

David, Solomon, and the Science of Discerning Right and Wrong in the Early Islamic Imaginaire | Nora K. Schmid (Marburg)

Charismatic Prophets and the First Crusade | Tim Weitzel (Erfurt/Jena)

17:00–17:15 | Coffee Break

17:15–18:00

Between Authority and Marginalization. Figural Ambiguities of the Sibyl/s in Medieval Latin and German Literature | Elena Brandazza (Bern)

18:00–18:30 | Guided Tour of the Small Synagogue

19:00 | Dinner

Friday, 13 November 2026

09:00–09:30 | Arrival, Coffee, Snacks

09:30–11:00

Interpreting Truth: Prediction, Authority, and Truth Figures in Premodern Islamic Weather Fore-casting Traditions | Razieh Musawi (Berlin)

Economic Prophecy | Andreas Langenohl (Gießen)

11:00–11:30 | Coffee Break

11:30–13:00

From Prophets and Charlatans in the Crusades of the Science Wars | Meike Katzek (Erfurt)

On ScienceFluencer and Christfluencer– Social Figures of refigured Modernity | Meike Haken (Berlin)

13:00–14:00 | Final Discussion & Lunch

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