

**THE ARCHAEOLOGY OF RITUAL AND
APPROACHES TO RELIGIOUS
GEOGRAPHY:
LANDSCAPES AND CITYSCAPES OF THE
SACRED IN JAPAN AND EUROPE**

A two-day workshop at the Eberhard Karls
University Tübingen, Schloss Hohentübingen,
Fürstenzimmer, Germany

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Arts and Cultures)

This workshop will explore the archaeology and
early history of religion in Japan in a comparative
European context. Building on ongoing studies of
important Japanese sacred locations, including the
tentative World Heritage Site of Okinoshima, the
World Heritage Site of Miyajima and other places in
western Japan, along with comparative case studies
from European prehistory and later, the workshop will
bring together specialists in archaeology, geography,
urban studies, the study of Japanese religion and
ethnology.

Day 1 (Tuesday 19 March):

**Okinoshima in the framework of ritual
archaeology**

10:00: Welcoming remarks (Simon Kaner and
Werner Steinhaus)

10:15: Introduction: Prof. Dr. Eggert:
Approaching Cult: An Archaeologist's Perspective

11:00 Dr. Simon Kaner:
The sacred island Okinoshima: its place in archaeology

11:45: Prof. Dr Klaus Antoni:
*Okinoshima and tokoyo — Other World islands in
Japanese Mythology*

12:30: Lunch

14:00: Werner Steinhaus:
*Okinoshima and its connections to settlement and burial
mounds in the Kofun period*

14:45: Dr. Thomas Knopf:
*Ritual places in central Europe in the Bronze and Iron
Age*

15:30: Prof. Dr. Roland Hardenberg:
Ethnological approaches to ritual

16:15: Discussion

17:00 Close

Reception; dinner

Day 2 (Wednesday 20 March):

Religious geography and religious landscapes

10:00: Associate Prof. Dr. Carolin Funck:
*The shrine island Miyajima and the temple town
Onomichi: religious landscapes from the perspective of
tourism geography*

10:45: Brian Ayers:
Religious cityscapes in Norwich

11:30: Coffee

11:45: Prof. Dr. SENDA Yoshihiro:
*Beyond the castle: urban development of temple towns
(monzenmachi)*

12:30: Lunch

14:00: Prof. Dr. Peter Siegenthaler:
The religious landscape of Takayama

14:45: Special contribution – Dr. Ulrich Apel:
*On enhancing a general Japanese-German Online
Dictionary with archeological and religious terminology*

15:30: Roundtable discussion

17:00: Close



The closest airport to Tübingen is Stuttgart Airport. From Stuttgart Airport you take the bus “Flughafensprinter RBS 828 or 826” which leaves directly in front of the arrival-terminal. The bus takes 50 minutes, and is around 5–6 Euro. You should get off the bus at the final stop “Tübingen Hauptbahnhof” (Tübingen main station).

For further information and a timetable, please visit:

http://www.bahn.de/regiobusstuttgart/view/angebot/buslinien/airport_sprinter.shtml

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