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## Thursday, March 12

- 10:00**      **Coffee**
- 10:30**      **Welcome + Introduction to Conference**  
Ralph Ubl (Universität Basel/eikones)  
Nancy Thebaut (Universität Basel/eikones)
- Chair:**      Lucas Burkart (Universität Basel)
- 11:00**      Christopher Heuer (University of Rochester)  
Dürer/Evaporation
- 12:00**      Amy Knight Powell (University of Southern  
California)  
Boxes and Strings
- 1:00**      **Lunch Break**
- Chair:**      Barbara Schellewald (Universität Basel)
- 2:30**      Nancy Thebaut (Universität Basel/eikones)  
Elliptical Images of Christ
- 3:30**      Meseret Oldjira (Princeton University)  
Present but not Seen: The Image of Christ in  
Ethiopian Gospels
- 4:30**      **Coffee Break**
- 5:00**      Beate Fricke (Universität Bern)  
Color and Chaos
- 6:00**      **Apéritif**

## Friday, March 13

- 10:00**      **Visit to Historisches Museum Basel,**  
**Barfüsserkirche (Barfüsserplatz 7)**
- 12:30**      **Lunch at eikones**
- Chair:**      Henriette Hofmann (Universität Basel/eikones)
- 2:00**      David Ganz (Universität Zurich)  
Behind the Curtain of Silence: Imagining the  
Threshold between Divine and Human Words
- 3:00**      Nicole Pulichene (Harvard University)  
Ivory Palimpsests in the Early Medieval Liturgy
- 4:00**      **Coffee Break**
- 4:30**      Markus Rath (Universität Basel)  
Substantial Transgressions: Color as  
*prima materia* in Early Modern Painting
- 5:30**      **End**

Conference at eikones: Center for the Theory and History of the Image, University of Basel  
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