

Curriculum Vitae Prof. Dr. Katharina Heyden

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1. Personal information

Full Professor for Ancient History of Christianity and Interreligious Encounters at the University of Bern

Born April 30th 1977 in East Berlin (GDR)

Since 1998 married to Carsten Heyden, three children (2006, 2007, 2011)

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2. Education

- 2013 Habilitation at the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen, *venia legendi* in Church History
Dissertation: *Orientierung. Die westliche Christenheit und das Heilige Land in der Antike* (published Münster: Aschendorff 2014)
- 2011-2013 Dorothea Schlözer Qualification and Mentoring Programme (Diploma)
- 2010 Second Ecclesiastical Examination; Ordination as Lutheran Priest
- 2008 Ph.D. in Theology at the Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena (*summa cum laude*)
Thesis: *Die "Erzählung des Aphroditian". Thema und Variationen einer Legende im Spannungsfeld von Christentum und Heidentum* (published Tübingen: Mohr Siebeck 2009)
- 2005-2008 Ph.D. student at the Graduate School "Leitbilder der Spätantike" at Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena
- 2003 First Theological Exam and Diploma in Berlin
- 1996-2003 Studies of Christian Theology at Berlin (Humboldt-Universität), Jerusalem (Dormition Abbey) and Rome (Centro Melantone)
- 1996 Diploma (Abitur) at the Carl-von-Ossietzky-Gymnasium in Berlin-Pankow

3. Employment history

- 2019 Full Professor (Ordentliche Professorin) for Ancient History of Christianity and Interreligious Encounters at the University of Bern
- 2014 Associate Professor (Ausserordentliche Professorin) for Ancient History of Christianity and Interreligious Encounters at the University of Bern
- 2011-2013 Awardee of the Dorothea Schlözer Programme at the University of Göttingen
- 2008-2010 Scientific Assistant in Church History at the University Göttingen (Prof. Dr. Peter Gemeinhardt)
- 2003-2005 Scientific Assistant in Church History at Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena (Prof. Dr. Martin Wallraff)

4. Institutional responsibilities

2022	Vice Dean Research, Finances and Strategical Development at the Faculty of Theology, Universität Bern
2021-	Chair of the strategic committee Strukturkommission Institut für Christokatholische Theologie, University of Bern
2021	Member of the expert group of "Schweizer Akkreditierungsagentur" for the institutional accreditation of the Faculty of Theology Lausanne
2020	Member of the "Echogruppe Strategie 2030 der Universität Bern"
2020	Member of the Committee "Selbstbeurteilungsbericht Akkreditierung der Universität Bern"
Since 2018	Director of the Interfaculty Research Cooperation "Religious Conflicts and Coping Strategies" at the University of Bern (www.religious-conflicts.unibe.ch)
Since 2016	Elected appointee for Quality Evaluation and Development of the Faculty of Theology Bern
Since 2015	Coordinator of the study and research programme "Interreligious Studies" at the University of Bern
2014-2015	Commissioner for the promotion of young researchers and equal opportunity at the Faculty of Theology
Since 2014	Co-director of the Institute of Historical Theology Bern

5. Approved research projects as leading investigator

In total	CHF 10'703'912
2023-2028	SNSF Consolidator-Grant for the project "Religious Interaction and Co-Production: Jews, Christians, and Muslims in the Entangled Early Medieval Occident" – CHF 1'714'176
2023-2027	SNF project "The Jewish and the Christian Samuel: Connections, Demarcations, Entanglements" (together with Prof. René Bloch) – CHF 996'972
2022-	"Interactive Histories, Co-Produced Communities: Judaism, Christianity, Islam" together with David Nirenberg (IAS Princeton) – CHF 1'079'080 CHF (matching fund University of Bern)
2019-2023	"Josephus Christianus? The Christian Reception of Josephus in 12th-Century France". Sub-project within SNSF Sinergia "Lege Josephum: Ways of Reading Josephus in the Latin Middle Ages" (together with Prof. Dr. René Bloch and Prof. Dr. Gerlinde Huber-Rebenich) – www.legejosephum.unibe.ch – CHF 518'352
2018-2022	Interfaculty Research Cooperation (IRC) "Religious Conflicts and Coping Strategies" (12 individual interdisciplinary projects) – www.religious-conflicts.unibe.ch – CHF 5'953'570 Individual project: "Councils and Conflicts. Trouble Shooting and Shooting Trouble in Late Antiquity" (together with Prof. Stefan Rebenich), https://www.religious-conflicts.unibe.ch/individual_projects/index_eng.html – CHF 499'805
2015-2019	"Akindynos und Palamas im Streit um die göttlichen Energien. Edition, Übersetzung und Analyse zentraler Werke der Kontroverse. (Epistula III des Palamas mit Kommentierung durch Akindynos sowie die Antirrhethici beider Autoren)", SNSF Project 156668: www.akindynos.unibe.ch – CHF 441'762

6. Supervision of junior researchers at graduate and postgraduate level

- Since 2023 Postdoc Supervision Anthony Ellis (Philology), Maria Lissek (Theology), Caroline Bridel (Archeology and History), and Gaetano Spampinato (Philology) within the SNSF-project "Religious Interaction and Co-Production: Jews, Christians and Muslims in the Entangled Early Medieval Occident" (CORE)
- Since 2023 PhD Supervision Severin Moosmann: "The figure of Samuel in Latin Patristics"
- Since 2023 PhD Supervision Luca Licitra: "The figure of Samuel in Greek Patristics"
- Since 2022 Post-Doc-Supervision Maureen Attali, Sarah Islam and Paul Neuenkirchen within the project "Interactive Histories, Co-produced Communities: Judaism, Christianity, and Islam" (together with Prof. David Nirenberg)
- Since 2021 Supervision PhD Konstantinos Boultzis: "Socio-Theoretical origins of the Hesychast controversy in 14 century Byzantium"
- Since 2021 PhD Supervision Sina von Aesch: «Wenn der Alltag zur Herausforderung wird – Vom Umgang der Wüsteneltern und Asket_innen mit umstrittenen Lebensfragen. Eine Untersuchung ambiger Phänomene im Kontext der monastischen Bewegung im Oberägypten der Spätantike»
- Since 2020 Post-Doc-Supervision Maria Lissek: «Minderheiten-Sehpunkt. Historisch-theologische Minderheitenforschung im ersten Jahrtausend der Christ_innentumsgeschichte»
- Since 2019 PhD Supervision Sara Moscone: «Ricezione e Trasformazione di *Josephus Latinus* nell'*Historia Scholastica* di Pietro Comestore»
- Since 2019 PhD Supervision Lena Tröger: Josephus Christianus? Die christliche Rezeption des Josephus Latinus in den Kreuzzugschroniken des Fulcher von Chartres und Wilhelm von Tyrus
- Since 2019 Member of the Fachmentorat Habilitation Dr. Jonathan Stutz at the University of Munich «Stasis. Rhetoric and religious violence in Late Antiquity»
- 2018-2022 Organization of the jour fixe *Interdisciplinary methods of conflict research* for 18 young researchers of the Interfaculty Research Cooperation "Religious Conflicts and Coping Strategies" Bern
- Since 2018 Post-Doc-Supervision Dr. Jessica van't Westeinde, together with Stefan Rebenich
- Since 2018 PhD Supervision Liliane Marti "Councils as Coping Strategies in the Donatist Conflict", together with Stefan Rebenich (completed with Dr. phil. 2022)
- Since 2017 PhD Supervision Rahel Schär: "Die Anfänge von Contadisco und seinen Tochterklöstern im 5. und zu Beginn des 6. Jahrhunderts. Eine verflechtungsgeschichtliche Analyse» (completed with Dr. theol. 2022)
- 2017-2019 Post-Doc-Supervision and Mentoring Dr. Florian Wöller
- 2017-2021 PhD Co-Supervision Matthias Bühlmann: "Einheit durch Vielfalt. Das ökumenische Projekt Oscar Cullmanns" (completed with Dr. theol. 2021)
- 2016-2021 Post-Doc-Supervision and Mentoring Dr. Sophie Caflisch
- 2014-2020 PhD Supervision Maria Lissek: "Sich selbst durch Andere verstehen. Christliche Identitätsbildung in literarischen Religionsdialogen des Mittelalters" (completed with Dr. theol. 2020)
- 2014-2020 PhD Supervision Nadja Heimlicher: "Unfassbarkeit und Erfahrbarkeit Gottes bei Gregor von Nazianz" (completed with Dr. theol. 2020)

7. Teaching activities

2021 and 2022 Teaching at the Theologisches Studienjahr, Dormitio Jerusalem

- Since 2014 Full teaching programme in Ancient Church History and Interreligious Studies at the Universities of Bern and Basel: lectures, seminars for graduate and postgraduate students, reading courses, block seminars, excursions, colloquia, interdisciplinary seminars, doctoral courses
- 2003-2013 Courses for undergraduate students at the Universities of Jena and Göttingen (reading courses, introductory seminar on methods, tutorials) and summer schools for graduates in collaboration with professors

8. Memberships in panels, boards, etc., and individual scientific reviewing activities

- 2023 Panel Member of the Portuguese National Science Foundation: FTS' 6th Edition of the Stimulus of Scientific Employment, Individual Support, Panel "History"
- 2023- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Book Series "Religiöse Dynamiken in Geschichte und Gegenwart" with Mohr Siebeck (Tübingen)
- 2022- Member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Fritz-Thyssen-Stiftung (Theology, Jewish Studies, Islamic Studies, Religious Studies)
- 2022- Editorial Board of the Journal for Ancient Christianity (De Gruyter), Chief Review Editor
- 2021- Editorial Board of the Book Series Early Christian Centers (Mohr Siebeck)
- 2020- Editorial Board of the Book Series theos - Theologisch bedeutsame Orte der Schweiz (Schwabe)
- 2020 Editorial Board of the book series JThF - Jerusalemer Theologisches Forum (Aschendorff)
- 2020 Member of the Programme Committee of the "Science and Religion Forum Bern"
- 2019 Member of the Coordination Committee "Disciplinary – Interdisciplinarity" of the Studium Generale, University of Berne
- 2017 Scientific member of the expert board in the Tenure Track Programme to support and promote young academic talent of the German Government (WISNA)
- 2017 Leader of the appointment commission of the Hans Sigrist Award 2017, Prize field: "Historical research on Eastern Christianity" (together with Prof. Dr. Martin Sallmann)
- Since 2016 Member of the Editorial Board of the review journal "Verkündigung und Forschung"
- Since 2015 Member of the Beirat des Fonds für Ökumenische und Historische Theologie Bern

9. Active memberships in scientific societies, fellowships in renowned academies

- 2024 Senior Fellow at the Institute of Advanced Study Princeton, Director's visitor
- 2021 Senior fellow at Martin Marty Center for the Public Understanding of Religion, University of Chicago
- Since 2017 Deputy chair of the section "Church History" within the "Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Theologie"
- Since 2015 Member of the Groupe suisse d'études patristiques (GSEP)
- Since 2015 Member of Arbeitskreis Christliche Archäologie (ACA)
- 2012-2017 Elected member of the German Young Academy, 2015-2016 Member of the Committee
- 2010-2013 Member of the Graduate School for Humanities Göttingen (GSGG)
- Since 2009 Member of the Gesellschaft zum Studium des Christlichen Orients (GSCO)

10. Organization of Academic Conferences

2023

26.-28.6. Spiez, "Moments of Religious Co-Production in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam – Past and Present"

2022

17.-19.8. Bern, "Jewish-Christian Scholarship in the long 12th century"

11.3. Bern, Concluding Conference of the Interfaculty Research Cooperation "Religious Conflicts and Coping Strategies"

(2021 Corona-Pandemic)

2020

7.-8.5. Bern, «Gender, Religion, Conflict», Third Annual Conference of the IRC

7.-8.2. Bern, "versöhnt. Reconciliation processes in societies"

2019

26.-27.10. Rom, "Claiming History. The role of religion in religious conflicts", together with the Istituto Svizzero Roma

6.5. Bern, "Coping as a Concept in Conflict Research", Second Annual Conference of the IRC

12.-14.4. Fulda, "Partnerschaftliche Lebensformen in der Kirchengeschichte", together with Andreas Müller

18.-19.3. Bern, International Workshop "The Conflict between Palamas and Akindynos", together with Dr. Renate Burri

2018

23.4. Bern, First annual IRC Conference "Religious Conflicts and Coping Strategies"

2017

1.12. Bern, Hans Sigrüst Symposium "Language and Religion in the (Re)Making of Syriac Christian Communities"

3.11. Bern, Flavius Josephus in Antike und Mittelalter, together with René Bloch und Gerlinde Huber-Rebenich

2.-6.9. Münchenwiler (CH), International Interdisciplinary Conference: "Jerusalem in Roman-Byzantine Times" (together with Maria Lissek)

2016

7.11. Bern, "Zitat und Zeugenschaft im Werk des israelischen Aphoristikers Elazar Benyoetz", together Prof. Dr. Magdalene Frettlöh

27.-29.10. Leipzig, International Conference: "The fascination with the unknown: The Other", together with members of the Young Academy

2015

30.9.-2.10. Bern, Interdisciplinary Conference "Popularisierung Heiliger Texte und deren normative Grenzen in Judentum, Christentum und Islam", together with Prof. Dr. Henrike Manuwald and Prof. Dr. Rebekka Voss

9.-7.7. Berlin, International Conference: "The Fascination with the Unknown: Time", together with Prof. Dr. Sibylle Baumbach, Prof. Dr. Lena Hennigsen

2014

30.-31.5. Berlin, together with Prof. Dr. Sibylle Baumbach, Prof. Dr. Lena Hennigsen, PD. Dr. Klaus Oschema: Interdisciplinary Conference: "The Fascination with the Unknown: Space"

2011

6.-9.4. Göttingen-Mariaspring, Interdisciplinary Conference: "Heilige, Heiliges und Heiligkeit in spätantiken Religionskulturen", together with Prof. Dr. Peter Gemeinhardt

11. Knowledge transfer activities

- 2020 flashMOOC "How to cope with religious conflicts? Insights from History" (09/2020): https://www.flashmoocs.unibe.ch/themen/religioese_konflikte/index_ger.html
Video "Wachsam beten als Einübung heiliger Nüchternheit" (06/2020) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bUZb9cweuyw> – Finalist of the Medea Award 2021
27.-31.01. Theologie des Betens. „Das Himmlische ausspüren“ (Origines). Studienkurs in der Pfarrerweiterbildung Pullach
18.01. Studientag "Maria in der Bibel und im Koran" together with Rifa'at Lenzin and Rebekka Grogg, Kirchgemeinde Thun
- 2019 18.10. Studientag "Jerusalem in Scherzligen. 550 Jahre Scherzlicher Passionspanorama"
11.3. Studientag «Gott: Person/en oder Energie/n? Gottesbilder auf dem Prüfstand»
31.1. Bern, Forum für Universität und Gesellschaft. Vortrag: Wahrheit und Wahrhaftigkeit
- 2018 22.11. Dialog-Session im Grossen Rat Bern «Religiöse Konflikte verstehen und bearbeiten»
- 2017 Lectures in the «Kinderuniversität» and the «Seniorenuniversität» Bern
- Since 2016 Organisation of Public Series Lectures in cooperation with the House of Religions Bern: Religion und Gewalt (Fall 2016), Jenseitsvorstellungen und Todesrituale in den Religionen (Spring 2018), Rollenbilder: Frau und Mann in den Religionen (Spring 2020)
- Since 2016 Interactive Webseite «Theologisch bedeutsame Orte in der Schweiz»: www.theos.unibe.ch
- 2013-2017 Editorial Board of the Junge Akademie Magazin
- 2010 Street Theater Project: «Bleibt alles beim Alten?» in Göttingen, Berlin and Frankfurt

12. Prizes, fellowships, distinguished memberships

- 2024 Director's Visitor at the IAS Princeton
- 2023 SNSF Consolidator Grant (2023-2028)
- 2021 Senior Research Fellowship at the University of Chicago, Martin-Marty-Center for the Public Understanding of Religion
- 2020 Credit Suisse Award for Best Academic Teaching
- 2020 Award for Outstanding achievements in the teaching of the Vice Rectorate Teaching at the University of Bern
- 2019 Award for Outstanding achievements in the teaching of the Vice Rectorate Teaching at the University of Bern
- Since 2013 Wissenschaftliche Gesellschaft für Theologie (WGTh), since 2017 deputy section chair Church History
- 2012-2017 Elected member of the German Young Academy
- 2011-2013 Dorothea-Schlözer-Forschungsstipendium of Georg-August-Universität Göttingen
- 2013 and 2011 Best Teaching Award of the Faculty of Theology Göttingen
- 2013 Award of the Society for the Study of the Christian Orient (GSCO)

- 2005-2008 Associated Member of the DFG Graduate School "Götterbilder, Gottesbilder, Weltbilder" Göttingen
- 2005-2008 Research fellowship (Ph.D.) within the SFB "Leitbilder der Spätantike" at University of Jena, sponsored by Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft (DFG),
- 2001-2003 Fellowship of the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes

12. Research career breaks

- 2013 March-December: Home nursing care for my father Detlef Rößler†
- 2011 Birth of my son Leopold Raphael
- 2010 Birth and death of my son Paul†
- 2007 Birth of my son Benjamin
- 2006 Birth of my son Jonathan

13. In the Media

2022

- «Eine Vorlesung ist keine Predigt». uniaktuell 16.11.2022
https://www.uniaktuell.unibe.ch/2022/eine_vorlesung_ist_keine_predigt/index_ger.html
- «Christentum ohne kulturelle Aneignung nicht vorstellbar». reformiert 25.08.2022, Interview mit Marius Schären <https://reformiert.info/de/recherche/lchristentum-ist-ohne-kulturelle-aneignung-nicht-vorstellbar-sagt-theologie-professorin-heyden-21305.html>
- «Sich in den anderen einfühlen». reformiert vom 28.02.2022, von Nicola Mohler
<https://reformiert.info/de/recherche/l-sich-in-den-anderen-einfuehlenr-20403.html>
- «Versöhnung gelingt nur, wenn es alle auch wollen». Katholisches Pfarrblatt vom 03.02.2022
<https://www.kathbern.ch/pfarrblatt/news-artikel/versoehnung-gelingt-nur-wenn-es-alle-auch-wollen>

2020

- „Die Begegnung mit dem Fremden ist lohnenswert“. Interview on the Credit Suisse Award for Best Academic Teaching, 11.12.2020 ref.ch <https://www.ref.ch/news/die-begegnung-mit-dem-fremden-ist-lohnenswert/>

2018

- Schären, Marius (2018). 40 Wissenschaftler forschen zu Religion in Konflikten, reformiert online: <http://reformiert.info/artikel/news/40-wissenschaftler-forschen-zu-religion-konflikten>
- Schmucki, Ivo (2018). Auf der Suche nach Lösungen für religiöse Konflikte. UniLink aktuell: http://www.uniaktuell.unibe.ch/unibe/portal/uniaktuell/content/e637787/e648501/index_ger.html

2017

- Porträt Katharina Heyden. In: „Exzellenz ist vielfältig“. Karrierewege an der Universität Bern: https://www.karrierewege.unibe.ch/portraits_zwnjsuchen/fakultaeten_und_univerwaltung/theologische_fakultaet/katharina_heyden

2015

- Heyden, Katharina (2015). Bedrohte Proportionen der Erkenntnis. Zufall als methodisches Problem für Historiker. (= Threatened proportions of understanding. Chance as a methodological problem for historians. A conversation between a theologian and a mediaevalist). In: Junge Akademie Magazin. English edition 19, 26-31.

2013

- Pontes, Ulrich (2013). Bindung um der Freiheit willen. Katharina Heyden, die erste Theologin in der Jungen Akademie, vereint in ihrer Person Wissenschaft und Pfarramt, Karriere und Familie. Junge Akademie Magazin 15, 21-23.