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The Philippines and its Global Entanglements: Decentering the Knowledge Production about Religion in Asia

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The Philippines – colloquially dubbed “Asian’s only Christian nation” – has always been a site of diverse religious encounters: between indigenous religions, Islam, Iberian and American Catholicism, Protestantism, indigenous Christian and non-Christian traditions, as well as various Charismatic movements. At the same time, it has been a marginal space, at the geographical margin of Asia and the intellectual margins of scholarship on religion in Southeast Asia and the study of Christianity and Islam. The panel brings together innovative papers on religion in the Philippines, arguing that the country is a promising field for both, the interdisciplinary study of religion in general and the study of religions (i.e. specific religious movements). Discussing Muslim, Christian and Spiritist movements in past and present with a special focus on their emergence as a product of global entanglements, rather than as a peripheral phenomenon or as an export-product from the so-called West or the Middle East, it will contribute to decenter the current knowledge production on religion in Asia.

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2. Presenter: Scott MacLochlainn (MPG Göttingen)
3. Presenter: Kerstin Radde-Antweiler (University of Bremen)
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