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Public Lecture THE VIRGIN MARY: IS A SCIENCE OF RELIGION POSSIBLE?

Guest Speaker: Claudio Lange

The 11th of August (Tuesday), 2009 at 16:30
Mostar, Hotel Bristol

As part of the fourth International Conference on Unity and Plurality in Europe, a public lecture on *The Virgin Mary: Is a Science of Religion Possible?* will be held at 16:30 on the 11th of August (Tuesday), 2009, at the Hotel Bristol in Mostar. The Guest Speaker will be Claudio Lange, an historian of art from Berlin.

The image of the Virgin Mary has developed for the most part outside and independently of the scriptural canon. This process is strongly related to apocryphal writings, pictures, and sculpture. What provoked and maintained this development? What are its most important reflections in art? How have these developments been interpreted within traditional church doctrine? Claudio Lange, an art historian and researcher into the forms of the sacred in European ecclesiastical heritage, will talk on these and related issues.

Claudio Lange (Berlin) lives and works as a free artist. He took his doctorate in religious studies at the University of Berlin. He has made a number of films on art and organised many exhibition of pictures and paintings in Germany, Spain, Italy, and Sweden. He has published books of essays and poetry, including: *Rückkehr ins Exil und andere Gedichte* (Rowohlt:, 1980.), *Liebesfreuden im Mittelalter: Kulturgeschichte der Erotik und Sexualität in Bildern und Dokumenten*, (1994.), *Der nackte Feind: Anti-Islam in der romanischen Kunst* (2004.).

The lecture is open to the public and will be in English with consecutive translation.

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