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Fakultät für Theologie, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin

International lecture series on the topic

Religion in urban living environments

6th May 2019 **Kamran Diba (Paris / Malaga),**

Persia, Islam and Iran – Places of worship by Kamran Diba

(in English)

Welcome speech by Michael Rutz, President of the Guardini Foundation

Time: 18:30 – 20:00

Venue: Senatssaal der Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Unter den Linden 6,
10099 Berlin

The internationally renowned Iranian architect Kamran Diba, who designed amongst other buildings the *Tehran Museum of Contemporary Art*, will start his presentation with a brief historical overview of Persia, Islam and Iran, including the geopolitical interweaving of politics and religion in the Middle East and its impact on Europe. Following this introduction, he will present on Iranian places of worship in the Middle East and relate these to the architecture of religious spaces (prayer rooms, mosques, etc.) which he himself designed in the 1960s and 1970s.

This first of four talks in the lecture series, “Religion in urban living environment,” will significantly broaden the thematic horizon through its non-European perspective, while at the same time introducing the work of one of the most famous Iranian architects of our time.

7th May 2019 **Workshop with Kamran Diba**
on the topic “Mashad – A city of 25 million pilgrims”
further participants: Christa Georg-Zöller (Berlin), Samar Saremi
(Montreal), Farzad Akhavan (Berlin) and Silvia Richter (Berlin)
(in English)

In cooperation with the *Katholische Hochschule für Sozialwesen in Berlin* (KHSB)

Time: 14:15 – 18:30

Venue: Humboldt University Berlin, Faculty of Theology, Burgstraße 26, 10178 Berlin,
lecture hall 013 (ground floor)

This interdisciplinary workshop intends to broaden and deepen the themes addressed in Kamran Diba’s lecture through a more detailed discussion of the relationship between religion, politics and urban development through the example of the Iranian city of Mashhad. As the second largest city of Iran, Mashhad houses one of the world’s most important pilgrimage sites for Shiite Islam: the shrine of Imam Reza, whose mausoleum is visited each year by an estimated amount of 25 million pilgrims. The historical intertwining of religion and urban development against the background of changing political conditions will be presented and discussed from different interdisciplinary perspectives (architectural, theological-philosophical and urban-historical).

There are a limited number of places. Please register by 30th April at gunosmail@gmail.com (Dr. Silvia Richter).