



**Wolfgang Breul, Professor of Church History at the University of Mainz, Germany, presented on
“Mission and Migration: Theological Principles and Motives.”**



Barbara Becker-Cantarino (on the right), Research Professor at the Germanic Languages and Literatures, OSU, organized the International Conference Humboldt Kolleg: Migration, Religion, and Germany. She welcomed the audience and moderated the first panel, “Migration, Religion, and Colonization” on Friday, April 8 at the Mershon Center.



Pia Schmid, Professor of the History of Education at the University of Halle, Germany, discussed “John Heckewelder. Moravian Mission and Migration in the 18th- Century Pennsylvania and Ohio.”



Aaron Fogleman, Professor of History at the Northern Illinois University, discussed recently published research on the topic “Migration, Gender, and Religious Conflict in 18th-Century British North America.”



Anna Grotans, Chair of the Department of Germanic Languages and Literatures at OSU introduced the keynote speaker of the conference on April 8.



Rebekka Habermas, Professor of History at the University of Göttingen, Germany, gave the keynote lecture on “Debating Islam around 1900 and 2010: Colonies in Africa, Muslims in Imperial Berlin, German Orientalists and Missionaries.”



(from left to right) Anna Grotans, Georges Tamer, Rolf Goebbel, and David Gramling during the discussion after the keynote lecture.



Prof. Habermas responding to questions following her keynote lecture.



Ulrike Strasser, Professor of History at the University of California, Irvine, presented in the second session, “Transnational, Transcultural Migrations” on her most recent research about “Mission, Migration and German Manhood: Central-European Jesuits in the Spanish Indies.”



Richard Herrmann, Director of the Merzhon Center, welcomed the audience on the second day of the conference.



Claudia Breger, Professor of Germanic Studies at the University of Indiana, discussed the issue of “Christian Universalism? Racism and Collective Identity in 21st-century Immigration Discourse.”



David Gramling, Professor of German Studies at the University of Arizona, spoke about his research titled “You Pray Like We Have Fun: A Phenomenology of Secular Islam.”



The first session, “Islamic Migrations and Contemporary Germany,” on April 9 was moderated by Georges Tamer (on the right), organizer of the conference and M.S. Sofia Chair in Arabic Studies, Near Eastern Languages and Cultures, OSU.



(in the middle) Ulrike Gleixner, HAB Wolfenbüttel, Germany, gave a talk on “Creating Space in Europe and India: The Halle Mission Network in the 18th century,” on the first day of the conference.



During a coffee break, Becker-Cantarino, Organizer of the conference, and Cathleen Fisher, President of the American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation are engaged in discussion.



Kamaal Haque, Assistant Professor of German at Dickinson College, presented a talk titled “Beyond Turks and Arabs: Other Muslim Migrants in Germany.”



(from left to right) Ulrike Strasser and Hans Boas, Professor of Linguistics at the University of Texas, who gave a talk on “Language, Religion, Migration: German Immigrants in Texas 1850-1950.” on the first day of the conference.



Cathleen Fisher, President of the American Friends of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, informed the audience about Humboldt Fellowships and Programs.



Rolf J. Goebel, Professor of German at the University of Alabama in Huntsville, presented on “Of Churches, Mosques, and Synagogues: Religion, Migration and Phantasmagoria in post-Reunification Berlin.”



Kai Hammermeister, Professor at the Germanic Languages and Literatures, OSU, moderated the second session, “Cultural Representations of Religious Migration in Contemporary Germany.”



Thomas Schmitt, Researcher of Human Geography at the Max Planck Institute, Göttingen, Germany, discussed “Mosque Conflicts in Germany.”



Randall Halle, Professor of German at the University of Pittsburgh, presented on “Migration Cinema and Religious Conflict.”



Karl Solibakke, Assistant Professor of German at Syracuse University, talked about “Responses to Sarrazin, Deutschland schafft sich ab (2010).”