Invitation to the Guest Lecture and Workshop of

Dr Carlo Aldrovandi

26.11.2015, 6-8 pm c.t., FL2/01.01

Apocalyptic Movements in Contemporary Politics: Christian and Jewish Zionism

**ABSTRACT:** The lecture will discuss Israeli Religious Zionism and US Christian Zionism by focusing on the messianic and millenarian drives that form the basis of their political mobilization towards a 'Jewish colonization' of the Occupied Territories. The religious–political engagement of these two prominent religious movements represent a still under-researched aspect that is, at present, paramount to address for its repercussions on the highly volatile Israeli–Palestinian issue, the wider Middle East and the interfaith relations between Judaism, Christianity and Islam. The recent violent outbreak in October 2015 in the Old City of Jerusalem marked only the latest phase in a longstanding struggle over the ownership of a 'shared' sacred space, a dispute that today encompasses all Abrahamic religions.

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The **Friday morning workshop** (27.11.15, 8-10 am c.t., FL2/01.01) will provide an opportunity to discuss together the main theological-political forces at play in the dispute over Temple Mount/Haram Al Sharif, while exploring alternative faith-based approaches to tackle their repercussions on the wider Israeli-Palestinian conflict. If you want to be supplied with strategic reading in advance please send an email to corinna.emser@uni-bamberg.de.