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Lehrtätigkeiten

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„Einführung in den Erzählcharakter und die Theologie des Johannesevangeliums“
Bergische Universität Wuppertal

WiSe 2024-25 Seminar

- „Die historische Rückfrage: der historische Jesus“
Bergische Universität Wuppertal
- WiSe 2024-25 Seminar
„Anstößige und schockierende Texte im Neuen Testament“
Bergische Universität Wuppertal
- WiSe 2024-25 Seminar
„Der Umgang mit komplizierter Bildsprache und antijüdischen Elementen innerhalb der kanonischen Evangelien in Kinder- und Jugendbibeln“
Bergische Universität Wuppertal
- SoSe 2024 Seminar
„Nicht ausweichen! Provozierende, anstößige und irritierende Texte im Neuen Testament“
Universität Regensburg
- 04/03/2024 – 10/03/2024 Dozent Erasmus+ Lehrmobilitäten
National & Kapodistrian University in Athen
- WiSe 2023-24 Proseminar
„Einführung in die Methoden der Bibelwissenschaften“
Universität Regensburg
- 11/2023 Seminar
“The Greek Martyrdom of St. Catherine”
Universitat de València, Spanien
- WiSe 2022-23 Masterseminar
„Wahrheit-Sprechen und Politik in den frühen apokryphen Apostelakten“
Universität Regensburg
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