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About

From 1990 to 2010 I had the privilege of holding Birmingham's *Chair in Mission*. During this period of time I contributed, through teaching, research and publishing, to establish missiology as an academic discipline and keep the name of Birmingham on the map as a central place for the study of World Christianity. About 45 PhD theses (many of them published) were successfully defended under my supervision. I will continue with the supervision of a number of research students and I intend to be research-active as an emeritus professor. I am currently working on a project tracing the theological consequences of Christianity's encounter with Aboriginal thinking in Central Australia

Publications

Among the publications of the last few years are:

- "'The Beast from the South' und das 'Ende des liberalen Christentums'", in: *Berliner Theologische Zeitschrift*, 27/1 (2010), 39-69 [in German]
- *Robinson Crusoe tries again: Missiology and European Constructions of "Self" and "Other" in a Global World 1789-2010*, essays ed. by Roland Loeffler, Goettingen: Vandenhoeck & Ruprecht, 2010
- *Intercultural Perceptions and Prospects of World Christianity* (together with R. Friedli, J. Jongeneel, K. Koschorke, T. Sundermeier), Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2010
- "The Missiological Roots of the Concept of 'Political Religion'", in Robert Mallett and others, eds., *The Sacred in Twentieth-Century Politics. Essays in Honour of Professor Stanley G. Paine*, Basingstoke and New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008, 36-50, Basingstoke and New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2008, 36-50
- "The Cultural Origins of 'Intercultural Theology'", in: *Mission Studies* 25 (2008), 229–251
- "The Rainbow and the Missionary", in: Ulrich van der Heyden / Andreas Feldtkeller (eds), *Border Crossings. Explorations of an Interdisciplinary Historian*. Festschrift for Irving Hexham, Stuttgart: Franz Steiner, 2008, 337-352.
- Introduction to Peter Cruchley-Jones (ed.), *God at Ground Level. Reappraising Church Decline in the UK through the Experience of Grass Roots Communities and Situations*, Frankfurt: Peter Lang, 2008, 11-22
- "Global Christianity, New Empire, and Old Europe", in: Frans Wijzen and Robert Schreiter (eds), *Global Christianity. Contested Claims*, Amsterdam and New York: Rodopi, 2007, 35-49
- "Exiles and Exotic Intruders: Christians in Britain", in: *Madang. International Journal for Contextual Theology in East Asia*, Vol. 5 (2006), 105-11