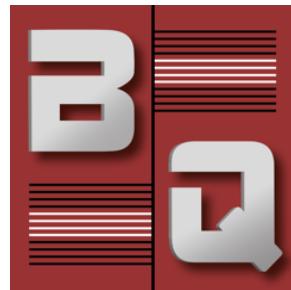


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ISHR Secretary General Matthias Böhning during the Tilmann Geske Memorial Lectures 2024 © BQ/ISHR

After a moment of silent remembrance, Matthias Böhning continued with inspiring remarks on his theme. In a first step he showed the negative image of an ecumenism of martyrs: Throughout the history of the church, there have been persecutions of Christians by Christians. – A bitter thread that has not yet been broken. In a second step, encouraging examples of unity among persecuted Christians were given. Matthias Böhning pointed out that the majority of the New Testament writings were written in a situation of persecution and that many well-known biblical

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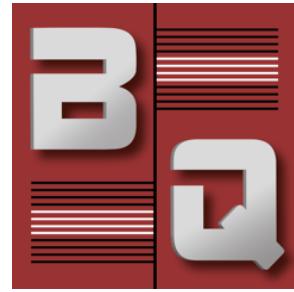


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passages can be read in such a context. The evening ended with a lively discussion between Matthias Böhning and Susanne Geske.

Due to a scheduling conflict with the hearing in the Human Rights Committee of the German Bundestag, at which Thomas Paul Schirrmacher testified as an expert witness, Matthias Böhning had to give the Tilmann Geske Memorial Lectures 2024 at STH Basel at short notice.

Böhning began by reading out memories of Thomas Paul Schirrmacher, the text of which can be found below. It is planned that Schirrmacher will give the Tilmann Geske Memorial Lectures in 2025.



Susanne Geske, Tilmann Geske's widow, during the Tilmann Geske Memorial Lectures 2024 © BQ/ISHR

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