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Welcome from the President of the IAHR

WELCOME to Toronto and to the XXth IAHR World Congress!
 Congratulations on having overcome the challenges of international travel and global economic downturns to make it to this major academic event!

Since our congresses are held but once every five years they are always a grand occasion. Each Congress offers an unparalleled opportunity to interact and collaborate with colleagues from every corner of the globe, and provides an essential forum for executing the business of the premier international association for the academic study of religion.

This year's Congress theme is both timely and provocative for all those of us committed to the historical, social, and cultural study of religion. There is an exciting line-up of plenary speakers to regale you from a range of disciplinary perspectives. The Academic Program Committee has created a cornucopia of panels for you to choose from. These reflect the rich diversity of our field as well as the perduring methodological questions that characterize a critical, comparative, and cross-cultural approach to the study of religion.

The setting for the 2010 Congress is ideal in that Toronto is one of the world's most cosmopolitan cities, and the University of Toronto is renowned for its diverse faculty and student population, as well as its programs for the study of religion. We trust that you will enjoy the campus, the city, and the environs. We are grateful to the University and to the City of Toronto for welcoming us to Canada. But we would not be assembled here without the herculean efforts of the Congress Director, Professor Donald Wiebe, and his team to make this event a reality. They have labored for years to plan and develop this Congress. We all have one week to help make it a memorable success. I sincerely hope that your experience at this XXth IAHR World Congress will enrich not just your own scholarship but also your respective institutions, regions, and associations.

Warmest regards,

Professor Rosalind I.J. Hackett
Congress Chair
President, the International Association
for the History of Religions

General Congress Information

PLEASE NOTE that the University of Toronto has three campuses – the Congress will take place on the St. George Campus which is in downtown Toronto. Finding your way around this campus will be straightforward using the St. George Campus map (*see pp 104–105* and the more detailed version in your congress tote bag). To familiarize yourself with the St. George campus of the University of Toronto before arriving in Toronto please consult the map at <http://rrs.osm.utoronto.ca/map> (or Google “University of Toronto campus map”).

Registration

Registration will take place in the Larkin Building (ground floor) at 15 Devonshire Place, just south of Varsity Stadium/Centre (C3 on the map). The registration desk will be open at the following times:

- Saturday, 14 August, 1pm to 8pm
- Sunday, 15 August, 10am to 4pm
- Monday, 16 August, 8am to 5pm

The Congress Secretariat office will remain in this location in the Larkin Building and will be open for “late registrations” and other Congress business.

CONGRESS BADGES

Congress badges identifying participants, media, and other guests will be required for admission to all plenary and academic sessions and social events

CAMPUS MAP pp 104–105 »

Congress Office

The Congress office is located in the Larkin Building (ground floor). The office will be open from 9am to 5pm Monday through Friday (16–20 August), and from 9am to noon on Saturday (21 August).

Congress Venues

- **THE OPENING AND CLOSING CEREMONIES** of the Congress and the General Assembly will take place in the JJR MacLeod Auditorium in the Medical Sciences Building (E3 on the map or *see University Campus Map pp 104-105*).
- **THE GALA OPENING RECEPTION** on Sunday, 15 August at 7:30pm will be held in the Royal Ontario Museum on Bloor Street at Queen’s Park (A3/4 on the map) *or see pp 104-105*
- **ALL PARALLEL PAPER AND PANEL SESSIONS** will take place in Sidney Smith Hall, Lash Miller Chemical Laboratory Building, McLennan Physical Laboratory Building, and the Bahen Centre for Information Technology. All these sites are on the west side of St. George Street south of Hoskin Avenue/Harbord Street and north of College Street. They are clearly indicated on the St. George Campus map (from D2 to E2 included in your tote bag) *or see pp 104-105*
- **POSTER SESSIONS** (for the EXREL Project) will be held in the Atrium of the Bahen Centre for Information Technology (E2 on the map) *or see pp 104-105*.

- **ALL PLENARY ADDRESSES** will be delivered in the JJR MacLeod Auditorium (E3 on the map). When possible, a separate Q&A session will be arranged to allow Congress participants to engage in conversation with our plenary speakers. These sessions will be announced at the plenary lectures and will be held in room 2135 on the 2nd floor of the Bahen Centre (E2 on the map) *or see pp 104-105*.
- **THE CLOSING CANADIAN BBQ LUNCH** will be held in the Bosanquet Gardens in the Munk Centre for International Studies (just south of the Larkin Building; C2 on the map) *or see pp 104-105*.
- **CAMPUS RESIDENCES FOR CONGRESS PARTICIPANTS:** Woodsworth College is on the corner of Bloor Street at St. George Street (A2 on the map), New College is at 40 Willcocks Street at Spadina Avenue (D1 on the map), and St. Michael's College is at 81 St. Mary Street (which runs west off Bay Street – B5 on the map) *or see pp 104-105*.
- **PLEASE CHECK OUT THE CONGRESS WEB SITE** page “About Toronto” for further assistance in finding your way around Toronto – this will provide you with a great deal of useful information. (http://www.religion.utoronto.ca/resources/iahr/About_Toronto.htm)

Book Exhibitors

Publishers displays will be set up in the East Student Lounge of Sidney Smith Hall and will be open from 8am to 5pm Monday through Friday. There is generous space for rest and relaxation for congress participants both in the display area, in the main lobby of Sidney Smith Hall (which has a coffee/snack shop), and in the West Student Lounge on the other side of the lobby.

Publishers displaying at the XXth Congress include: Brill Academic Publishers, David Brown Book Company, De Gruyter, Equinox Publishing, Routledge, and Scholarly Book Services. See ads at the back of this book.

Media

Members of the media will be able to pick up their badges at the media desk during registration periods in the Larkin Building. After 5pm on Monday they can be picked up at the Congress Secretariat office which will remain in the registration area of the Larkin Building.

The “Fireside Lounge” in the registration area of the Larkin Building has been set aside for members of the media and for media interviews.

Emergency Numbers

All emergencies: 911
if you are in campus housing dial 9-911

- Campus Police for urgent matters: 416-978- 2222 (if in campus housing dial 8-2222)
- Campus Police for non-urgent matters: 416-978-2323 (if in campus housing dial 8-2323)
- Congress matters: call the Congress Director (Donald Wiebe) at 416-919-2567 or the Associate Chair of the Congress Secretariat (Ivan/Abraham Khan) at 905-706-0569

Practical Information

PROGRAM CHANGES: The Congress Secretariat reserves the right to make program changes or changes of venue. Although every effort has been made to ensure the stability of the printed program, extenuating circumstances may require changes of venue for some presentations. (The Secretariat cannot guarantee the participation of every person listed in the program.)

NOTICE/MESSAGE BOARD: All important notices will be posted on the Notice/Message Boards in the registration area of the Larkin Building and/or announced at plenary meetings. Please check the Notice Boards periodically.

WIRELESS/INTERNET CONNECTION at the Congress: Eduroam service is now active at the University of Toronto. It permits faculty, students, and staff from participating universities in Canada, Europe, and Asia to connect to U of T's wireless network using their home institution credentials. Please check with your institution's IT person for information on how to use EDUROAM. For information on procedures for its use in Toronto please visit <http://eduroam.org>. Wireless or cable internet connection at no cost is available at the Park Hyatt hotel, campus residences, and other areas on the campus. Please bring your cable if you are staying on campus and you do not have wireless capability on your laptop. A temporary user ID and password for the duration of the Congress will be available. Please enquire at the Congress registration desk or the Congress Secretariat office.

POWER POINT PRESENTATIONS: If you require use of a projector for your presentation please be aware that A/V stations at the University of Toronto use a VGA cable for input and require either a VGA port and/or an adapter for your specific computer model – especially for Macs, Netbooks, and other newer/smaller devices. Please refer to your manufacturer's web site for more information on your computer's video output connection specifications. Please be prepared to present your paper without power point assistance in the unlikely case that your equipment fails to work on our A/V stations. The conference schedule will not allow for the delays required to have IT professionals attend to problems. Consider bringing along and using a print-out of your power point presentation for your talk should problems occur.

REFRESHMENT BREAKS: Coffee, tea, and soft drinks will be available twice-daily in the Stone Lobby of the Medical Sciences Building directly across from the JJR MacLeod Auditorium (site of the plenary lectures): 11:00 to 11:30am and 4:30 to 5:00pm on Monday, Thursday, and Friday. The refreshment breaks on Tuesday and Saturday will be available in the foyer of the JJR MacLeod Auditorium.

RESTAURANTS, PUBS/BARS, AND FOOD:

Cafeteria-style meals are available in the dining hall of New College at a very reasonable price; bag lunches may also be ordered in the morning for pick up at noon. There are street vendors of fast foods at various sites on campus (e.g., in front of Sidney Smith Hall and the Bahen Centre), and fast food outlets can also be found on the south side of the Medical Sciences Building (i.e., on the other side of the Stone Lobby) and in Hart House (“attached” to Soldier’s Tower). Off campus, there are cafés and a full range of restaurants near the Congress site on Bloor Street West, Harbord Street, Spadina Avenue south of College Street (China Town), and Baldwin Street (south of College, east of Beverley/St. George). For more detailed information see the “Brief Food Guide” below.

LOCAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION: There is a subway (tube, metro) and bus route map in your Congress tote bag. Public transportation is operated by the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC). Adult cash fare is \$3.00 for a single ride of any length on the TTC, or you can purchase five tokens for \$12.50. If you plan to travel extensively in Toronto on the Wednesday excursion day you should consider buying a “day pass” (\$10.00). If you will be using the subway throughout your time in Toronto a “weekly pass” (\$36.00) can save you some expense. Passes and tokens can be purchased from the Collector’s Booth located just inside any subway entrance.

CONGRESS GUIDES: There will be a number of easily identifiable “Congress Guides” on the premises each day who will assist participants with questions about the city and university, and with finding their way around the campus; please do not hesitate to call on them for assistance. (You will be able to spot them by the distinctive congress attire they will be wearing.) Major concerns should be taken to the Congress Office in the Larkin Building.

SMOKING: Smoking is not permitted in any of the University buildings, and smokers must remain at least 10 feet/3 meters from building entrances. (All restaurants observe a non-smoking code.)

MOBILE PHONES: Please switch off your mobile phones during all plenary and regular sessions of the program.

SECURITY: Toronto’s crime rate is very low but Congress participants are nevertheless well advised to use common sense and to pay attention to their particular surroundings. Please do not leave money or valuables in your rooms, and make sure that your room is locked securely when leaving, especially so for those in university housing. The Institute for the Advanced Study of Religion (IASR) and the Congress Organizing Committee have taken all reasonable precautions to ensure the security of visitors and their property. No responsibility will be accepted on the part of the IASR, the Organizing Committee, or the University of Toronto for loss or damage however caused.

Brief Food Guide and More...

The following is a brief guide to places where you can obtain quick and cheap meals on and around the University of Toronto Campus. China Town lies just south of the campus and there are numerous eateries and restaurants on Spadina Avenue south of College Street. There are also many street vendors for a quick lunch, as well as fast-food outlets on the campus – at the south end of the Sidney Smith Building, in Morrison Hall, and the south end of the Medical Sciences Building.

BREAKFAST

We suggest, in the first instance, that you consider using New College Residence Cafeteria with entrance on the corner of Wilcocks Street and Spadina Avenue for breakfast and lunch. It is especially convenient to residents of New College. For those in St. Michael's College residence, you might consider Sammy's Student Exchange on the ground floor in Hart House, or the New York Deli (on Bay Street, just north of St. Mary Street) in addition to the New College cafeteria.

For those on the north end of the campus (Holiday Inn, Woodsworth College, Park Hyatt) you may wish to pick up breakfast at a fast food outlet or one of the restaurants on Bloor Street (from the Park Hyatt to Spadina Avenue). They include: McDonalds (192); Gabby's Bar and Grill (194); Over Easy Breakfast (208); Tim Horton's (Bloor and Bedford Park); L'Espresso Bar Mercurio (ground floor of the Woodsworth residence); Bar Mercurio, Daily Express Café, and Fox and Fiddle Pub and Restaurant in and next to the Holiday Inn; and Tartu Buffeteria (310).

Woodsworth residents who wish to prepare their own breakfasts (and/or other meals) in their kitchens can obtain supplies at G's Fine Foods (virtually next door at 351 Bloor Street (open 24 hrs.)

LUNCH

You can find a quick and cheap lunch from street vendors and fast food outlets mentioned above and at the establishments providing breakfast. In addition you might consider other eateries along Bloor Street: China Garden Restaurant, Quesada Mexican Grill, Subway Sandwich Shop (204); Fresh Restaurant and Juice Bar (324); Yuki Japanese Cuisine (394); Pizza Pizza (326).

On Bloor Street west of Spadina Avenue: Noodle Bowl (348); Puck'n'Wings (362); K.O. Burgers (366 – also serve breakfast); Big Sushi (388); J.Time Japanese Cuisine (394); Thai Basil – Pan Asian (467); Mt. Everest Indian Cuisine – North Indian and Nepalese (469); Nataraj Indian Cuisine (396) and many others on both the north and south sides of Bloor Street West.

There are also a number of restaurants and eateries in "Baldwin Village" which is a brief walk (about 10 minutes) south of College Street at the south end of the University campus (just south of the JJR MacLeod Auditorium in which the plenary sessions will be delivered). You can reach Baldwin Street via McCaul, Henry, or Beverly Streets (Beverly being an "extension" of St. George St.). There are about 20 restaurants on Baldwin Street between McCaul on the east and Beverly on the west including Japanese, Chinese, Korean, Thai, Vietnamese, French, and Italian cuisine.

DINNER

For those looking for a reasonable, and reasonably priced, dinner, consider one of the restaurant listed under lunch above as well as Serra Restaurant at 378 Bloor Street West (just west of Spadina Avenue). Continue further west on Bloor for Italian and Korean culinary delights.

Great dinners can also be had in the “Baldwin Village” mentioned under lunch above, including restaurants such as Juiyama, Etsu, kon-nichi-wa, and Kuni Sushi Ya Japanese Restaurants, Vegetarian Haven Restaurant, Harroi Bistro Vietnamese Restaurant, John’s Italian Restaurant, Jodhpore Club and The Gateway to India for indian cuisine, Bodega for French cuisine, Wah Sing Seafood, Bocca on Baldwin, Sambucca Grill, Matahari Bar and Grill, and Thai Paradise among others.

There are many other fine dining establishments in Toronto and you might wish to browse the web to get a good idea of the range of institutions available to you in the City. For those who wish to stay close to the University campus, you might consider restaurants in the Park Hyatt, the Inter-Continental Hotel on Bloor Street just west of the Park Hyatt, the Four Seasons Hotel and other restaurants (just north of the Park Hyatt), and restaurants in Yorkville which lies to the east of the Four Seasons Hotel. C-5, in the Royal Ontario Museum, is another possibility you might wish to consider.

Other offers for discounted dining for Congress participants will be found in the information placed in your Congress tote bag.

Pubs and Bars

- The Regal Beagle: Pub and Eatery – next door to Woodsworth residence; 335 Bloor
- The Madison – on 14 Madison Avenue just west of St. George and north of Bloor
- The Duke of York – on 39 Prince Arthur Street, just north of Bloor and west of Beford Park Rd (which is east of St. George Street).
- Hey Lucy: Bar and Restaurant; 440 Bloor West (west of Spadina Avenue)
- Village Idiot Pub (corner of McCaul and Dundas, across from the Art Gallery of Ontario)
- Sin and Redemption (McCaul, just north of Dundas)

Grocery Stores

- G’s Fine Foods, 351 Bloor Street West (open 24 hrs)
- Metro, corner of Bloor and Robert (just west of Spadina Avenue)
- Bloor Super Fresh, 382 Bloor
- Whole Foods (Natural & Organic) - grocery also deli/eat-in bar, 87 Avenue Rd (just north of Yorkville) 9am - 10pm (to 9pm Sat/Sun)

Convenience Store

- 7-11 Convenience Store, corner of Bloor Street and Spadina Avenue

Drug Store

- Shopper Drug Mart, Bloor Street West, just west of Spadina Avenue

TOC	Preliminaries	General Information	Plenaries	Papers/Panels	Index	Map
	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY		
	August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17		
9 am						
10 am			Section Meetings 9 am – 11 am	Section Meetings 9 am – 11 am		
11 am		IAHR Outgoing Executive Committee Meeting 10am – 1pm	Break 11am –11:30 am MacLEOD/STONE LOBBY	Break 11am –11:30 am MacLEOD FOYER		
12 pm		LARKIN BUILDING ROOM 200	Plenary Address David Sloan Wilson 11:45am –12:45pm MacLEOD AUDITORIUM	Plenary Address Dale Guthrie 11:45am – 12:45pm MacLEOD AUDITORIUM		
1 pm		-----		BREAK FOR LUNCH -----		
2 pm	Early Registration 1pm – 8pm LARKIN BUILDING	Registration 10am - 5pm	BREAK FOR LUNCH	EXREL Poster Session 1pm – 2:30pm		
3 pm	-----	LARKIN BUILDING	Section Meetings 2:30pm - 4:30pm IACSR General Assembly 3pm – 4pm BAHEN 1170 -----	Section Meetings 2:30pm – 4:30pm		
4 pm						
5 pm	IAHR Outgoing Executive Committee Meeting 3pm – 7pm		Break 4:30pm – 5pm MacLEOD/STONE LOBBY	Break 4:30pm – 5pm MacLEOD FOYER		
6 pm	LARKIN BUILDING ROOM 200	IAHR Opening Ceremony & Inaugural Plenary Address Catherine Albanese 5:30pm – 7:15pm	Plenary Address William Arnal 5:15pm – 6:15pm MacLEOD AUDITORIUM	Plenary Address Robert MacAuley 5:15pm – 6:15pm MacLEOD AUDITORIUM		
7 pm	-----	MacLEOD AUDITORIUM	END OF PROGRAM DAY	END OF PROGRAM DAY		
8 pm		Gala Opening Reception 7:30pm ROYAL ONTARIO MUSEUM	EASR Meeting Executive Committee 6:30pm SIDNEY SMITH 2098			
			EXREL: Intro 8pm – 9:30pm BAHEN 1170	AASR Meeting 7:30pm – 9:30pm BAHEN 2135		

WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY		FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
August 18	August 19		August 20	August 21	
<p>IAHR International Committee Meeting</p> <p>9am – 1 pm SIDNEY SMITH 2098</p>	Section Meetings 9 am – 11 am		Section Meetings 9 am – 11 am	Closing Plenary Address Hans Kippenberg 9:30am – 10:30am MacLEOD AUDITORIUM	9 am
	Break 11am – 11:30 am MacLEOD/STONE LOBBY		Break 11am – 11:30 am MacLEOD/STONE LOBBY	Refreshments – MacLEOD	10 am
	Plenary Address Jean Grondin 11:45am – 12:45pm MacLEOD AUDITORIUM		Plenary Address Jacques Berlinerblau 11:45am – 12:45pm MacLEOD AUDITORIUM	General Assembly 11am – 1pm MacLEOD AUDITORIUM	11 am
	BREAK FOR LUNCH ----- EXREL Poster Session 1pm – 2:30pm		BREAK FOR LUNCH ----- IAHR Women Scholars Network Meeting 1:30pm – 2:30pm SIDNEY SMITH 2098		12 pm
	<p>Traditional Congress Tours</p> <p>9am – 6pm</p> <p>Coaches for tours will depart from Larkin Building, Trinity College (see map)</p> <p><i>Tour information at registration</i></p>	Section Meetings 2:30pm – 4:30pm		Section Meetings 2:30pm – 4:30pm	Canadian BBQ Lunch BOSANQUET GARDENS, MUNK CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDIES 1pm – 3pm
Break 4:30pm – 5pm MacLEOD/STONE LOBBY		Break 4:30pm – 5pm MacLEOD/STONE LOBBY		2 pm	
Plenary Address Meera Nanda 5:15pm – 6:15pm MacLEOD AUDITORIUM		Plenary Address Susan Haack 5:15pm – 6:15pm MacLEOD AUDITORIUM		3 pm	
END OF PROGRAM DAY		END OF PROGRAM DAY		4 pm	
NO SESSIONS	EASR Meeting General Assembly 7pm – 9 pm BAHEN 1200		LARKIN BUILDING ROOM 200		5 pm
	----- EXREL: Dialogue on the Cognitive Science of Religion 8pm BAHEN 1170				6 pm
					7 pm
					8 pm

Opening and Closing Ceremonies and Congress Receptions

Inaugural Plenary Address

JJR MacLeod Auditorium • Sunday, 15 August, 5:30pm

Gala Opening Reception

Royal Ontario Museum • Sunday, 15 August, 7:30pm

Closing Plenary Address

JJR MacLeod Auditorium • Saturday, 21 August, 9:30am – 10:30am

General Assembly and Closing Ceremony

JJR MacLeod Auditorium • Saturday, 21 August, 11am – 1pm

Closing Canadian BBQ Lunch

Bosanquet Gardens, Munk Centre for International Studies • Saturday, 21 August, 1:30pm

The Academic Program

The Congress Theme: Religion: A Human Phenomenon

The Congress theme was chosen to encourage scholars to focus attention on religions insofar as they are “publicly available” to the research tools and techniques of the historical, social, and natural sciences. Its broad scope is an invitation to scholars in various fields with diverse interests to present the results of their research on religion in history, society, and the life of the individual within a common scholarly/scientific framework in which discussion, debate, and the testing of scholarly claims and scientific hypotheses can take place.

Statement on the Academic Program

The theme of the Congress is broad and deliberately inclusive of the work of scholars in departments for the historical and comparative study of religion as well as the work of colleagues in the natural and social sciences interested in explaining religion as a human phenomenon.

The goal of the Program Committee for the XXth IAHR World Congress is to bridge traditional geographical and academic specializations in the complex field of the modern academic and scientific study of religion. The Committee thought it best, therefore, to encourage scholars to present their research within their common and well-defined methodological frameworks of description, interpretation, and explanation. The “constraints” such frameworks impose ensures that attention will be focused on religions insofar as they are “publicly available” to the research tools and techniques of the social and natural sciences. This will strengthen the common scholarly/scientific framework within which cross-discussion and debate, and the testing of scholarly claims and scientific hypotheses can take place, which is a central objective of the IAHR. Despite these methodological commitments, a fourth section of the program allows for critical reflection on the field of religious studies, its assumptions and pursuits in different times and in different cultures. And a fifth section on innovations has permitted the Program Committee to make room for new “possibilities” in the field.

In keeping with the Congress objective of encouraging discussion and conversation among participants, the Program Committee elected to adopt a “relaxed” scheduling of papers and panel presentations. There will be only two sessions of paper and panel presentations per day and two plenary addresses, leaving significant amounts of time for engaging plenary address speakers and each other in conversation. (See “Congress Overview” on pages 12-13.)

The Program Committee deeply appreciates your cooperation in the submission of paper and panel proposals and expresses its best wishes for a pleasant and successful Congress.

Statement Concerning Presentations

Invited plenary speakers will have fifty (50) minutes for the presentation of their addresses.

Each session of contributed papers will run for two hours. Panels may have made use of more than one session and will have organized their sessions accordingly. It is assumed that there will be twenty minutes for the presentation of each contributed paper (barring late starts to sessions).

NB: Where sub-section chairpersons who have organized sessions of papers have been unable to assign a presider for a particular session the Congress Secretariat has designated a member of the panel or session to act as chair even though they are also presenting a paper. If you have been assigned in this fashion, we hope you will take on the responsibility (of keeping presentations to their allotted time) so as to ensure the success of the session concerned.

Participants who wish to distribute hardcopy outlines of their papers are responsible for producing them. Nearby photocopy shops and machines are available at a very reasonable cost: Alico’s Digital Copy Centre at 203A College St., Image X-Press at 193 College St., and Quality Copy Shop at 333 Bloor St. West (next to the Bata Museum). The Congress Secretariat will not be available for such projects.

Abstracts

In an effort to make the Congress as green as possible the Secretariat will make the abstract book available on the Congress web site. Hard copies will be available in the book display area in Sidney Smith Hall, the lobby of the JJR MacLeod Auditorium, and in the Larkin Building in which you will find the Congress Office. (Please do not remove them from those locations.)

Language Policy

The official languages of the IAHR are French and English. Since the Congress is sponsored by several North American associations for the study of religion including the Sociedad Mexicana para el Estudio de las Religiones the official languages for the Congress are English, French, and Spanish. (Please be aware that we are unable to provide simultaneous translation of French or Spanish sessions.)

Inaugural Plenary Address



Catherine L. Albanese
*University of California,
Santa Barbara, USA*

**“Historical Imagination and
Channeled Theology:
Texts and Contexts”**

Sunday, 15 August 6:15pm – 7:15pm
in the JJR MacLeod Auditorium

*Presiding: Gordon Melton, Director of the
Institute for the Study of American Religions
and research specialist with the Department of
Religious Studies at the University of California*

*Sponsored by the Department of Religion,
University of Alabama*

The phenomenon called channeling has received a good deal of attention in the popular media as well as some interest from psychologists, parapsychologists, neuroscientists, and other professionals in similar fields. Little attention, however, has been paid to the content of channeling messages as forms of theological expression and as little to the ways that channeled messages reflect a historical imagination that depends on previous ideas and constructions.

In this paper I will look at key texts from twentieth- and twenty-first-century channeled sources, and will examine the important contextualizing works that give us major clues to the cultural world from which these texts have emanated.

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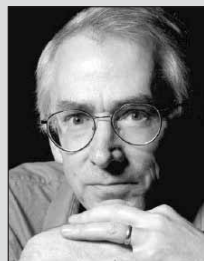
Monday Morning Plenary Address

Monday, 16 August, 11:45am – 12:45pm
in the JJR MacLeod Auditorium

*Presiding: William Paden, University of Vermont,
USA*

*Sponsored by the College of Arts and Science,
University of Vermont*

Evolutionary theory is becoming a powerful framework for the study of religion, but not in the way that most people think. It is not new to study religion as a human construction. Even the earliest religious scholars, such as Durkheim, James, and Frazer avoided the concept of an intervening God as scrupulously as Darwin.



David Sloan Wilson
*Binghamton
University,
USA*

**“Religion as
a Product of
Evolution”**

What's new about evolutionary theory is its capacity to organize the voluminous knowledge about religion in particular and cultural systems in general. The 21st century will witness an integration of knowledge about humanity from an evolutionary perspective, comparable to the integration of the biological sciences during the 20th century (and continuing).

I will provide a broad overview of what evolutionary theory means for the study and practice of religion

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University. He applies evolutionary theory to all aspects of humanity in addition to the rest of life, both in his own research and as director of EvoS, a unique campus-wide evolutionary studies program (<http://evolution.binghamton.edu/evos/>). He is known for championing the theory of multilevel selection, which has implications ranging from the origin of life to the nature of religion. His books include *Darwin's Cathedral: Evolution, Religion, and the Nature of Society* (Chicago, 2002) and *Evolution for Everyone: How Darwin's Theory Can Change the Way We Think About Our Lives* (Bantam, 2007). His next book is titled *Evolving the City: An Evolutionist Contemplates Changing the World—One City at a Time* (Little, Brown).

Monday afternoon Plenary Address

**Monday, 16 August, 5:15pm – 6:15pm
in the JJR MacLeod Auditorium**

*Presiding: Willi Braun, University of Alberta,
Canada*

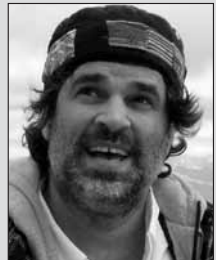
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University of Alberta*

To describe a phenomenon as “human” means, in its strongest sense, that it is seen to have arisen from mechanisms and principles that are universal; that the phenomenon in question is in some way common to the variegated human species. The study of the New Testament/Christian Origins, by contrast, has for the most part been bogged down in historical specificity, driven, moreover, by apologetic agenda that insist upon the unique and inexplicable origins of Christianity. This paper will argue that the concept of religion does indeed assist us in taking preliminary steps toward generalizing, and thus humanizing, and explaining, the origins of Christianity. But it will also argue that “religion” has in some ways also served to protect unremarkable

William Arnal

**University of Regina,
Canada**

**“What has Athens
to do with Jerusalem?
Christian Origins Within,
and Without, Religion”**



human conduct. Thus while religion does serve the preliminary and tactical function of forcing us to generalize, if we are truly to make sense of the origins of Christianity as a human phenomenon, we must, in the end, situate the earliest presentations of Jesus (as well as the notion of religion itself) more broadly within the human propensity to create and reflect upon imaginary entities, and to treat such entities with varying levels of seriousness.

William Arnal completed a Ph.D. in Religious Studies at the University of Toronto. He is currently Associate Professor in the Department of Religious Studies at the University of Regina.

His research interests include ancient Mediterranean religions, the historiography of ancient Christianity, and theoretical issues in the field of religious studies in general.

He has published work on ancient Christian writings such as Q, the Gospel of Thomas, and the Pauline

Tuesday Morning Plenary Address

**Tuesday, 17 August, 11:45am – 12:45pm
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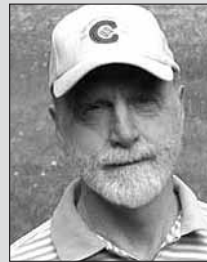
Presiding: Russell McCutcheon, University of Alabama, USA

Sponsored by the Humanities Division of the University of California, Santa Cruz

For at least a hundred thousand years cooperation played a big part in shaping human evolution. The rigorous dynamics of life in small hunter-gatherer bands formed our basic human character. Climatic indicators show the environment in this critical Pleistocene time was unusually unstable and unpredictable. These bands were exploiting an intellectually challenging niche with an enlarging brain that could apply a complex evidentiary-reasoned world view with the daily experiences of clear testable premises. However, the end of the Pleistocene, around 12,000 years ago, was marked by a dramatically more warm/wet equable climate.

The emergence of this shift underwrote the emergence of new food resources and allowed humans for the first time to regularly accumulate storable surpluses. These surpluses were essential to support increasing numbers, density, and sedentary village lives. The abrupt change from bands to tribes is well known from archaeological sites, but the best illustration of this shift comes from the art work. The tribal experience featured new, more complex questions about which there was little information

letters with the aim of explaining changes in ideology in social conflict. In addition to numerous articles in academic journals, his publications include *Jesus and the Village Scribes: Galilean Conflicts and the Setting of Q* (2001) and *The Symbolic Jesus: Historical Scholarship, Judaism, and the Construction of Contemporary Identity* (2005).



R. Dale Guthrie

**University of Alaska,
USA**

**“Evolution of Art,
Intuitive Morality, and
Romantic Love in the Ice
Age Human Band”**

which led tribal thinkers to a reliance on supernatural answers and organized religion. Our outlook is, ironically, more like the band's naturalistic perspective, less supernatural although there remains a deeply entrenched “meme” attachment to the tribe's supernatural. I will offer some ideas about that.

R. Dale Guthrie received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago and has since that time taught at the University of Alaska. He is currently professor emeritus in the Institute of Arctic Biology at that University. He was awarded an Alexander von Humboldt Research Prize, was a visiting fellow at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge, and was awarded the Kirk Bryan Award in Research Excellence for his book *Frozen Fauna of the Mammoth Steppe* (1990). Guthrie is a naturalist, an artist, and a paleobiologist familiar with Pleistocene animals represented in Paleolithic art and has a special interest in “accessing” these distant cultures through their art. He is one of very few scientists to focus on this field dominated by art historians and humanists which he does in a comprehensive manner in his *The Nature of Paleolithic Art* (2005).

Tuesday Afternoon Plenary Address

**Tuesday, 17 August, 5:15pm – 6:15pm
in the JJR MacLeod Auditorium**

*Presiding: E. Thomas Lawson,
Queen's University Belfast*

*Sponsored by the University of Waterloo and
Wilfred Laurier University*

One school of thought in the cognitive science of religion holds that religious thought and action arise primarily as by-products of opportunistic cuing of diverse, maturationally natural, psychological dispositions, which crop up in human minds in the course of normal cognitive development. These cognitive tools do not, however, result from anything having to do either with religion or with one another. Instead, they variously concern the management of common problems that members of our species face. The operations of a collection of cognitive tools concerned with such things as linguistic competence, contamination of avoidance and hazard precautions, kin detection, the recognition of agents and actions, theory of mind, and social transactions, to name some of the most prominent, shape the forms and contents of religious materials the world over. Like Rube Goldberg devices, religions are assemblages of perfectly ordinary items that are deployed in unusual contexts and configured in such ways as to captivate human minds. The resulting contraptions may have consequences that are functional, but these are functions that can, as likely as not, be alternatively realized with considerably less fuss.



Robert McCauley
Emory University, USA

**“Taking a Cognitive
Point of View:
Religions as
Rube Goldberg Devices”**

Robert N. McCauley was the inaugural Masee-Marin NEH Distinguished Teaching Professor at Emory University where he is currently the William Rand Kenan Jr. University Professor and the Director for the Center for the Mind, Brain, and Culture. He earned his M.A. in divinity and his Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Chicago. He works in the philosophy of psychological and cognitive science and in the cognitive science of religion. He is the author of *Rethinking Religion: Connecting Cognition and Culture* (1990) and *Bringing Ritual to Mind: Psychological Foundations of Cultural Forms* (2002), both with E. Thomas Lawson. He is the editor of the *Churchlands and Their Critics* (1996) and the co-editor of *Mind and Religion: Cognitive and Psychological Foundations of Religiosity* (2005). Dr. McCauley has received grants from the ACLS, the NEH, the Lilly Endowment, the AAR, the Council for Philosophical Studies, and other scholarly organizations. He was elected President of both the Society for the Philosophy and Psychology (1997-1998) and the International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion (2010-2012).

Thursday Morning Plenary Address

**Thursday, 19 August, 11:45am – 12:45pm
in the JJR MacLeod Auditorium**

Presiding: Michel Desjardins, Wilfred Laurier University, Canada

*Sponsored by the Faculty of Arts and Science,
University of Toronto*

In modern societies, religious practice, and belief, is said to be on the decline, especially in the younger generation. On the other hand, a strong ecological consciousness is gaining ground. It rests on a conception of good and evil, of sin and expiation, on history of fall and salvation, regulating practices, beliefs and hopes. To what extent can it be viewed as a form of religion?

Jean Grondin earned his Ph.D. in philosophy at the University of Tübingen. He has taught at Laval University and the University of Ottawa and is currently professor of philosophy at Université de



Jean Grondin
*University of Montreal,
Canada*

**“To What Extent is
the New Ecological
Consciousness
a Religious
Phenomenon?”**

Montréal. He has been a Killam Fellow, received an honorary doctorate from the University of Tucumán (Argentina), and is a member of the Royal Society of Canada. His primary interests are in the fields of metaphysics and the philosophy of religion and he is one of the most important voices in the field of hermeneutics. *Introduction to Philosophical Hermeneutics* (1994), *Introduction à la métaphysique* (2004), and *La philosophie de la religion* (2009), are three of his 17 books that have been translated in a dozen languages.

Thursday Afternoon Plenary Address

Thursday, 19 August, 5:15pm – 6:15pm

Presiding: Yolotl Ganzales, National Institute of Anthropology and History of Mexico, UNAM

Sponsored by Brock University

Given the enormous influence of Edward Said's Orientalism and postcolonial theory on religious studies, most scholars of modern Hinduism have come to accept the following two assumptions as self-evidently true: one, that the intended or unintended motivation of the Orientalists was (in Said's words) to “dominate, restructure and to have authority over the Orient”; and two, that the Orientalists imposed their own Judaeo-Christian understanding of religion on the diverse traditions of the Indian people and gave it the name of



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Institute for Advanced
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**“How not to study
Eastern religions:
Western esotericism
in the making of
Neo-Hinduism”**

“Hinduism.” Modern Hinduism is thus seen as a colonial construct which “Semitized” the pre-colonial religious practices the Hindus.

This paper questions both of these assumptions. It does so by challenging the esoteric amnesia of the academic community by bringing back one highly

influential but long-forgotten school of Orientalists –the Theosophists who interpreted Hindu and Buddhist thought through the prism of Western occult tradition. In a clear contradiction of the Orientalist and postcolonial dogmas, the Theosophists' interest in Hinduism and Buddhism cannot be understood in terms of power and domination over the colonial subjects. On the contrary, Theosophists interest in Eastern religions lay in their search for a rational and “scientific” alternative to the Judeo-Christian tradition, which they saw as superstitious and unable to withstand the Enlightenment critique. The paper goes on to chart the deep and abiding influence of Western occultism brought in by the Theosophists on neo Hinduism.

The Theosophical interest in scientizing occult powers, this paper will argue, lives on in the writings of the founding fathers of neo-Hinduism, notably Swami Vivekananda and Servapalli

Radhakrishnan. The scientific interpretations of yoga and traditional Hindu ideas of evolution (and devolution) of life forms through karma and rebirth will be presented as examples of the influence of Theosophy on modern Hinduism.

Meera Nanda earned a Ph.D. in microbiology from the Indian Institute of Technology in New Delhi and a second Ph.D. in the Department of Science and Technology Studies from the Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in upstate New York. She has been primarily a science journalist and writer and has taught at Jawaharlal Nehru University. Her recent and current interests include the science/religion debate and the problems created in the intersection of science, religion, and politics, especially that of modern science, postmodernism, and Hindutva Nationalism. Nanda has published numerous articles and essays and several books including *Prophets Facing Backward: Critiques of Science and Hindu Nationalism in India* (2004).

Friday Morning Plenary Address

Friday, 20 August, 11:45am – 12:45pm
in the JJR MacLeod Auditorium

Presiding: Robert Yelle, University of Memphis

Sponsored by University of Southern Denmark

Atheist identity is a complex and unstable sort of thing. Whereas Village or New Atheists espouse a radical anti-theism coupled with a harsh materialism, an examination of the lengthy history of atheism in Western Civilization reveals that the identity of nonbelievers is far more tensile and diverse than many current celebrities of nonbelief tend to know. Looking at the use of the term “atheism” in classical antiquity and early modern Europe we quickly see that in these periods this position was sooner correlated with heresy and



**Jacques
Berlinerblau**
**Georgetown
University,
USA**

**“The Atheist
Paradox”**

skepticism than with godlessness. This fact reminds us that atheism as a categorical rejection of the existence of God is a relatively recent phenomenon. It is also a phenomenon, as scholars of the subject have painstakingly demonstrated, that exists in a tight symbiotic relation with atheism. This makes contemporary pop atheist efforts anathematize all forms of religion ontologically suspect, if not politically disastrous.

Our goal is to identify the complexity and diversity of atheist identity, with special emphasis on the truism that there are many ways to be a nonbeliever.

Jacques Berlinerblau, Associate Professor at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University, holds separate doctorates in ancient Near Eastern Languages and Literatures,

and in Sociology. He has published widely on a range of topics: the sociology of heresy, African-American and Jewish-American relations, biblical studies, and modern Jewish intellectuals among others. His publications include *Heresy in the University: The Black Athena Controversy and the Responsibility of American Intellectuals* and *The Secular Bible: Why Nonbelievers Must Take Religion Seriously*.

Friday Afternoon Plenary Address

**Friday, 20 August, 5:15pm – 6:15pm
in the JJR MacLeod Auditorium**

Presiding: Winni Sullivan, SUNY at Buffalo, USA

Sponsored by Wilfred Laurier University and the University of Waterloo

A history of the evolution of the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and specifically its role in cases involving the teaching of evolution in public high schools. This legal history will be informed by the conjecture that over many years a relatively modest understanding of the Establishment Clause due to James Madison has been largely, though not completely, displaced by a more ambitious understanding due to Thomas Jefferson; and punctuated by philosophical asides on questions about the (in)compatibility of the theory of evolution with religious beliefs, the meaning of “theory,” and the demarcation of science. The narrative begins with a sketch of the origins of the Establishment Clause; next turns to efforts to outlaw evolution, culminating in the Scopes trial (1925); then looks at how, after the Establishment Clause became applicable to the states with the Supreme Court’s ruling in *Everson* (1947), anti-evolution statutes were themselves outlawed; then tracks courts’ ambivalent Establishment Clause



Susan Haack
University of Miami, USA

“Cracks in the Wall, A Bulge Under the Carpet: The Singular Story of Religion, Evolution, and the U.S. Constitution”

jurisprudence in the wake of *Lemon* (1971) and, in the same period, the rise and fall of statutes mandating “balanced treatment” of evolution and creation science; and, finally, explores the present situation, including the legal test of Intelligent Design Theory in *Kitzmiller* (2005).

Susan Haack was educated at both Oxford and Cambridge with her Ph.D. awarded by Cambridge University. She was a Fellow of New Hall, Cambridge, then Professor of Philosophy at the University of Warwick and, currently, is Cooper Senior Scholar in Arts and Sciences, Professor of Philosophy, and Professor of Law at University of Miami. She is the author of several books that have been translated into a dozen languages including *Manifesto of a Passionate Moderate* (1998) and *Defending Science – Within Reason: Between Scientism and Cynicism* (2003). Her work is strongly interdisciplinary and has garnered her an international reputation being one of very few living philosophers included in 100 Philosophers: *The Life and Work of the World’s Greatest Thinkers*.

Closing Plenary Address

Saturday, 21 August, 9:30–10:30am
in the JJR MacLeod Auditorium

Presiding: Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University, USA

Sponsored by the Canadian Society for the Study of Religion



Hans Kippenberg
University of Erfurt,
Germany

**'Phoenix from the Ashes':
 New Kinds of Religious
 Communities in the
 Globalized World**

One major item of the agenda of religious studies is in the process of being revised. Assuming that secularization has been depriving religious communities of their legal privileges and an expanding market economy eroding their social base, individual religiosity was considered the only and major social form of religion in modernity. But to the surprise of many in the midst of a torrent of social change there is some indication of a renewal of power and influence of religious communities. First, the growth and spread of religious organizations of labour migrants is accompanied by an increasing social power inside and beyond the nation-state. Second, in the wake of nation-states that confer public tasks to private providers, the religious principle of mutual help and solidarity is at the centre of a new social power of religious communality. Third, religious leaders are being heard by audiences beyond the circle of committed believers. While traditional authorities are losing respect and support, a new type of intellectual is able to mobilize a general public by a new type of religious language, by transmitting the message in new media and by critically reflecting on social issues in the present age. Fourth, a strong ambivalence is typical of the new types of communal religion. Though scholars often see these religious communities as valuable social capital, they can turn destructive in situations of conflict.

Hans G. Kippenberg earned his Ph.D. in 1969 in Göttingen and completed his Habilitation at the Free University in Berlin in 1975. From 1977 to 1989 he was professor of comparative religion at the University of Groningen and from 1989 to 2004 professor for theory and history of religions at the University of Bremen. He is currently professor of comparative religious studies at Jacobs University, Bremen. His main research interests are the history and sociology of European Paganism, Judaism, Christianity, Gnosticism, and Islam. He also works on Max Weber's sociology of religion, the rise of comparative religion in the 19th and 20th centuries, and the public status of religious communities in European history. He has served as visiting professor at the universities of Heidelberg, Chicago, and Bar-Ilan and has held fellowships in the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study, the Institute for Advanced Study (Princeton), Zentrum für Interdisziplinäre Forschung, and the Max-Weber-Kolleg at the University of Erfurt. He has published numerous articles and several books including *Discovering Religious History in the Modern Age* (2002).

Related Academic Sessions

Related organizations and special research projects form an integral part of the academic program of the XXth IAHR Congress. All “related academic sessions” will be held in Bahen 1170 and are included among the “paper and panel sessions” listed below.

Cognitive Science of Religion (IACSR)

The International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion (IACSR) is designed to provide an organizational framework for bringing cognitive and neuroscientific research in a variety of disciplines that bear on religious thought and behaviour into fruitful discussion and debate with students of religion.

The “Explaining Religion (EXREL) Project”

The “Explaining Religion (EXREL) Project” is a large-scale and ambitious three-year investigation into the evolved cognitive mechanisms that are associated with religious thought and behaviour that involves collaboration across fourteen universities. Following the presentation of an overview of the project on Monday, the Tuesday and Thursday sessions will focus on three main questions: How do religions evolve? How do we acquire religion? and Is religion a biological adaptation?

The Religion, Cognition and Culture (RCC)

The Religion, Cognition and Culture (RCC) research unit in the Department of the Study of Religion, Aarhus University, explores the relationships among religion, cognition, and culture. Its scientific methodology is explicitly interdisciplinary and involves laboratory methods as well as fieldwork, textual, iconological, and archaeological methods in close cooperation with its partners in psychology, the neurosciences and the humanities.

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Catherine L. Albanese, University of California, Santa Barbara
Historical Imagination and Channeled Theology: Texts and Contexts

MONDAY AUGUST 16 • Morning Sessions

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 134

Anthropology of Society and Religion Among the Tribals of Indian Sub-Continent, Panel I

Presiding: Karma Oraon, Ranchi University
 Hafeez-ur-Rehman Chaudhry, Quaid-i-Azam University

Hafeez-ur-Rehman Chaudhry, Quaid-i-Azam University: *Jirga: A Traditional Justice System in Tribal Areas of Pakistan*

A. H. M. Zehadul Karim, Rajshahi University, Bangladesh: *Santal Religiosity and the Impact of Conversion: A Staggering Cultural Situation*

Abdur Rahman Siddiquee, University of Rajshahi: *Religio-spiritual Changes and Their Reflection in Social Life: An Observation on the Oraons of Bangladesh*

M. Zulfiqar Ali and M. Khursheed Anwar: University of Rajshahi: *Dramatization of the Paharia Rites of Passage: A Study of an Ethnic Community in Northwestern Bangladesh*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1240

Religion and Media in Translation

Presiding: Erica Baffelli, University of Otago
 Eric Repphun, University of Otago

Erica Baffelli, University of Otago: *Playing with Asahara: Representing Japanese New Religious Movements on Video Sharing Websites*

Eric Repphun, University of Otago: *Genre in Translation: Images of the Cross in Evangelion: 1.0 You Are (Not) Alone*

Stefania Travagnin, University of Saskatchewan: *Media Games: Projecting Faith in Space and in Time*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 203

Goddesses and Women: The Interchange of Divine and Human Aspects of Women in South Asian Religious Traditions, Panel I

Presiding: Mikael Aktor, University of Southern Denmark

Saumitra Chakravarty, VVS College: *The Snake-Woman as Goddess: A Study of Ethnic Confrontation In the Manasa Mangal Of Bengal*

Rachelle Scott, University of Tennessee: *Goddess, Spirit, or Peasant Girl? The Curious Case of Nang Kwak in Thailand*

Eva Hellman, Uppsala University: *An Emerging Hindu Grammar of Divine Femininity: Sannyasinis and the Performance of Female Gender*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1130

Body, Mind and Religion, Panel I

Presiding: Bettina Schmidt, Bangor University

Sebastian Schüler, Münster University: *Mind the Body! Ritual Synchronization and the Embodiment of the Sacred*

Mira Karjalainen, University of Helsinki: *Embodied Religious Practices in the Westernization Process of Spiritual Physical Exercises*

David Gordon Wilson, University of Edinburgh: *Waking the Entranced: Reassessing Spiritualist Mediumship through a Comparison of Spiritualist and Shamanic Spirit Possession Practices*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1160

The (De)Construction of Figures of Religious Authority on the Internet, Panel I

Presiding: Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University Bremen

Laila Abu-Er-Rub, University of Heidelberg: *Ayurveda, Yogic Flying & David Lynch: The Digital (De)Construction of Maharishi Mahesh Yogi in Germany*

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University Bremen: *'I Don't Understand Why You Educated People in the West Have Made This Woman into Such a Goddess!' The Discussion of Mother Teresa as a Modern Saint on The Internet*

Xenia Zeiler, University Bremen: *'Put the Fear of God in Them:.' Negotiating the Hindu Deity AIDS-Amma on the Internet*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1180

From Human Sacrifice, to Virgin of Guadalupe, to Laicism, Panel I

Presiding: Yolotl González Torres, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia

Josefina Mansilla Lory and Carmen Ma Pijoan Aguadé, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia:
*Postsacrificial Processes in the Sacred Precinct of Tlatelolco*Carmen Ma Pijoan Aguadé and Josefina Mansilla Lory, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia: *Multiple Burial Num. 14 from the Recinto Sagrado of Tlatelolco: after Death Treatment of More Than 150 Persons*Dora Sierra Carrillo, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia: *Hallucinogenic Plants and Human Sacrifice in Mesoamérica*Lourdes Suárez Diez, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia: *Shell Pectorals in Deities of the Tonalpohualli of the Vatican A Codex*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1190

Religion, Development and Faith Based Organizations

Presiding: Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds

Emma Tomalin, University of Leeds and Robert Leurs, University of Birmingham: *Mapping the work of faith based organisations in India, Pakistan, Tanzania and Nigeria*Nida Kirmani, University of Birmingham and Sarah Zaidi, International Treatment Preparedness Coalition:
*An Uneasy Relationship: Religion, Philanthropy and Development in Karachi*Tamsin Bradley, London Metropolitan University: *Educate a woman and you educate an entire nation'. The Politicisation of mothering in the religious discourses of the Ramakrishna Mission, Guru Mata Amritanandamayi Mission, and the Sadhu Vaswani Mission*Zara Ramsay, School of Oriental and African Studies: *Religious and spiritual capital in Buddhist faith-based development: evidence from India*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

MCLENNAN 102

Satanism Studies: An Emerging Field

Presiding: Per Faxneld, Stockholm University

James R. Lewis, University of Tromsø: *The Devil's Demographics*Eugene V. Gallagher, Connecticut College: *Satanism and Scripture: Textual Studies*Per Faxneld, Stockholm University: *Infernal Madonna and patron saint of abortions: Lilith in Satanism and the Western Left Hand Path*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 25

Possible Futures for the Philosophy of Religion

Presiding: Abraham Khan, University of Toronto

Marsha Hewitt, University of Toronto: *Affective and Cognitive Dimensions of Religious Experience*Gregory Alles, McDaniel College: *Kinds, Classes, and Clumps: A Preliminary Typology of Concepts and Some Implications for Thinking about Religion*Ivan Strenski, University of California Riverside: *Strange Bedfellows? A Radical Examination of the Cohabitation of Philosophy and the Study of Religion*Bryan Rennie, Westminster College: *The History (and Philosophy) of Religions*Respondent: Arvind Sharma, McGill University

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1200

Sound In/As Religion, Panel I

Presiding: Rosalind Hackett, University of Tennessee

Isaac Weiner, Georgia State University: *Listening In: Reflections on Studying Sound Across Religious Boundaries*Guy L. Beck, Tulane University: *Sonic Liturgy: A New Template for the Study of Religion and Sound*Isabel Laack, University of Heidelberg: *Efficacy, Reflexivity and Reactivity in the Use of Music in British (Neo-)Paganism*Ulrich Berner, University of Bayreuth: *Modern Music-Theatre as Object of Religious Studies: The Interpretation of Biblical Monotheism in Schoenberg's 'Moses and Aaron'*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1230

Radical Religion in 1930s Japan, Panel I

Presiding: Kiyoshi Ueda, Hōsei University

Christopher Kai-Jones, Cornell University: *Radical Christianity in Tanabe Hajime's Religio-political Philosophy*Trent Maxey, Amherst College: *For or against Religion? Reappraising the Han-shūkō Movement in 1930s Japan*Kiyoshi Ueda, Hōsei University: *Hiraizumi Kiyoshi (1895–1984): His Relations with State Shinto in Wartime Japan?*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1170

International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion

Presiding: Luther H. Martin, University of Vermont

Steven Horst: *Whose Institution? Which Dualism?*

Afzal Upal, Defence Research and Development Canada: *The Context-based View of the Minimal Counter-intuitive Effect*

Andreas Nordin, University of Gotheburg: *Dreaming in Religion and Pilgrimage*

William W. McCorkle, Jr., Tiffin University: *The Natural Attraction to Religious Violence: A Cognitive, Evolutionary, and Memetic Approach*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 202

Discourse Analysis in the Study of Religion, Panel I

Presiding: Frans Wijzen, Radboud University

Frans Wijzen, Radboud University: *There are Radical Muslims and Normal Muslims: An Analysis of the Discourse on Islamic Extremism*

Kocku Von Stuckrad, University of Groningen: *An Invitation to the Discursive Study of Religion*

Heinrich Schaefer, University of Bielefeld: *Habitus-Analysis: How to Extract Basic Patterns of Practical Logic out of Discourse*

Rebekka King, University of Toronto: *Still Already, Yet: A Discourse Analysis of Temporal Adverbs in Progressive Christian Communities*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

LASH MILLER 158

Durkheim and Weber: Applying Classical Social Theory

Presiding: Matthew Francis, University of Leeds

Sait Ozervarli, Yildiz Technical University: *The Application of Durkheimian Social Theory to Religious Thought by Modern Turkish Thinkers*

Matthew Francis, University of Leeds: *In God's Name? The Role of an External Legitimizing Authority in the Move to Violence*

Yuko Takahashi, Rikkyo University: *Applying Social Identity Theory 'to Ancient Israelite Society'*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1220

New Age Phenomena and General Theories of Religion, Panel I

Presiding: Ingvild Saelid Gilhus, University of Bergen

Ingvild Saelid Gilhus, University of Bergen: *Classification, Contextualization and Comparison: 'New Age' Phenomena and General Theories of Religion*Norichika Horie, University of the Sacred Heart: *Narrow New Age and Broad Spirituality: A Comprehensive Schema and a Comparative Analysis*Nadja Miczek, University of Heidelberg: *New Age – New Theory? Discussing Modern Field/Discourse Theories and Selected Narratological Concepts*Steven Sutcliffe, University of Edinburgh: *Theorizing 'New Age' Beliefs and Practices as Elementary Forms of the Religious Life*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 26

Interpreting Globalization: Islam in the Contemporary World: Panel I

Presiding: Patrice Brodeur, Université de Montréal

Patrice Brodeur, Université de Montréal: *Le Dialogue des Civilisations Contemporain: Apports et Initiatives Musulmanes Transnationales*Mohammad Reza Aram, Scholar, University of Toronto: *Globalization, Religion and Islam's Role*Noomane Raboudi, University of Ottawa: *Is Islam responsible for the Authoritarian Culture in the Arab World?*Carmen Chouinard, Université de Montréal: *Le féminisme islamique un outil pour contrer la 'racialisation' des femmes musulmanes*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2106

Globalization, the State, and New Technologies

Presiding: Deirdre Meintel, Université de Montréal

Ranjana Mukhopadhyaya, University of Delhi, India: *Transnational networks of dharma and development: Engaged Buddhism in the era of globalization*Jenny Berglund, Södertörn University: *Islamic religious education at Muslim Schools in Sweden*Åsa Brattlund, Mälardalen University: *What role of God and national curriculum in school life? A comparative study of schools with a Muslim profile in England and Sweden*Deirdre Meintel, Université de Montréal: *Religious sociality and the Internet*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2108

Explaining Identity: Panel I

Presiding: Shermeen Bano, Fatima Jinnah Women University

Shermeen Bano, Fatima Jinnah Women University: *Sufism vs. Orthodox Islam: A Study of Sufism as Space of Modern Identity (A Case Study of Pakistan)*

Jennifer D. Harris, School of Oriental and African Studies: *In God's Image? Re-negotiating Identity in the Art of Post Diasporic Religious Minority Communities*

Shri Rai, Lucknow University: *Indian Tribes: Indian Religious Tribal*

Rashmi Mishra, University of Lucknow: *The Development of Religion Among Bhoksa Tribal Group of Uttranchal: India*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2110

Bourdieu in Africa: Exploring the Dynamics of the Religious Field: Panel I

Presiding: Asonzeh Ukah, University of Bayreuth

Asonzeh Ukah, University of Bayreuth: *Reimagining the Religious Field: The Rhetorics of Nigerian Pentecostal Pastors in South Africa*

Magnus Echter, University of Bayreuth: *A Hundred Years and Running Strong: The Nazareth Baptist Church in the Religious and Academic Fields*

H. Wario, University of Bayreuth: *Locating the Religious Field in a Northern Kenyan Muslim Community: Reflecting along Bourdieuan Lines*

Ramzi Ben Amara, University of Bayreuth: *Politicized Religion: The Izala Movement in Northern Nigeria*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2127

Problems of Categorization and Conceptualization in the Study of Pre-modern European Religion: Panel I

Presiding: C. Auffarth, University of Bremen

C. Auffarth, University of Bremen: *With the Grain Came the Gods from the Orient to Rome: Trading Religions in the Roman Empire*

Ilinca Tanaseanu-Dobler, University of Goettingen: *Constructing Impiety: 'Atheism' in the Later Roman Empire*

M. Dobler, University of Bremen: *Is there a Post-Phenomenological Approach to Mysticism?*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2129

Explanation and Economics

Presiding: Dauda Abubakar, Freie Universität

Dauda Abubakar, Freie Universität: *The Institutionalization of Zakat in the Shari'ah States of Northern Nigeria*

Waithanji Mutiti, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology: *Religious Morality and the Market Economy in Africa: Prospects and Challenges*

Ahmed Elhassab, University of Beyreuth: *Politics of Islamic Banking: Hindering the National Unity of Sudan?*

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 24

Dynamics of Transcultural Buddhism in Modern and Postmodern Societies

Presiding: Inken Prohl, Universität Heidelberg

Tim Graf, University of Heidelberg: *The Transfer and Transformation of 'Ritual Sitting' (zazen) in Japan and the West*

Levi McLaughlin, Wofford College: *Soka Gakkai's Image of East Asia and Its Activities in Korea and China*

Joshua A. Irizarry, University of Michigan: *Cultivating an 'International Zen Garden': Daihonzan S'ōjiji in the 21st Century*

Katja Rakow, University of Heidelberg: *Transcending or Consuming the Self? The Western Hegemonic Discourse on the Self and Its Impact on Concepts and Ritual Practices in Buddhist Modernism*

Respondent: Sven Bretfeld

MONDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 137

Alternative Approaches to Understanding Religion

Presiding: Erica Andrus, University of Vermont

Gustav Adolf Schoener, University of Hanover: *The Human Being and Society in the Mirror of the Divine Planets*

Erica Andrus, University of Vermont, Battlestar Galactica: *Monotheism and the Debunking of the Clash of Civilizations in American Popular Culture*

Jonathan Duquette, University of Montreal: *When Physics meets Vedanta: A Perspective from Philosophy of Quantum Physics*

Ken Derry, University of Toronto, and Tony Michael, York University: *"Tony Stark Wants to Save the World": Superhero Films and Biblical Approaches to Crisis*

MONDAY AUGUST 16 • Morning Plenary Address

MONDAY MORNING 11:45am – 12:45pm • JJR MacLEOD AUDITORIUM

PLENARY ADDRESS

David Sloan Wilson, Binghamton University

Religion as a Product of Evolution

MONDAY AUGUST 16 • Afternoon Sessions

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

McLENNAN 202

Discourse Analysis in the Study of Religion, Panel II

Presiding: Teemu Taira, University of Leeds

Kennet Granholm, Stockholm University: *Western Esoteric Currents: A Discourse Analytical Approach*

Kim Knott, University of Leeds: *Christianity in Britain through a Media Lens: Discourses of Decline, Controversy and Persecution, and their Formation*

Teemu Taira, University of Leeds: *Discourse on Religion in British Media: Summary of Findings and Methodological Reflections*

Staffan Nilsson, Södertörn University: *The Reproduction of a Secularistic Understanding of Religion in Swedish Sports Media*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 25

Texts and Contexts (Judaism)

Presiding: Richard Last, University of Toronto

Richard Last, University of Toronto: *Josephus' Antiquities 13.62–73 and Ptolemaic Land Tenure*

Jacoba H. Kuikman, Champion College, University of Regina: *Haredi Opposition to Zionism: Locus of Resistance to Israeli colonization*

Shinichi Yamamoto, the University of Tokyo: *The Sabbatean Nomism in the Book of Hemdat Yamim*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

McLENNAN 134

Anthropology of Society and Religion among the Tribals of Indian Sub-Continent, Panel II

Presiding: Karma Oraon, University of Ranchi

Hafeez-ur-Rehman Chaudhry, Quaid-i-Azam University

Pradip Kumar Singh, Ranchi University: *Religion and Technology: A Case Study of Tribal Jharkhand*Prabhat K. Singh, Ranchi University: *Tribal Religion of Jharkhand: Persistence and Change*Mahmudul Hasan, University of Rajshahi: *Change of Religion and Its Reflection in the Demographic Behavior of the Santals in Bangladesh*Aneela Sultana, Quid-I-Azam University: *Tribe or Terror: An Anthropological Study of the Murghazakarayzai Tribe with Special Emphasis on the Perception and Practice of Jihad*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

McLENNAN 203

Goddesses and Women: The Interchange of Divine and Human Aspects of Women in South Asian Religious Traditions, Panel II

Presiding: Knut A. Jacobsen, University of Bergen

Marianne Qvortrup Fibiger, University of Aarhus: *The Textualisation of a Śakti Tradition in Denmark*Mikael Aktor, University of Southern Denmark: *Untouchable Women as Mediators in Tantric Ritual*Knut A. Jacobsen, University of Bergen: *Salvific Space (tīrtha), Goddesses and Women in the Hindu Dharmānibandhas*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

BAHEN 1240

Indigenous Religions: Critical Appraisals from Theoretical and Historical Perspectives

Presiding: James L. Cox, University of Edinburgh

James L. Cox, University of Edinburgh: *The Rainbow Serpent: A Critical Appraisal of a Postulated Unifying Concept among Indigenous Peoples of Australia*Ulrich Berner, University of Bayreuth: *Religious Traditions: Kinship-based and/or Universal? Examples of Discourses from European and African Religious History*Jace Weaver, University of Georgia: *Indigenous Cosmovisions: Definitions and Power*Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University College: *Druidry and the Definition of Indigenous Religion*Emily Lyle, University of Edinburgh: *Defining the Religion that Lay behind the Self Colonisation of Europe*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1130

Body, Mind and Religion, Panel II

Presiding: Bettina Schmidt, Bangor University

Marja Tiilikainen, University of Helsinki: *Somali Saar in the Era of Social and Religious Change*

Bettina Schmidt, Bangor University: *Spirit Possession and Trance in Afro-American Religions: Different States or One Condition?*

Rebecca Sachs Norris, Merrimack College: *“In My Flesh I Will See God”: Neuroscientific and Experiential Perspectives on Embodied Transmission of Religious States*

Respondent: Steven Engler, Mount Royal University

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1160

The (De)Construction of Figures of Religious Authority on the Internet, Panel II

Presiding: Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, University of Bremen

Johanna Buss, University of Vienna: *Premier Prachanda as Religious Authority: The Debate on the Politicization of the Pashupatinath-Row in the Internet and Blogosphere*

Almut-Barbara Renger, Freie Universität: *From Pythagoras to Christ: The Construction of a Great Master: Apollonius of Tyana, ‘True Founder of Christianity’*

Nadja Miczek, University of Heidelberg: *Who is Dr. Usui? Medial Traces of the Legendary Founder of Reiki*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1180

From Human Sacrifice, to Virgin of Guadalupe, to Laicism, Panel II

Presiding: Yolotl González Torres, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia

Rodrigo Martínez Baracs, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia: *The Writing of the Nican Mopohua*

Isabel Lagarriga Attias, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia: *Espiritualismo Trinitario Mariano: Historical Processes and Innovations*

Gilda Cubillo Moreno, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia: *The Archbrotherhood of the Holy Sacrament of Coyoacán and Its Functions in the Reproduction of the Spanish Social Group*

Yolotl González Torres, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia: *The Crisis of the Catholic Church in Mexico*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

BAHEN 1190

Sovereignty and the Sacred: Contemporary Interrogations of the Secular State

Presiding: Robert Yelle, University of Memphis

Winnifred Sullivan, University at Buffalo -The State University of New York: *Spiritual Governance*

Robert Yelle, University of Memphis: *Sacrificing the Exception: Agamben, Schmitt, and Contemporary Neo-Paganism*

Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University: *Sacrifice and the Production of Rulership*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

McLENNAN 102

Religion and Spirituality on the Boundaries of Contemporary Culture: The Fantastic, the Fictional, and the Fabricated

Presiding: Carole M. Cusack, University of Sydney

Carole M. Cusack, University of Sydney: *Approaching the Study of Invented Religions*

Danielle Kirby, Monash University: *Merging Worlds: Exploring the Continuity between the Real and the Fantastic in the Otherkin Community*

Markus Davidsen, University of Aarhus and University of Leiden: *The Spiritual Milieu Based on J.R.R. Tolkien's Literary Mythology*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

BAHEN 1200

Sound In/As Religion, Panel II

Presiding: Katherine Hagedorn, Pomona College

Bolaji Bateye, Obafemi Awolowo University: *Dancing with the Spirit: Sound, Gender and Ritual Performance in the Water from the Rock Ministry*

Asonzeh Ukah, University of Bayreuth: *Jesus Jive: Sound, Noise and Music in Nigerian Churches in South Africa*

Andrew J. Eisenberg, Stony Brook University: *Resonant Voices and Spatial Politics: An Acoustemology of the Pious Soundscape in Mombasa, Kenya*

Magnus Echter, University of Bayreuth: *'Feeling Some Other Sounds from the Outer World: Experiencing Sacred Dance in the Nazareth Baptist Church, South Africa*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

LASH MILLER 158

Religion and Societal Change: China

Presiding: Zhuo Xinping, Institute of World Religion, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences

Zhuo Xinping, Institute of World Religion, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences: Chinese Religions and their Social Background

Xiaoyun Zheng, Institute of World Religion, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences: The Characteristics of the Propagation of Theravada Buddhism in China

Hongmei Wang, Peking University: Humanistic Buddhism (Renjian Fojiang): Searching for a Balance between Religiousness and Secularity

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

BAHEN 1220

New Age Phenomena and Specific Theories of Religion, Panel II

Presiding: Steven Sutcliffe, University of Edinburgh

Terhi Utriainen, University of Helsinki: *Agents of the New Age Practices – A Pragmatic Approach?*

Lisbeth Mikaelsson, University of Bergen: *The Spirit of New Age Capitalism*

Liselotte Frisk, Darlana University: *Some Problematic New Age-Related Aspects of the Stark-Bainbridge Theory of Religion*

Christiane Königstedt, University of Leipzig: *'New Age' Religion in Practical Life and in Comparison with the German Peace Movement in the 1980s*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

BAHEN 1230

Radical Religion in 1930s Japan, Panel II

Presiding: Yuki Miyamoto, Depaul University

James Mark Shields, Bucknell University: *Taking the Lotus Sutra to the Streets: Nichiren Buddhist Radicalism in Imperial Japan*

Sybil Thornton, Arizona State University: *Nakazato Kaizan 1885–1944: Religion and Political Radicalism in Japan*

Yuki Miyamoto, Depaul University: *Disorienting Japan's Nationalism: Yoshimitsu Yoshihiko's Universalism and Mysticism*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

McLENNAN 103

New approaches in thinking about Secularism and Religion

Presiding: Steven Tomlins, University of Ottawa

Elisa Heinämäki, University of Helsinki: *Georges Bataille as a writer of the post-secular*

Steven Tomlins, University of Ottawa: *The Death of New Atheism*

Ting Guo, University of Edinburgh: *Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Spirituality? Traces of 'Spiritual' Discourse in Technoscience*

Karina Kosicki Bellotti, Federal University of Paraná: *Media and Christian Youth Groups in Brazil (2000s)*

MONDAY AFTERNOON: 2:30–4:30pm

BAHEN 1170

International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion

Presiding: Robert McCauley, Emory University

Paul Thagard, University of Waterloo: *Mapping Religious Minds*

IACSR - General Assembly and Elections

Presiding: Luther H. Martin, University of Vermont

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

BAHEN 26

Interpreting Globalization: Issues of Identity, Panel II

Presiding: Catherine Caufield, University of Alberta

Meher Khatcherian and Samia Amor, Université de Montréal: *Étude comparative de deux modes de résolutions de conflits: La solha moyen-orientale et la justice restauratrice occidentale*

Daniel Proulx, Université de Montréal: *Imagination et globalisation – vers un espace inter-médiaire*

Monique Ingalls, Independent Scholar: *Negotiating Local and Global Religious Identities Through Evangelical Christian Worship Music*

Catherine Caufield, University of Alberta: *Canadian Religion in a Global Context*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2108

Explaining Culture: Panel II

Presiding: Silke Bechler, Heidelberg University

Silke Bechler, Heidelberg University: *When Rituals Become Transcultural – The Vedic Sacrifice in Times of Globalization*

Takashi Irimoto, Hokkaido University: *Ecological Implications of Tibetan Buddhism: Exorcising Rites in Village and Monastic Festivals*

Takako Yamada, Kyoto University: *Ladakhi Shamanism and the Continuity of Buddhist Tradition*

Kumiko Tanaka, Fukuoka Institute of Technology: *The Struggle between Nichiren Buddhist Ideology and the Reality of Everyday Life*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2110

Bourdieu in Africa: Exploring the Dynamics of the Religious Field: Panel II

Presiding: Chikas Danfulani, University of Bayreuth

Chikas Danfulani, University of Bayreuth: *Seclusion in the Guise of Education? A Bourdieuan Perspective on Women Continuing Education Centres*

Gabriele Cappal, University of Bayreuth: *Shari'ah Interpretation and Implementation: A Comparative Perspective*

Franz Kogelmann, University of Bayreuth: *Sanusi Lamido Sanusi and the Contested Borders of the Religious Field in Northern Nigeria*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2127

Problems of Categorization and Conceptualization in the Study of Pre-modern European Religion: Panel II

Presiding: Silviu Anghel, University of Goettingen

Silviu Anghel, University of Goettingen: *Praying without Statues? Paganism after the Closure of Temples in Late Antiquity*

J. Torres, University of Cantabria: *Christians against Pagans: The Rhetoric of Persuasion in 4th Century Polemic Discourses*

M. Marcos, University of Cantabria: *Justifying Religious Toleration: Arguments for Antiquity*

R. Teja, University of Cantabria: *'Christianity' and 'Christendom': The Historical Significance of Two Non-equivalent Terms*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

BAHEN 24

Emerging Religious Trends and Their Interactions With Society

Presiding: Thomas Zenk, Freie Universitaet

Thomas Zenk, Freie Universitaet: *The “New Atheism” in Transatlantic Perspective*

Peter Baltutis, University of St. Michael’s College: *From Paternalism to Partnership: The Canadian Catholic Organization for Development and Peace, 1972*

Sven Ensminger, University of Bristol: *Convivencia from Medieval Spain: A Model for Contemporary Interfaith Relations?*

Monika Gaenssbauer, University of Erlangen: *Kang Xiaoguang and Kang Youwei: Quest for China’s Future Between Civil Society and Civil Religion*

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2106

Divine Feminine and Women’s Spirituality: Asian Paradigms and Hermeneutics

Presiding: Madhu Khanna, Jamia Millia Islamia University

Madhu Khanna, Jamia Millia Islamia University: *When Sita Vanquished Ravana: Re-visioning a Hermeneutics and Social Application of the Adbhut Ramayana*

Durre Ahmad: *Veiled Light: Divine Feminine in Islam*

Neela Bhattacharya Saxena, Nassau Community College: *Neither Theos nor Logos: Indic Mother God Beyond ‘Ontotheology’*

Respondent: Arvind Sharma, McGill University

MONDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2129

Explanation and Political Economy

Presiding: Anita Sharma, University of Delhi

Anita Sharma, University of Delhi: *Buddhist Economics in the Context of Modern Life*

Kameshwar Prasad Singh, Ranchi University: *Theory and Practice of Individual’s Freedom of Religion in Indian Context – An Appraisal*

Anil Kumar, Visva Bharati: *Emergence of Temple Centered Society in early Bihar: Mundesvari Inscription a Case in Point*

MONDAY AFTERNOON: 2:30 – 4:30pm

McLENNAN 137

Comparing Studies on Contemporary Religions in Asia and Europe

Presiding: Edith Franke, University of Marburg:

Edith Franke, University of Marburg: *Religious Pluralism, Religious Harmony and Religious Diversity: What Makes the Difference?*

Monika Schrimpf, University of Bayreuth: *The Magic of Contemporary Religions in Japan: Some Reflections on the Use of the Term 'Magic' in Japanese Study of Religions*

Christian Meyer, University of Leipzig: *Western Perspectives on the Field of 'Christian Studies' in Mainland Chinese Academia*

Tomoko Ishikawa, Rikkyo University: *The Orthodoxy-Heterodoxy Paradigm in German Study of Religions*

MONDAY AUGUST 16 • Afternoon Plenary Address

MONDAY AFTERNOON 5:15 – 6:15pm • JJR MacLEOD AUDITORIUM

PLENARY ADDRESS

William Arnal, University of Regina

What has Athens to do with Jerusalem? Christian Origins Within, and Without, Religion

MONDAY EVENING: 8:00 – 10:00pm

BAHEN 1170

Explaining Religion Project (EXREL) An Introduction

Presiding: Harvey Whitehouse, University of Oxford

TUESDAY AUGUST 17 • Morning Sessions

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 134

Anthropology of Society and Religion among the Tribals of the Indian Sub-Continent, Panel III

Presiding: Karma Oraon, Ranchi University
Hafeez-ur-Rehman Chaudhry, Ranchi University

Hari Oraon, Ranchi University: *Ancestor Worship: The Beginning of Tribal Religion with Special Reference to the Oraon Tribe of India*

Rata Prakash, University of Ranchi: *The Religious Face of the Chhou Dance in Tribal India*

Abbas Syed Mobarak, Ranchi College: *Changing Social Values, Priorities and Religious Ethos: A Reflection of Khetauri Ambition*

Respondent: Abbas Syed Mobarak, Ranchi College

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

LASH MILLER 158

Metaphor of Suffering

Presiding: Michael Seigel, Nanzan University

Tetsuo Hashimoto, Suchiin College: *Suffering and Sickness*

Masahide Tsujimura, Kyoto University: *Suffering as Gift: Compassion in the 14th Dalai Lama*

Ayako Okano, Osaka University: *Bonhoeffer's Understanding of Suffering*

Hitoshi Ochiai, Doshisha University: *Theology of Suffering and Topology as Metaphor*

Yuko Kawai, Doshisha University: *Metaphor of Suffering*

Respondent: Michael Seigel, Nanzan University

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 26

Reflections and Theories about Symbols, Rites and Religion

Presiding: Johannes Bronkhorst, University of Lausanne

Johannes Bronkhorst, University of Lausanne: *Rites Without Symbols*Francisco Javier Fernández Vallina, Universidad Complutense De Madrid: *La religión como forma de la razón simbólica*Alexandre Brasil Carvalho da Fonseca, Marcus Vinicius Araujo Batista de Matos and Priscila Vieira e Souza de Matos, ISER - Institute for Study of Religion: *'Christ and the Brazilian Revolutionary Process': inter-generational dialogues and memory building in Brazilian Evangelical Youth Organizations*Åsa Brattlund, Mälardalen University: *What Role of God and National Curriculum in School life?*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1240

Visual Media and Religion, Panel I

Presiding: Maya Burger, University of Lausanne

Daria Pezzoli-Olgiati, University of Zurich: *Religion and Visual Media*Philippe Bornet, University of Lausanne, *Using and Abusing Images: Representations of India in the 'Calwer historisches Bilderbuch der Welt' (1883)*Monika Glavac, University of Zurich: *The Representation of 'the Other' in Caricatures – Examples from the European History of Religion*Marie-Therese Mäder, University of Zurich: *The Motif of Journey in Fiction Film as a Transformation Process: an Interdisciplinary Approach to the Interface between Religion and Film*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1130

Islam in Ireland: Issues and Challenges in Researching on a Muslim Community in Europe, Panel I

Presiding: Oliver Scharbrodt, University of College Cork

Kathleen Cavanaugh, Irish Centre for Human Rights: *NUI: Regulating Diversity in Europe*Edana Richardson, Trinity College Dublin: *Islam in Ireland's Constitution*Luís António Pais Bernardo, University of Lisbon: *Can Separatism be Soft? Muslims and Church-State relations in Ireland*Claire Hogan, Trinity College Dublin: *Islam and the Irish Legal System: Towards Reasonable Accommodation: Exploring Experiences in England, France and Germany*Tuula Sakaranaho, University of Helsinki: *Muslim National Schools in a Secularizing and Pluralizing Ireland*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 203

Crisis and Creativity: The Changing Faces of Religious Studies Programs: Panel I

Presiding: Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark

Ulrich Berner, Bayreuth University: *The Contextualization of Religious Phenomena and of Religious Studies*Willi Braun and Francis Landy, University of Alberta: *Whither or wither? The Study of Religion at the University of Alberta*Michel Desjardins, Wilfred Laurier University: *Training Doctoral Students to be Teachers and Public Intellectuals*Silas Guerriero and Frank Usarski, Pontificia Universidade Catolica de Sao Paulo: *Religious Studies in Brazil: A Critical Review of Recent Developments*Vasudha Narayanan, University of Florida: *Recent Development in the Field: The View from Florida*Oyeronke Olademo, University of Ilorin: *A Critical Appraisal of Recent Trends in the Teaching of Religious Studies in Nigerian Universities*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1200

Sound In/As Religion, Panel III

Presiding: Isaac Weiner, Georgia State University

Katherine Hagedorn, Pomona College: *Toward a Theology of Sound in Afro-Cuban Regla de Ocha: Sonic Portraits of the Orichas*Mark Hulsether, University of Tennessee: *Some Differences that Music Makes in the Overlapping Territory: Between Religious Discourse and Cultural Critique, with Examples from Recent US History*Jason C. Bivins, North Carolina State University: *'The Lord is Heavy' – Improvised Music and Religions*Raphaël Imbert, École des hautes études en sciences sociales: *'The Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost: The Avant-Garde Trinity of Coltrane, Sanders, and Ayler*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1230

Semiotics of Religion: Problems and Prospects in the Formation of a New Field of Research

Presiding: Ivan Strenski, University of California

Robert Yelle, University of Memphis: *Semiotics and the Question of Secularization*Christopher Roberts, Reed College: *Indexicality and the Semiotics of Equipment in the American Premillennialist Imaginary*Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University: *Ritual as Index and the Complexity of Agency: Transforming Visits at Pilgrimage Sites in Hatay*

Respondent: Paul Bouissac, University of Toronto

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 103

Religion in Media

Presiding: Richard Last, University of Toronto

Ivar Kh. Maksutov, Moscow State University: *Superman as a religious type*Richard Last, University of Toronto: *Religion, Film, and Film Technique*Masahiro Shimoda, University of Tokyo: *The History of Buddhism as Media Development: The Changing Possibilities of Religious Studies*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1160

Situated Cognition and Religious Action, Panel I

Presiding: Ann Taves, University of California, Santa Barbara

Joseph Bulbulia and Marcus Frean: Victoria University of Wellington: *Religious Cooperation in Large Social Worlds*Gabriel Levy, University of Aarhus: *Why a Minyan? Situated Cognition in the Talmud*Jeppe Sinding Jensen, University of Aarhus: *Normative Cognition in Ritual and Religion*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 102

Law and Religion in Pre-modern Society

Presiding: Yuki Miyamoto, DePaul University

Kazuko Watanabe, Toyo Eiwa University: *Contracts and Oaths in Ancient Mesopotamia*Francesca Yardenit Albertini, University of Potsdam: *Karaitic Judaism From 7th to 10th Century*Tiina Vähi, University of Helsinki: *The Werewolf in Estonian Folklore and at the 17th Century Witchcraft Trials in Light of Archaic Law*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1220

Post-Soviet Pluralization: Poland and Russia, Panel I

Presiding: Maria Marczevska-Rytko, Maria Curie Skaodowska University

Maria Marczevska-Rytko, Maria Curie Skaodowska University: *Processes of Secularisation, Privatisation and Deprivatisation of Religion: The Case of Poland.*Evgeny Arinin, Vladimir State University: *A Profile of Students' Religious Identification in Modern Russian Pluralistic Society (2000 – 2010).*Kaarina Aitamurto, University of Helsinki: *Paganism, Traditionalism and Native Faith: Narratives of Russian Rodnoverie*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1190

Theorizing in Comparative Studies

Presiding: Richard A. Berg, Lakehead University

Anne-Christine Hornborg, Södertörn University: *"I'm Spiritual, Not Religious:"On the Appropriation of a New Concept of Spirituality*Edward Chung, University of Prince Edward Island: *Self-Transcendence as the Ultimate Reality in Inter-Religious Dialogue: A Confucian Perspective*Richard A. Berg, Lakehead University: *The Theravada Buddhist no Self Thesis is Not a Reductionist Thesis*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1180

Construction of Historical Narratives: India

Presiding: V. Balambal, University of Madras

Masahiko Togawa, Hiroshima University: *Historiography of Caitanha in the Gaudiya Vaisnava Literature*Vellakuddy Alagaratnam, University of Dhaka: *Beyond and Within Hinduism: Concepts and Practices in Folk Religion in Eastern Sri Lanka*Kameshwar Prasad Singh, Ranchi University: *Women Renunciation in Ancient Indian Religious History – As Appraisal*Ferdinando Sardella, University of Gothenburg: *The Place and Significance of a Modern Hindu Personalist: Bhaktisidd Sarasvati*V. Balambal, University of Madras: *Protest Movement for the Revival of Saivism in Tamilnadu*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 137

Texts and their Origins

Presiding: Nobuko Morishita, University of Tokyo

Ian Brown, University of Regina: *Scribal Ideology and the Gospel of Thomas: Towards a Socio-Historical Description*David W. Kim, University of Sydney: *Thomasine Logia: A Collection of Sapiential Traditions*Paul Robertson, Brown University: *Marcion and the Re-Conception of Christian History*Nobuko Morishita, University of Tokyo: *A Critical Study on The Arabic Manuscripts of The Tales of Salaman and Ibsal(Absal)*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2127

The Academic Study of Religions and Religion Education: Panel I

Presiding: Bodil Liljefors-Persson, Malmö University) and Jenny Berglund, Södertörn University

Christoph Bochinger, Universitat Bayreuth: *Religion Education as an Example of Applied Study of Religions*Patrice Brodeur, University of Montreal: *The New 'Ethics and Religious Culture' Curriculum in Quebec: A Revolution in Religious Education for a Secular Society*Satoko Fujiwara, Taisho University: *The Paradox of Religion Teaching*Matti Kamppinen, University of Turku: *Religious education meets the normative rationality of science education: the case of Finland*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 24

Workshop on Rethinking the Religious-Secular Distinction: Binary or Triad?

Presiding: Sarah Claerhout, Ghent University

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S. N. Balagangadhara, Ghent University

Jakob De Roover, Ghent University

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2110

Prospects and Issues for Religious Studies in South Asian Universities: Panel I

Presiding: Abraham Khan, University of Toronto

Joseph T. O'Connell, University of Toronto: *Religious Studies in South Asia amid Secularist-Communist Tensions: Focus on Bangladesh*Madhu Khanna, Jamia Millia Islamic University: *Politicization of Religion and its Possible Impact on the Study of Religion in India*Asha Mukherjee, Visva-Bharati University: *Study, teaching and research on women and religion as done within Indian academia*Åke Sander, Gothenburg University: *Experiences and Interactions of Swedish Scholars with Banaras Hindu and Jadavpur Universities in India*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2129

Seduced by Science: the Culture of Religion and Science in the early 20th Century: Panel IPresiding: Egil Asprem, University of Amsterdam
Tessel M. Bauduin, University of AmsterdamCecile Wilson, Exeter University: *The Intersection of Science and 'Practical Mysticism' in the Rosicrucian Order, AMORC 1917–1926*William Ramp, University of Lethbridge: *Traces and Truths: Science and Revelation in the Edwardian Cult of Art*Tessel M. Bauduin, University of Amsterdam: *Artists as Modest Instruments" of the New Era: Science, Religion and the Avant-Garde*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2106

Gender and Indigenous Religions in the Contemporary World

Presiding: Susan Sered, Suffolk University

Ali Rafet Özkan, Ataturk Universitesi Ilahiyat Fakultesi: *Paradoxes of Gender and Ritual among Turkish Gypsies*James A. Kapalo, University College Cork: *Literacy, Language and Lay Agency: Accessing the Divine Word in Gagauz Orthodoxy*Maithili Thayanithy, University of Toronto: *Meaning of Ritual in Diasporic Contexts: A Study of Female Puberty Ritual in Hindu Diaspora*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2108

Explaining Embodied Experiences: Panel III

Presiding: Sussy Gumo Kurgat, Maseno University

Anjali Chauhan, University of Lucknow: *The Mystic Kumbh Mela: From Mythology to Reality*Gemechu Jemal Geda, University of Bayreuth: *Religious Beliefs, Ritual Ceremonies and Healing Methods at the Faraqasa Pilgrimage Center (Ethiopia)*Sussy Gumo Kurgat, Maseno University: *Exercising African Spirituality in the Environment: Challenges and Prospects*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 202

Americanization and Post-Americanization of a Japanese New Religion: The Case of SGI-USA

Presiding: Ranjana Mukhopadhyaya, University of Delhi

Akira Kawabata, Osaka University: *A Two-Stage Translation*Yutaka Akiba, Osaka Prefecture University: *Phase II as A Democratization of SGI*Keishin Inaba, Osaka University: *Conversion Process of SGI-USA Members*

Respondent: Gordon Melton, University of California

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 25

The Development of Modern Religious Concepts and the Discipline of Religious Studies in China

Presiding: Joachim Gentz, University of Edinburgh

Ulrich Berner, University of Bayreuth: *Chinese-European Encounter and the Emergence of a (comparative) Science of Religion*

Christian Meyer, University of Leipzig: *The emerging field of Chinese Religious Studies and its roots in the public discourses on religion*

Joachim Gentz, University of Edinburgh: *Indigenous notions of religion in China and their impact on modern Chinese Religious Studies*

TUESDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1170

Explaining Religion Project (EXREL) How Do Religions Evolve?

Presiding: Harvey Whitehouse, University of Oxford

Harvey Whitehouse, University of Oxford

Quentin Atkinson, University of Auckland

Joanna Bryson, University of Bath

Boicho Kokinov, New Bulgarian University

Adrian Murzac, University of Oxford

TUESDAY MORNING 11:00am – 12:30pm

BAHEN 1170

Explaining Religion Project (EXREL) Media Conference

Harvey Whitehouse, University of Oxford

EXREL Research Fellows

PhD Students

Joanna Bryson

TUESDAY AUGUST 17 • Morning Plenary Address

TUESDAY MORNING 11:45am – 12:45pm • JJR MacLEOD AUDITORIUM

PLENARY ADDRESS

R. Dale Guthrie, University of Alaska Fairbanks

Evolution of Art, Intuitive Morality, and Romantic Love in the Ice Age Human Band

TUESDAY AUGUST 17 • Afternoon Sessions

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1240

Visual Media and Religion, Panel II

Presiding: Daria Pezzoli-Olgiati, University of Zurich

Fabian Perlini, University of Zurich: *Game Worlds as Modern Myths: The Interrelation between Fantastic Fan Worlds in Games and Other Medias*

Anna-Katharina Höpflinger, University of Zurich: *The Second Skin. Clothing as a Medium of Communication in Religious Symbol Systems*

Maya Burger, University of Lausanne: *Visible Yoga: Imaging and Imagining Yogis*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1130

Islam in Ireland: Issues and Challenges in Researching on a Muslim Community in Europe, Panel II

Presiding: Brian Bocking, University College Cork

Oliver Scharbrodt, University College Cork: *Issues and Challenges in Researching on a Muslim Community in Europe: The Case of Ireland*

Vivian Ibrahim, University College Cork: *Making the 'Invisible' Visible? Reconsidering 'Muslims', Identity and the Institutional Box*

Adil Hussain Khan, University College Cork: *Transnational Influences on Irish Muslim Networks*

Yafa Shanneik, University College Cork: *'White Muslims' in Ireland: Constructing and Reconstructing Women Converts' Identities*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1200

Religion and the Body: Gender Issues and Comparative Perspectives

Presiding: Florence Pasche Guignard, University of Lausanne

Oliver Freiburger, University of Texas at Austin: *(Un-)Dressing the Ascetic's Body: A Micro-Comparison of Ascetic Discourses in Hinduism and Christian*Florence Pasche Guignard, University of Lausanne: *Vulnerable and defensive female bodies in religious contexts: An attempt in contrastive comparison*Dirk Johannsen, University of Basel: *Summoning the Queer from the Grave? Gender and Counterintuitivity in Old Norse Religion*Timon Reichl, University of Muenster: *Using the Body: Hesychast and Yogic Approaches to 'Prayer'*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1230

Women, Religion and Human Rights

Presiding: Morny Joy, University of Calgary

Chikas Danfulani, University of Bayreuth: *Between Religion and Women's Rights to Education in Sharia States of Nigeria*Midori Horiuchi, Oyasato RISR, Tenri University: *The Activities of 'Love Green Nepal': Freeing Women from Local Manners and Customs*Vijay Agnew, York University: *South Asian Women's Quest for Social Justice in Canada*Sister Leikuan Rongdao Lai, McGill University: *Buddhist Women in Taiwan: A Success Story?*

Respondent: Morny Joy, University of Calgary

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1160

Meaning: Symbolizing, Measuring, and Modulating

Presiding: Gustavo Benavides, Villanova University

Carles Salazar, University of Lleida: *Meaningful Minds: Ethnographic Insights Into Reason, Morality and Belief*William W. McCorkle, Jr., Tiffin University: *The Measurement of Meaning: Emotional Contagion, Socialization, and Generation of Cultural Representation*Richard Walker, Wilfrid Laurier University: *Modifying the Spiritual Brain: Cognitive Science, Neurotechnology and the Control of Religion*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

McLENNAN 102

Law, Religion and Rights

Presiding: Winnifred Sullivan, University at Buffalo, the State University of New York

Cheshmak Farhoumand-Sims: *The Conflict of Culture and Religion in Efforts to Promote and Protect Women's Rights in Afghanistan*Susan Sered, Suffolk University: *Whose Higher Power? Criminalized Women Confront the Twelve-Steps*Daljeet Singh Arora, *Notion of Religion and Justice in a Sikh Village*

Andreas E. Buss, University of Ottawa, International Law and the Religion of Southeast Asia

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

LASH MILLER 158

Psychological Profiles and Psychoanalytic Theories of Religious Identity

Presiding: Alberto Varona, California Institute of Integral Studies

Alberto Varona, California Institute of Integral Studies: *YHWH: A structural personality assessment of the god depicted in the bible*Clare McGrath-Merkle, the Catholic University of America: *Negative Identity Formation in US Roman Catholic Bishops*Takashi Okinaga, Teikyo University: *Is Religious Experience a Matter of Brain?*Ilona Rashkow, New York University: *Psychology and the Bible: What hath Freud Wrought?*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

McLENNAN 134

Tribal Religion of India: A Mirror of Indian Civilization I

Presiding: Kameshwar Prasad Singh, Ranchi University

Asha Singh, SGM College: *Religious Traits of the Tribes of India: A Retrospective Study in Vedic and Post Vedic India*Ashok Oraon, Ranchi University: *Cultural Projection of Tribes of India through Their Festivals and Social Ceremonies*M. S. Umesh Babu and E. T. Puttaiah, Kuvempu University: *Conservation vs. Ethnic of Tribal Population: A Case Study of Jenu Kuruba in Southern India*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1220

Post-Soviet Pluralization II: Ukraine

Presiding: Liudmyla Fylypovych

Liudmyla Fylypovych, *New Religious Movements in Ukraine: Real and Fictitious Threats*Oksana Vinnichenko, Ukrainian Associations of Researchers of Religion: *Crimea as the New Host of Inter-Religious Conflict in Europe*Anatoliy Kolodnyy, Ukrainian Association of Researchers of Religion: *An Analysis of 'National Church' as an Ethno-Confessional Institution in Orthodox Christianity*Nataliya Tabaka, Ternopil Specialised School with Foreign languages: *Charismatic Movement in Ukraine*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

McLENNAN 103

Shifting Concepts Within Systems of Belief and Practice

Presiding: Ebrahimtabar Ebrahim, Azad University

Ebrahimtabar Ebrahim, Azad University: *The Unity and Speech of the Religions*Michael Berman, Independent Scholar: *Neo-Paganism in Armenia Today*Halkano Abdi and Ramzi Ben Amara, University of Bayreuth: *Door to Door Da'wa in Africa: Dynamics of Proselytization in Yan Izala and Tablighi Jamaat*Simona Chaudhry-Ferraro, University of Lucerne: *The Stepwell at Patan, Gujarat: Monument for Amusement or Religious Edifice?*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1180

Reflections on Historical Narratives

Presiding: Muktar Umar Bunza, Usmanu Danfodiyo University

Celestina Omoso Isiramen, Ambrose Alli University: *The Creator Created, Humans Revolted and Religion Intervened: Ayelala in Perspective*Adam Kiplangat Arap Chepkwony, Moi University: *The Dying Kipsigis Religion and the Emerging Solution*Johan Strijdom, University of South Africa: *Towards a Critique of Indigenous African Religion*Muktar Umar Bunza, Usmanu Danfodiyo University: *Historical Study of Religion in Nigeria: An Exploration in the Contribution of Prof Toyin Falola*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1190

Reflection on Strategies for the Construction of Belief

Presiding: Richard Last, University of Toronto

Richard Last, University of Toronto: *The Letter of James and Concealment Strategies in Antiquity*David Kaden, University of Toronto: *Religious Power Creating Religious Truth: Esebius, Asad, and Authorizing Discourses*Núria M. Farré, University of Lleida: *Sleep Deprivation as a form of Religious Behaviour in Medieval Ascetics*Geoff Spurr, Wilfrid Laurier University: *The Intersection of Evangelical Theology and Masculine Self-Improvement in the Early History of the YMCA in Britain*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

McLENNAN 203

Crisis and Creativity: The Changing Faces of Religious Studies Programs: Panel II

Presiding: Rosalind Hackett, University of Tennessee

Susumu Shimazono, University of Tokyo: *Religious Studies and Diversity of Religious Traditions in Japan*Michael Stausberg, University of Bergen: *The Impact of Bologna*Ivan Strenski, University of California: *Modern, Post-Modern: Negotiating Different Generational Conceptions of the Study of Religion*Steven Sutcliffe, University of Edinburgh: *Disciplinary and Interdisciplinarity in Religious Studies*David Thurfjell, Södertörn University: *Pedagogy in a Multi-Cultural Context*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

McLENNAN 137

Texts and Ritual Practices

Presiding: Blain Auer, Western Michigan University

Alef Theria Wasim, State Islamic University: *Woman in Serat Mahabarata: A Reading of a Fragmental Text of Srikandhi Suci*Oscar Figueroa-Castro, National Autonomous University of Mexico: *Ritual and/or Speculation in the Tantric Tradition*Shemsi Krasniqi, Universite de Prishtina: *La pierre comme la memoire et l'experience humaine*Blain Auer, Western Michigan University: *Sacred Text, Ritual Performance and the Preservation Transformation of Moroccan Sufism*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2127

The Academic Study of Religions and Religion Education: Panel II

Presiding: Tim Jensen, University of Denmark

Jenny Berglund, Södertörn University: *Threshold RE*Bodil Liljefors-Persson, Malmö University: *Colonialism, Exoticism and Marginalization – A Study of Representations of American Indian and Saami Religions and Cultures in Swedish National Curricula and Textbooks*Suzanne Owen, Leeds Trinity University College: *Time to Discard the World Religions Paradigm in Religious Education*Heike Peter, Halmstad Hogskola: *History of Religions, Useless and by that too Expensive? A Study of the Representation of the Past in Swedish Textbooks and National Curricula*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2108

Reconsidering the Norm-Deviation Model

Presiding: David Zbiral, Masaryk University

Ales Chalupa, Masaryk University: *Galloi in the Light of the Norm-Deviation Model: Too Narrow Mantinels?*Dalibor Papousek, Masaryk University: *Paul's Conflict with the Jerusalem Judaizers at the Norm-Deviation Scale*Pekka Tolonen, University of Turku: *Noise and Communication: Perspectives on the Medieval Social Order*David Zbiral, Masaryk University: *The Norm-Deviation Model Reconsidered: 'Alternative' Sexual Morals Judged by the Inquisition*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2110

Prospects and Issues for Religious Studies in South Asian Universities: Panel II

Presiding: Joseph T. O'Connell, University of Toronto

Gregory Alles, McDaniel College: *Ethnic Research as done within India: Observations from Editing Religious Studies: Global View*Ferdinando Sardella, Gothenburg University: *Sociological Study of Religion and Society as done in India*Vellakuddy Alagaratnam, Eastern University of Sri Lanka: *Religious Studies Departments and Programs and Research on Religion in Sri Lankan Universities*Masahiko Togawa, Hiroshima University: *Observations on Different Views on Bengali Baul Composer, Lalon Shah, by various scholars in South Asia*Terence Samuel, Madurai Kamaraj University: *Subaltern Research on Religion in the Department of Guru Nanak Studies*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2129

Seduced by Science: The Culture of Religion and Science in the early 20th Century: Panel IIPresiding: Egil Asprem, University of Amsterdam
Tessel M. Baudduin, University of AmsterdamGemma Kwantes, University of Amsterdam: *Science in Yehuda Ashiag's Thought*Orlando Fernandez, Exeter University: *Esotericism and the Interpretation of Quantum Mechanics*Francisco Santos Silva, Universidade Nova de Lisboa: *Crowley and the Unconscious*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2106

Religion as a Social, Economic and Political Mechanism for Humanism

Presiding: P. K. Prasad, Andhra University

P. K. Prasad, Andhra University: *Religion as a Social, Economic and Political Mechanism for Humanism*Nirmala Devi, Andhra University: *Religion as a Counselor's Instrument for Behavioral Therapy*S. R. Subhani, Andhra University: *Religion and Electoral Politics in India*Ravi Babu, Andhra University: *Philanthropy is an Expression of Spiritualism*B. V. Muralidhar, Andhra University: *Religion as a Source for Entrepreneurship*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

McLENNAN 202

Material, Visual and Performative Cultural Studies

Presiding: Peter Jackson, University of Stockholm

Peter Jackson, University of Stockholm: *Apparitions and Apparatuses: On the Framing and Staging of Religious Events*Carolyn Evelyne Koeni, University of Glasgow: *Fronti Nulla Fides: Contemporary Art and Leibnez's Vinculum Substantiale*Aneela Sultana, Quaid-i-Azam University: *Beyond the ontology of 'dance' as an art*Assia Harwazinski, University of Tuebingen: *Popular Religiosity in Southern Italy: The Visual Archive of Documentarist Luigi di Gianni, Naples/Bari*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 25

Student perspectives on the study of religion

Presiding: Radek Kundt, Masaryk University

Francesco Martinis, Università Roma La Sapienza: *Studying religion it's a pleasure and a treasure*Justin Lane, University of Vermont: *The importance of theoretical continuity when utilizing new methodologies*Katerina Stastna, Masaryk University: *Are we afraid of reductionism?*Sanami Takahashi, Hokkaido University: *We must kill God: The Russian religious mentality in atheistic society*Eva Klocová, Masaryk University: *Religion, religiosity: is there really a problem of definition?*

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 1:00 – 2:30pm

BAHEN ATRIUM

Explaining Religion Project (EXREL)**Poster Session I**

EXREL Research Fellows

PhD Students

Joanna Bryson

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1170

Explaining Religion Project (EXREL) How Do We Acquire Religion?

Presiding: Jesse Bering, Queen's University Belfast

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Jonathan Lanman, University of Oxford

Yvan Russell, University of Oxford

Fernand Gobet, Brunel University

Florian Kiessling, University of Oxford

Josef Perner, University of Salzburg

Henry Wellman, University of Michigan

Jonathan Lane, University of Michigan

Renatas Berniunas, Queen's University Belfast

Natalie Emmons, Queen's University Belfast

TUESDAY AUGUST 17 • Afternoon Plenary Address

TUESDAY AFTERNOON 5:15 – 6:15pm • JJR MacLEOD AUDITORIUM

PLENARY ADDRESS

Robert McCauley, Emory University

Taking a Cognitive Point of View: Religions as Rube Goldberg Devices

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 18 • DAY OFF – NO SESSIONS

**Traditional Congress Tours
9am – 6pm**

*Coaches for tours will depart from Larkin Building, Trinity College (see map)
Tour information at registration*

THURSDAY AUGUST 19 • Morning Sessions

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1230

Gendering Religious Studies in Japan

Presiding: Noriko Kawahashi, Nagoya Institute of Technology

Kayoko Komatsu, Tama University: *Women Researchers in Religion-Related Fields*

Naoko Kobayashi, Keio University: *Secular Benefits Outweigh Religious Restrictions – The Exclusion of Women from Sacred Precincts*

Masako Kuroki, Kyotogakuen University: *The Spiritual Quest of a Woman Priest in Tendai Buddhism*

Yuri Horie, Ritsumeikan University: *Re-Queering Christian Sexual Norms in Japan: On “Recognition” of Sexual Minorities*

Respondent: Morny Joy, University of Calgary

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1220

Modernity and its Challenges: International Perspectives

Presiding: Valentine Zuber, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (Sorbonne)

Valentine Zuber, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (Sorbonne): *Les paradoxes de la laïcisation française XIX–XXI*

Seyed Mohammad Hosseini, Islamic Azad University: *The Encounter with Modernity on the part of Religious Intellectuals in Iran*

Heikki Pesonen, University of Helsinki: *The Religious Rhetoric of Climate Change - The Case of the Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Finland*

Kumiko Yagi, Tokyo University of Foreign Studies: *New Muslim Preachers as an Aspect of Re-Islamization*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1200

Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea: An Evaluation of the Study and Practice of Religions in Nigeria, Panel I

Presiding: Rosalind Hackett, University of Tennessee

Oyeronke Olademo, Lagos State University: *The Role of Gender in the Study of Religions in Nigerian Universities*

Lateef Mobolaji Adetona, Lagos State University: *An Analytical Study of Islam as an Academic Discipline in Southwestern Nigeria*

Pius Abioje, University Of Ilorin: *Religion, Politics, and Social Upheaval in Nigeria*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1170

Explaining Religion Project (EXREL) Is Religion an Adaptation or Evolutionary By-Product?

Presiding: Harvey Whitehouse, University of Oxford

David Sloan Wilson, University of Binghamton

Nicolas Baumard, University of Oxford

Ryan McKay, University of Oxford

Hillary Lenfesty, Queens University Belfast

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 103

Comparing Thinkers in Systems of Belief and Practice

Presiding: Makoto Ozaki, Sanyo Gakuen University

Makoto Ozaki, Sanyo Gakuen University: *Religion and Politics in terms of Tanabe's Dialectic of Species*

Kiyokazu Nakatomi, Chiba Prefectural Togane Commercial High School: *A Concept of God by Einstein – From the Viewpoint of Japanese Philosophy*

Jiro Sawai, Tohoku University: *The "Dimension of Depth" in Reinhold Niebuhr and Paul Tillich*

Kumi Aoki, Okinawa National College of Technology: *The Awakening of Spirit and Absolute Nothingness: A Comparative Study of Wilber and Nishida*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1130

Cosmology, Community and the Idea of Humanity in Asian Religions

Presiding: Chia-Lin Chang, National Chengchi University

Pochi Huang, National Chengchi University: *From Upanayana to Brahmacharya*

Yuan-lin Tsai, National Chengchi University: *A Neo-Confucian interpretation of the Ramadan fasting in the classical Chinese Fiqh literature*

Shih-wei Hsieh, National Chengchi University: *Exorcism in Buddho-Daoist context: A study of exorcism in the method of Ucchuma and Luminous Agent*

Chia-Lin Chang, National Chengchi University: *The religious belief system in morality books and stabilization in society*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 24

Religious Issues in Cultural Context

Presiding: Gregory D. Alles, McDaniel College

Gregory Alles, McDaniel College: *Contesting Dharm and Samskṛti in Indigenous India*Göran Ståhle, Södertörn University: *The Body as a "Vehicle of Healing:" The life stories of north Indian folk-healers (ojha)*Priscila Vieira e Souza de Matos, Universidade Federal do Rio de Janeiro: *Monastic life and the internet: a study of the Benedictine's official monastery websites in Brazil*Pamela Kellman Green, Independent Scholar: *Who was Molech? Evidence excluded from the Study of Child Sacrifice*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1180

Reflections on Historical Narratives (India)

Presiding: Radha Madhav Bharadwaj, Delhi University

Aditya Malik, University of Canterbury: *Hammira or the (re-)writing of history and religion in western India*Purnendu Ranjan, Government College for Girls-42: *Reconstruction of the history of the Kabirpanth; a devotional medieval sect active in north India*Timothy Lubin, Washington and Lee University: *The Polity of the Philosopher-Bureaucrat: Brahmanical Virtue as a Qualification for Public Office*Radha Madhav Bharadwaj, Deen Dayal Upadhyaya College, Delhi University: *Acculturation of the tribals in North India during the British period: An ethnographic perspective*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 137

Reconstructing History and Tradition within Religions – Early Buddhism

Presiding: Hari Shankar Prasad, University of Delhi

Renu Shukla and Kanya Gurukul, Lucknow University: *Problem of Dating: A Study of Milindapañha*Pranabananda Jash, Visva-Bharati University: *The Prajnaparamita-hrdaya-sutra: Historical Approaches*Bikash Mukherji, Visva-Bharati University: *Social Diaspora of Buddhism in Eastern India*Hari Shankar Prasad, University of Delhi: *How to Restructure the Religious Focus?: Explaining the Buddhist Method*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 134

Tribal Religion of India: A Mirror of Indian Civilization, Panel II

Presiding: Kameshwar Prasad Singh, Ranchi University

Raneet Kumar Choudhary, Ranchi University: *Socio-Cultural traits of the Birhor Tribe of Jharkhand (India): An Appraisal*Dr A. K. Mahto, Ranchi University: *Sacred Performances of the Tribes of India and Their Implications for Tribal Society*Ehtesham Khan, Gaya College, Magadh University: *Tribes of Jharkhand: Relevance of Their Religion*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 203

Shrines, Rites and Sites

Presiding: Rosemarie Bernard, Waseda University

Vladlena A. Fedyanina, Institute of Foreign Languages: *History of the Tenjin cult as described in the Legends about the origin of the Kitano Tenjin Shrine*Naoko Sakamoto, Kokugakuin University: *The Horse in Japanese Rites*Rosemarie Bernard, Waseda University: *Shinto in Singapore during the Japanese Occupation, 1942–5*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1190

In the Service of God: Laybrothers and Servants in Twelfth-Century Monasteries

Presiding: Nick Johnston, University of Toronto

Isabelle Cochelin, University of Toronto: *Omnipresent and semi-transparent: servants in eleventh-century Cluny*Abraham Plunkett-Latimer, Carleton University: *Serving God and the World: Lay Brothers and Monastic Identities in the Twelfth Century*Nick Johnston, University of Toronto: *Master and Servant: The Twelfth Century Revolt of the Grandmontine Laybrothers*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 102

Ecology – Food and Landscape

Presiding: Michel Desjardins, Wilfrid Laurier University

Naoko Nishimura, Tohoku University: *Amika and payasya: Fermented milk in ancient India*Birendra Nath Prasad, Babasaheb Bhimrao Ambedkar Central University: *Nalanda Mahavihara in Its Archaeological Landscape: Archaeology of Religious Transformation in Early Medieval Bihar, India*Michel Desjardins, Wilfrid Laurier University: *Jesus H. Christ: Hermeneutics through Food*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 202

Western Esotericism, Panel I

Presiding: Marco Pasi, University of Amsterdam

S. Wasserstrom, Reed College: *Is Judeo-Islamicate Hermeticism “Western Esotericism?”*W.J. Hanegraaff, University of Amsterdam: *Platonic Orientalism and Western Esotericism*G. Djurdjevic, Simon Fraser University: *A Web or Relations: Interpreting Indian Yoga and Tantra as Forms of Esotericism*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

LASH MILLER 158

The Psychology of Religion

Presiding: Marsha Hewitt, University of Toronto

Lee Kirkpatrick, College of William and Mary: *All Aboard! The (Evolutionary) Train is Leaving the Station – Will the Psychology of Religion be Left Behind?*

Respondent: David Sloan Wilson

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1240

Aesthetics of Religion: Perspectives on Concepts and Cases of an Emerging Field of Research, Panel I

Presiding: Alexandra Grieser, Ludwig Maximilian Universität Munich
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University

Laura Feldt, University of Copenhagen: *Aesthetics, Myth, and the Fantastic in Exodus 1–18*

Eddy Plasquy, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven: *Against All Odds. Violence, Emotions and Aesthetics During the Procession of the romeria in El Rocío (Spain)*

Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University: *The Rituals of Interreligiosity in Hatay: Aesthetics, Exchange, Mimesis*

Respondents: Sebastian Schüler, University of Manster
Isabel Laack, University of Heidelberg

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1160

Theory 1: Cognitive Theories

Presiding: Mikko Heimola, University of Helsinki

Mikko Heimola, University of Helsinki: *A Signaling Model of Religious Change*

Yu Yachi, University of Tokyo: *Belief and our Cognition of the World: At the Confluence of Analytic Philosophy and Cognitive Science*

Torsten Hylén, Dalarna University: *Praying Aloud or in Silence? On Conceptual Blending and Emotions in the Analysis of Rituals*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2110

New Imaginaries and Religious Actors in Contemporary Cuba

Presiding: Ofelia Perez, Department of Socio-religious Studies, Ministry of Science

Ofelia Perez, Department of Socio-religious Studies, Ministry of Science: *Popular Religiosity at the “Pluri-re-evangelizing” Crossroad*

Ana Celia Perara, Department of Socio-religious Studies, Ministry of Science: *Religious New Actors in the Current Dynamics of Deep Social Heterogeneosness*

Sonia Jimenez, Department of Socio-religious Studies, Ministry of Science: *Impacts of the New Spiritualities in the Cuban Religious Field*

Anibal Arguelles, Department of Socio-religious Studies, Ministry of Science: *Challenges and Perspectives of the Religions of African Origin in Cuba*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2108

Sex, Gender and the Symbolic Feminine: Implications for Women's Status: Panel I

Presiding: Karen Jo Torjesen, Claremont Graduate University

Céline Grünhagen, University of Bonn: *Sex and Gender Trouble in Theravada Buddhism – The Complexity of Translation and Transmission*Vibha Agnihotri, Nari Siksha Niketan, Lucknow University: *Rural Indian Women's Engagements with Hinduism: A Study in Gender Bias and Diversity*Samina Sultana, Jagannath University: *Religion and Women in Ancient and Early Medieval Bengal*Vaffi. F. Sheriff, Usmanu Danfodiyo University: *The Role of Female Muslim Scholars in the Advancement of Knowledge: A case study of Nana Asmau*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2129

Comparative Perspectives on the Development of 'Religious Studies'

Presiding: Makoto Hayashi, Aichi-Gakuin University

Ali Rafet Özkan, Atataturk University: *The Comparative Study of History of Religions in Turkey*Orion Klautau, Tohoku University: *Religious Studies in Brazil: Modernity, Catholicism and the State*Tomas Bubik, Henryk Hoffmann, and Jurij Babinov, University of Pardubice: *History and Methods in the Study of Religions in Eastern Europe*Makoto Hayashi, Aichi-Gakuin University: *Religious Studies in Japan: A Historical Perspective*

Respondent: William Paden, University of Vermont

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2106

Tracking Words

Presiding: John Kitchen, University of Alberta

Eugen Ciurtin, Institute for the History of Religions: *Bucharest Earthquakes of the Buddha in Pali and Sanskrit Canonical Writings*Wataru Takahashi, the University of Tokyo: *On Hierarchy in Pseudo-Dionysius Areopagite*John Kitchen, University of Alberta: *Metonymy and the End of the World: The Augustinian Interpretation of Matthew 24:36/Mark 13:32*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 25

The Religion Scholar in the Courtroom: Intellectual and Legal Issues, Panel I

Presiding: Jorunn J. Buckley, Bowdoin College

Abraham Khan, University of Toronto: *Problematics of a Court Case for the Scholar of Religion*Winnifred Sullivan, University of Buffalo: *Experts on Religion, the Law of Evidence, and Questions of Relevance*

Respondent: Katherine Young, McGill University

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 26

Ritual, Religion, and Society, Panel I

Presiding: Evan Radford, York University

Dorthe Refslund Christensen, Aarhus University: *Angels and candles. On the online ritualization of grief and community*Shin Fujieda, Otani University: *Keeping Up the Grand Narrative: National Identity and State Shintoism in the Public Sphere*Hyun-Ah Kim, University of Toronto: *Homo Ludens', Music, and Liturgical Performance: A Critique of J. Huizinga's Play Theory*Evan Radford, York University: *An Analysis of the Ritualized Discourses of Coming Out Ceremonies in Contemporary Judaism*

THURSDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2127

The Academic Study of Religion and Religion Education: Panel III

Presiding: Michael Waggoner, University of Northern Iowa

Omatta Boniface, University of Ghent: *The Confessionality of Religious Education in Nigeria: A Source of Conflict Between Christians and Muslims. Are there any Alternatives?*Anzor Saralidze, Vladimir State University: *Project "Istoki" ("Sources") Religion, Education and Russian Post-Soviet Development (1995–2010)*Sunita Singh, Lucknow University: *Gender Inequality in Education at Primary Level: A Study of a Backward District of U.P., India*Michael Waggoner, University of Northern Iowa: *Light from Heat: Constructively Engaging Religious Ideas in US Higher Education*

THURSDAY AUGUST 19 • Morning Plenary Address

THURSDAY MORNING 11:45am – 12:45pm • JJR MacLEOD AUDITORIUM

PLENARY ADDRESS

Jean Grondin, Université de Montréal

To What Extent is the New Ecological Consciousness a Religious Phenomenon?

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 1:00 – 2:30pm

BAHEN ATRIUM

Explaining Religion Project (EXREL) Poster Session II

EXREL Research Fellows

PhD Students

Joanna Bryson

THURSDAY AUGUST 19 • Afternoon Sessions

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 24

Interpretations of Religious Thought as a Discourse of Religious Experience

Presiding: Yoshitsugu Sawai, Tenri University

Yoshio Tsuruoka, University of Tokyo: *Construction of 'Mystical Experience' in Early Modern Christianity*

Shigeru Kamada, University of Tokyo: *Unitive Experience of Islamic Mystics and their Discourses*

Yoshitsugu Sawai, Tenri University: *Hindu Religious Experience and Discourse: Vedanta Philosophy as Scriptural Hermeneutics*

Victor Sogen Hori, McGill University: *Zen and the Language of the Unspeakable*

Respondent: Michael Pye, University of Marburg

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

McLENNAN 202

Western Esotericism, Panel II

Presiding: W. J. Hanegraaff, University of Amsterdam

Marco Pasi, University of Amsterdam: *The Origins of the Concept of the ‘Western Esotericism’ in the Context of the 19th Century Occultism*Anita Stasulane, University of Daugavpils: *Construction of the New Theosophical Identity: The Roerich Movement*Henrik Bogdan, University Gothenburg: *The Holy Order of Krishna and the Migration of Western Esotericism into a Hindu Context*John L. Crow, Florida State University: *Placing Western Esotericism on the Map: exploring the Geographic Distribution of a Modern Occult Organization*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1170

New Cognitive Approaches to Religious Ritual (RCC-CFIN-MINDLab)

Presiding: Armin W. Geertz, Aarhus University

Joseph Bulbulia, Paul Reddish, and Ronald Fischer, Victoria University: *Ritual Effervescence and Experimental Psychology*Dimitris Xygalatas, Aarhus University: *The Cognitive Study of Religion in the Wild*Uffe Schjødt, Aarhus University: *A Social Cognitive Account of Charismatic Authority*Jeppe Sinding Jensen, Aarhus University: *Rituals as Cognitive Governance Tools*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

LASH MILLER 158

Psychology of the Religious Mind

Presiding: Marsha Hewitt, University of Toronto

Sebastian Murken, University of Marburg: *Heavenly Services: Psychological Reflections on Today’s Attractiveness of Angels*Andreas Nordin, University of Gothenburg: *Dreaming in Religion and Pilgrimage*Lourens Minnema, VU University: *Spatial Imagery as Key to Two Mystical Experiences of Transformation*Carrie B. Dohe, University of Chicago: *Archaic Man, Modern Masses, and the Instinctual Passion for the Inner Divinity: A Post-Colonial Reading of C. G. Jung’s Concept of Primitivity*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

BAHEN 1130

Animals, Memes and Imaginary Friends: What Have They to Tell Us About Religion?

Presiding: William Arnal, University of Regina

Darlene Juschka, University of Regina: *Human and Non-Human Animal Relations: Intermingling and Separation of Humans and 'Beasts'*Kenneth MacKendrick, University of Manitoba: *We Have an Imaginary Friend in Jesus: What Imaginary Companions Can Teach Us About Religion*Leona Anderson, University of Regina: *Memes and the evolution of religion in popular culture*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

McLENNAN 134

Comparative perspectives on medical and ritual practices in Asia

Presiding: Katja Triplett, University of Marburg

Aditya Malik, University of Canterbury: *Embodying Justice: Healing, Ritual, and Narrative in the 'Court' of Goludev*Johannes Quack, University of Heidelberg: *Asymmetrical Translations: Clinical Encounters between Religion and Psychiatry in North India*Katja Triplett, University of Marburg: *Medical Knowledge and Ritual Instruction for Healing the Physical Body Found in East Asian Buddhist Texts*Christoph Kleine, University of Leipzig: *Buddhist Monks as Healers in Early and Medieval Japan*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

BAHEN 1230

Rewriting the History of Early Western Buddhist Monastics

Presiding: Alicia Turner, York University

Alicia Turner, York University: *The Irish Pongyi: The Confrontations and Challenges of U Dhammaloka in Burma*Brian Bocking, University College Cork: *'A Man of Work and Few Words?': Dhammaloka Beyond Burma*Laurence Cox, National University of Ireland: *The politics of Buddhist revival: U. Dhammaloka as social movement organizer*Thomas Tweed, University of Texas, Austin: *U. Dhammaloka, 'the Irish Buddhist': A response*

Respondent: Thomas Tweed, University of Texas

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1240

Aesthetics of Religion, Panel II

Presiding: Alexandra Grieser, University of Groningen
Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University

Eva Glasbrenner, University of Munich: *Aesthetics of Religion as a Method of Research of Jaina Ritual, exemplified by Mahamastakabhisheka*

Steven Hrotic, University of North Texas: *Interdisciplinarity, Polyphony, & the Council of Trent*

Alexandra Grieser, University of Groningen: *Aesthetics between Cognition and Culture: A Bridging Concept for the Study of Religion?*

Respondents: Sebastian Schüler, University of Meunster
Isabel Laack, University of Heidelberg

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1220

Modernity, Economy and Society in Africa

Presiding: Michael P. K. Okyerefo, University of Ghana

Waithanji Mutiti, Masinde Muliro University of Science and Technology: *Religious Morality and the Market Economy in Africa: prospects and challenges*

Rotimi Omotoye, University of Ilorin: *African Traditional Religion in the Age of Science and Technology: which way forward?*

Michael P. K. Okyerefo, University of Ghana: *Religion as a tool in strengthening the democratic process in Ghana*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1200

Between the Devil and the Deep Blue Sea: An Evaluation of the Study and Practice of Religions in Nigeria, Panel II

Presiding: Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University

Onah Augustine Odey, University of Uyo: *Embattled Gods of the Northern Cross Riverians and Christians in the Evangelization of Northern Cross River State, 1849– 2009*

Adesoji Aderemi Adetubo, Lagos State University: *Hermeneutics and the Teaching of African Religions in Nigerian Universities*

Danoye Oguntola-Laguda, Lagos State University: *An Analytic Study of the Teaching of Religions in Universities South West Nigeria*

Respondent: Afe Adogame, University of Edinburgh

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30pm – 4:30pm

McLENNAN 103

Intersections between Systems of Belief and Practice

Presiding: Robert Zydenbos, University of Munich

Kieko Obuse, University of Oxford: *Japanese Muslim Views of Buddhism: Converts' Dilemma*Sanchita Sharma, University Kanpur: *The concept of karma: A comparative analysis*Robert Zydenbos, University of Munich: *Becoming God in a Godless Religion: the subversive case of Jainism*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1180

Historical studies in contexts – Japan

Presiding: Mira Sonntag, Rikkyo University

Hidehiko Kurita, Tohoku University: *Beyond Religion and Medical Science: Kobayashi Sanzaburo's Ideas on Healing*Tsutomu Sawai, Kyoto University: *"Habits of the Heart" in Sekimon-Shingaku: Ishida Baigan's Religious Experience*Mira Sonntag, Rikkyo University: *Divine healing in the early Holiness Movement of Japan*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

McLENNAN 203

Intersections of Myth and History

Presiding: Sergio Francisco Rosas Salas, El Colegio de Michoacán

Laura Feldt, University of Copenhagen: *On the Edge in the Wilderness: Religious Functions of the Mountain Wilderness in Sumerian Mythology*Stephanus Riekert, University of the Free State: *The human side of ancient sacred love songs: Comparing the ancient Mesopotamian sacred love songs with the Syrian marriage songs*Cecilia Vázquez Ahumada, Instituto Nacional de Antropología e Historia Pue: *Génesis de un Museo de Arte Religioso en la provincia mexicana (Genesis of a Mexican Provincial Religious Art Museum)*Sergio Francisco Rosas Salas, El Colegio de Michoacán: *The Diocese of Puebla Mexico and the new devotions of Mary, 1850–1910*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

McLENNAN 137

Reconstructing History and Tradition within religions – Modern Buddhism

Presiding: Janis Priede, University of Latvia

Jon Morris, Tohoku University: *Pure Land Thought and the Legend of the Eternal Meditation of Kukai*Matthew King, University of Toronto: *“Tibet” as an Ideological Category in Early-Modern Mongolian Buddhism*Janis Priede, University of Latvia: *Buddhism in the Latvian Cultural Landscape in the Interwar Period (1918–1939)*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1190

Changes – Texts, Deities, and Ideas

Presiding: Ilaria L. E. Ramelli, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart

Patricia Dold, Memorial University of Newfoundland: *Kali as Kamakhya in Oral and Written Texts of an Assamese Pilgrimage Site*Gerhard van den Heever, University of South Africa: *Discursive Competition – The “Last Flowering of Paganism” in Rome*Charles Guittard, Université Paris Nanterre: *Des hommes et des dieux: l’humain dans la religion romaine*Ilaria L. E. Ramelli, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart: *Origen and Augustine: A Paradoxical Reception*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1160

Theory II: Cognition for Historians

Presiding: Ann Taves, University of California Santa Barbara

Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia: *Folk Dualism and Religious and Moral Cognition in Early China*Radek Kundt, Masaryk University: *Can Cognitive Science of Religion Help Us to Better Understand the Reasons for Nestorius’ Downfall?*Newman Lao, University of Lausanne: *Theodore Flounoy’s Psychology of Religious Phenomena*Ann Taves, University of California Santa Barbara: *Who Acts in Trance and Under Hypnosis? Serological Researchers and Subjects at the Turn of the Last Century*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

McLENNAN 102

Religious Aspects of the Material Culture in Ancient Galilee

Presiding: Akio Tsukimoto, Rikkyo University

Shuichi Hasegawa, Tel Aviv University: *A Terracotta Mask from Tel Rekhesh – A “Missing Link” between the Canaanite and Cypriot-Phoenician Terracotta Masks*Takuzo Onozuka, University of Tsukuba: *The New Mode of Oil Production in the Galilee during the Late Bronze and Iron Ages*Tomohisa Yamayoshi, University of Tübingen: *Cylindrical Cult Stands from Tel Rekhesh*Kumi Makino, Kamakura Women's University: *Orientation of the Settlement Plan at Hellenistic Ein Gev*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2110

Religion Education in Canada

Presiding: Tim Jensen, University of Southern Denmark

Kiyonobu Date, Tohoku Fukushi University: *La mise en œuvre de l'esprit interculturel au Québec : Une lecture analytique des manuels scolaires de l'éthique et culture religieuse*Satoko Fujiwara, Taisho University: *Has Deconfessionalization Been Completed?: Some Reflections on Quebec's ERC Program*Sharon Gubbay Helfer & Nahidi Shahram, University of Montreal: *Teaching Teachers of Québec's New Ethics and Religious Culture Curriculum*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2108

Epistemological Border Crossing in the Scholarship of Gender and Religion: Panel II

Presiding: Karen Jo Torjesen, Claremont Graduate University

Brian Bantugan, St. Paul University: *The Network of Engendered Spirituality Talk of “Othered” Men: A Comparative Cross-cultural Mapping*Ashley V. Reichelmann, The College of New Jersey: *A Micro-Sociological Study of “Woman” and “Witch as a Fluid Identity in Everyday Life.”*Leslie Hayes, University of Toronto: *Crossing the Line: Ancient Christian Women*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2127

Religion, Religiousness and Secularity

Presiding: Ruth Illman, Åbo Akademi University

Ruth Illman, Åbo Akademi University: *Methodological Challenges in Researching Post-Secular Religiosity*Willy Pfändtner, Södertörn University: *Conceptualizing Religiousness*Ann af Burén, Södertörn University: *Juggling Definitions of Religion in Everyday Life*Makoto Sawai, Tohoku University: *The Concept 'din' and its Meaning in Religious Studies: Toshihiko Izutsu's Qur'anic Interpretation*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2106

The Deep Rationality of Religions

Presiding: Pablo López López, Ateneo de Valladolid

Kiyokazu Nakatomi, Chiba prefectural Togane Commercial High School: *Meditation and Intuition*Makoto Ozaki, Sanyo Gakuen University: *Bostrom's Philosophy of Religion and Tendai Buddhist Thought*Pablo López López, Ateneo de Valladolid: *Anthropological and Religious Universals*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2129

Religion and Religious Studies

Presiding: Clemens Cavallin, University of Gothenburg

Abdulkader Tayob, University of Cape Town: *Al Faruqi (d. 1886) Between Islamism and the History of Religions*Clemens Cavallin, University of Gothenburg: *A Reflection on the Relations between Theology and Religious Studies in Contemporary Sweden*David J. Ndegwah, Kenyatta University: *"Africans are Notoriously Religious... ": Myth and Reality*David Gerald Santos, University of Beira Interior: *From Philosophy to Religion: A Contribution to a History of the Category "Sacred"*

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 25

The Religion Scholar in the Courtroom: Intellectual and Legal Issues, Panel II

Presiding: Abraham Khan, University of Toronto

Jorunn J. Buckley, Bowdoin College: *Representing Gnostics: The Mandaean of Iraq and Iran*Robert M. Baum, University of Missouri: *Jeopardy and the Quest for Knowledge: Studying Diola Religious History in the Midst of a Secessionist Movement*

Respondent: Katherine Young, McGill University

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 26

Ritual, Religion, and Society, Panel II

Presiding: Jonathan R. Herman, Georgia State University

Mary N. MacDonald, Le Moyne College: *Indigeneity and the Study of Religion*Takao Kenichiro, Doshisha University: *Sufi Implications in the West Today: Speculating Otherness and Sameness*Jonathan R. Herman, Georgia State University: *Penises are Religious, Vaginas are Spiritual***THURSDAY AUGUST 19 • Afternoon Plenary Address**

THURSDAY AFTERNOON 5:15 – 6:15pm • JJR MacLEOD AUDITORIUM

PLENARY ADDRESS**Meera Nanda, Jawaharlal Nehru University*****How not to study Eastern religions:
Western esotericism in the making of Neo-Hinduism***

THURSDAY EVENING 8:00 – 10:00pm

BAHEN 1170

**Explaining Religion Project (EXREL)
Dialogue on the Cognitive Science of Religion**

Presiding: Harvey Whitehouse and Adrian Murzac, University of Oxford

Robert McCauley, Emory University

FRIDAY AUGUST 20 • Morning Sessions

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1190

Ritual Richness: Music, Orality and Ritual Forms

Presiding: Lidia Guzy, Freie Universität

Manjil Hazarika, Leiden University: *Towards Understanding the Origins of Religious Practices among the Hill Karbis of Assam, India*Jessica Moberg, Södertörn University: *Charismatic Christianity in Present-day Stockholm: Changing Ritual Practice*Ülo Valk, University of Tartu: *Narratives and Belonging: Temple Legends in Vernacular Religion of Assam*Lidia Guzy, Freie Universität: *Ethnography of religion and music: A case study from western Orissa (India)*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 26

Interpreting Globalization: Is there a Global Culture of Contemporary Religious Movements? Panel IIIPresiding: Levi McLaughlin, Wofford College
Monika Schrimpf, University of BayreuthMonika Schrimpf, University of Bayreuth: *Reflections on Notions of Self and Self-Improvement in Japanese New Religions*Levi McLaughlin, Wofford College: *The Enlightenment Meets Enlightenment: Conflations of Euro-American Romanticism with Japanese Buddhist Practices in Contemporary Nichiren-Based Organizations*Christoph Boehinger, University of Bayreuth: *Religious movements between individualisation, mediatisation and new institutions – a comparative perspective*Afe Adogame, University of Edinburgh: *Globalizing African religious culture in a run-away world*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1130

Some Southeast Asian Ethnic groups' beliefs for well-beingness of life

Presiding: Sophana Srichampa, Mahidol University

Sophana Srichampa, Mahidol University: *Thai-Vietnamese beliefs for their well-being*Do Thu Ha, Vietnam National University: *Then: Religious performance of Thai ethnic group in Vietnam*Champathong Phochanthilath, Mahidol University: *Long Sieng Khong: A ritual of Tai Nyo in Bolikhamxay, Laos*Rattana Chanthao, Khon Kaen University: *Pi Mae Maay: Local belief for survival of Lao-Isaan people*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1160

Theory III: Cognition and Cultures

Presiding: Vladimir Bahna, Slovak Academy of Sciences

Vladimir Bahna, Slovak Academy of Sciences: *Culturally Transmitted Supernatural Experiences*Jonathan Lanman, University of Oxford: *When 'Fundies' Attack: Strong Atheism as a Response to a Theocratic Threat*William W. McCorkle, Jr., Tiffin University: *The Mental Culture of Dead Agents*Ulf Plessentin, Free University: *"Religion Poisons Everything" – The Political Agendas of the "New Atheists"*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 202

Western Esotericism, Panel III

Presiding: Henrik Bogdan, University Gothenburg

Kennet Granholm, University of Stockholm: *The West-non-West Dynamic in Western Esotericism*Søren Feldtfo Thomsen, University of Aarhus: *Representing the Esoteric: Problems and Potentials of Current Approaches in the Study of Esotericism*Egil Asprem, University of Amsterdam: *Boundaries and the Problem of Comparison in Esotericism Research*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1170

New Cognitive Approaches to Religious Ritual (RCC-CFIN-MINDLab)

Presiding: Armin W. Geertz, Aarhus University

Jesper Sørensen, Aarhus University: *Action Parsing in Ritual and Non-Ritual Behaviour*Kristopher Laigaard Nielbo, Aarhus University: *Prediction Errors and Environmental Updating in Ritualized Action – A Computational Approach to Cognitive Processing of Different Behavioural Forms*Panagiotis Mitkidis, Aarhus University: *Ritualistic Actions and Social Cohesion: A Game Theoretical Approach*Lars Madsen, Aarhus University: *Rituals, Rules and Social Meaning*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

LASH MILLER 158

Philosophy of Language and Theories of Religion

Presiding: Jeppe Sinding Jensen, Aarhus University

G. Scott Davis, University of Richmond: *Language, Nature and Convention in the Study of Religion*Mark Q. Gardiner and Steven Engler, Mount Royal University: *Semantic Holism and the Insider-Outsider Problem*Terry Godlove, Hofstra University: *Meaning, Interpretation and Truth in the Study of Religion*Kevin Schilbrack, Western Carolina University: *Do Religions include Religious Beliefs?*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

MCLENNAN 203

Translations and Adaptations, Ancient and Modern

Presiding: Ulla Lehtonen, University of Helsinki

Rei Hakamada, University of Tokyo: *Philokalia and the “Hesychast Renaissance” in the 18th–19th Century Greece*Alef Theria Wasim, State Islamic University: *Syncretism in Wayang Kulit Performance: Multiple Interpretations in Religious-Cultural Study*Reiko Okawa, Meiji Gakuin University: *The Japanese Translations of the Qur’an: Transitions in Style and Stance*Ulla Lehtonen, University of Helsinki: *Hidden Immigrants: The Oriental Cult Communities in Ancient Rome*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

MCLENNAN 137

Rethinking Japanese Buddhism: Kawaguchi Ekai and Murakami Sensho

Presiding: Orion Klautau, Tohoku University

Kenshin Kirihara, Tohoku University: *The Quest for Mahayana: Kawaguchi Ekai and the Buddha’s “Golden Words”*Richard M. Jaffe, Duke University: *Kawaguchi Ekai and the reform of Japanese Buddhism*Hidetsugu Takayama, Nishogakusha University: *Murakami Sensho’s views on Education*Orion Klautau, Tohoku University: *(Re)inventing “Japanese Buddhism”: Murakami Sensho and the writing of history*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 134

The cultural contact zones of modern Buddhism

Presiding: Silvio Vita, Italian School of East Asian Studies

Makoto Hayashi, Aichi-gakuin University: *Shadows of Max Müller*Jun'ichi Isomae, International Research Center for Japanese Studies: *Doubling Buddhism: Beneath the proper name*Galen Amstutz, Institute of Buddhist Studies (GTU): *Two Hybridities in Japanese Buddhism in the United States*Silvio Vita, Italian School of East Asian Studies: *Paris as a cultural contact zone in the making of modern discourse on Buddhism*

Respondent: Jason Neelis, University of Florida

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 103

Comparison between systems of belief and practice, Panel I

Presiding: Herbert Anyanwu, University Of Uyo

Eliot Tofa, University of Swaziland: *Religion and the Body: Aspects of Purity in the New Testament World and African Indigenous Religion*Shelley Ashdown, Graduate Institute of Applied Linguistics: *Tribal Religions from the Heart: Hebrew Leb and Torobo Oltau*Tahereh Tavakkoli, Islamic Azad University, Central Tehran Branch, Iran: *Non-action (Wu Wei), from Lao zi to Moulawi (A Paradoxical Concept)*Herbert Anyanwu, University Of Uyo: *Religious Reflections on Nigerian Environmental Crises*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1220

Globalisation of Pentecostalism and Evangelicalism

Presiding: David Thurfjell, Södertörn University

David Thurfjell, Södertörn University: *Pentecostalism and Ethnogenesis among Gypsies, Roma and Travellers in Europe.*Lovemore Ndlovu, University of South Africa: *The Devil is on Fire: Analysing Resurgent Religiosity in Pentecostalism in Zimbabwe.*Damaris Seleina Parsitau, Egerton University: *Daughters of God, Wives of Jesus and Companions of the Holy Spirit: Reinventing Christian Singlehood and Womanhood in Kenyan Pentecostalism*Jonathan Agensky, University of Cambridge: *Faith-based Humanitarianism and Emergent Transformations in the Evangelical Imaginary*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1230

Religion and the Sphere of Politics

Presiding: Kameshwar Prasad Singh, Ranchi University

Dale K. Andrews, Kanazawa University: *The Road to Redemption: The Rites of Passage for Fallen Politicians in Japan*Babak Farzaneh, Islamic Azad University: *Religious Violence and Nonviolence*Kameshwar Prasad Singh, Ranchi University: *Theory and practice of Individual's Freedom of religion in Indian context – An appraisal*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1240

Religion and Space

Presiding: Nicholas Dion, University of Toronto

T. Nicholas Schonhoffer, University of Toronto: *Thomas' Kingdom: Re-emplacment into Third Space*Aldea Mulhern, University of Toronto: *Relational Space and Meaningful Food*Nicholas Dion, University of Toronto: *'Homeward Bound': On Religion, Psychoanalysis, and the Longing for Home*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1200

Alternative Islamic Discourses and Religious Authority, Panel I

Presiding: Carool Kersten, King's College London

Susanne Olsson, Södertörn University: *Piety and Politics: Amr Khaled and the Struggle for Islam*Nida Kirmani, University of Birmingham: *Treading a Dangerous Path? The Use of Islam in Women's Rights Advocacy*Ann Kull, Lund University: *Gender-Sensitive Interpretations of Islam in Indonesia*Carool Kersten, King's College London: *Post-Traditionalist and Liberal Muslims: Contemporary Islamic discourses Indonesia*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

McLENNAN 102

Cognition and Transmission

Presiding: C.A.M. Hermans, Radboud University

C. A. M. Hermans, Radboud University: *Children's Ideas about Life after Death: the Influence of Culture and Cognitive Architecture*

Claudia Murzac, New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria

Boicho Kokinov, New Bulgarian University, Sofia, Bulgaria

Adrian Murzac, University of Oxford, UK

Harvey Whitehouse, University of Oxford, UK

*The Role of Analogy in Cultural Transmission of Abstract Religious Concepts*André Luiz Souza, University of Texas at Austin: *The Role of Testimony and Consensus Information in the Evaluation of Religious Expertise*Cristine Legare, University of Texas at Austin: *Evidence from the Supernatural: Reasoning about Ritual Efficacy*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 1180

Historical Studies in Context – Soviet Union and Post Soviet Countries

Presiding: Olga Kazmina, Moscow State University

Lubos Belka, Masaryk University: *Dandaron Mandala: Buryat Buddhism during the Soviet Era*Natalia Markova, Vladimir State University: *Religious Dimensions of Reality: Vladimir Soviet and Interpretation of Catholicism*Taras Hrynchyshyn, Institute of Philosophy of the NAS of Ukraine: *The Kyivan Church Study Group: Past and Prospective*Olga Kazmina, Moscow State University: *Periods in Religious Development and Conceptualization of Religious Situation in Contemporary Russia*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2108

Systematic Phenomenology of Religion

Presiding: Catherine Foisy, Concordia University

Vladislav Serikov, Goethe-Universitat: *Towards Metalanguage in Phenomenology of Religion*Ali Rahmani Firouzjah, Islamic Azad University: *Interpretation of Religion in Public Sphere*Catherine Foisy, Concordia University: *From Ruptures to Continuities: Quebec Missionary Institutes Facing Vatican II*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2110

Colonial/Postcolonial/Decolonial Studies of Religion: Panel I

Presiding: Will Sweetman, University of Otago

A. K. Reddy and D. Sarkar, B. R. Ambedkar Open University: *The Body Politic: Postcolonialising Gandhi's Asceticism*Lovemore Togarasei, University of Botswana: *Rethinking Church-State Relations in Post-Colonial Africa*Atinuke Olubukola Okunade, Post Graduate School of the Lagos State University: *Value and Challenges of Herbal Medicine among Christians in Nigeria*Will Sweetman, University of Otago: *A Satire on Missionary Dialogues with Hindus*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2129

Psychological and Sociological Issues in the Study of Religion

Presiding: Joseph Bulbulia, Victoria University of Wellington

Jane Williams-Hogan, Bryn Athyn College: *Religion the Human Institution: The Sociological Implications*Anna-Konstanze Schroeder, Universitaet Greifswald/Universitaet Leipzig: *Without Compromise and Reduction?!*Joseph Bulbulia, Victoria University of Wellington: *Religious Cooperation in Large Social Worlds*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 25

Philosophical Issues in the Study of Religion

Presiding: Michael Berman, Independent Scholar

Monica Miller, University of Pennsylvania: *Don't Judge a Book by its Cover: Redefining the Religious in Hip Hop Culture*Pablo López López, Ateneo de Valladolid: *The Three Main Philosophical and Religious Worldviews of History*Chae Young Kim, Sogang University: *William James, Bernard Lonergan and Religious Conversion*Michael Berman, Independent Scholar: *Shamanism: Countable or Uncountable? Mircea Eliade Revisited*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2106

Praying Priest: the Saga of the Brahmanas in Southeast Asia

Presiding: Amarjiva Lochan, University of Delhi

Ana Maria Theresa P. Labrador, Ateneo de Manila University: *Catharsis in Research: Creative Methodologies, Life Experiences and Challenges to Documenting Religious Practices*Mo Mo Thant, Yangon University of Distance Education: *The Ponna of Mandalay: The Fading away of the Brahmins in Myanmar*I Made Darmayasa, Dharma Sthapanam Foundation: *Pedanda Vis-à-Vis Mangku: The Brahmin Elements in Bali, Indonesia*Amarjiva Lochan, University of Delhi: *Fading Sounds of Conch and Chanting: Unknown Brahmanas in Southern Thailand*

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

SIDNEY SMITH 2127

Issues in the Appropriation of the Western Concept of “Religion” in Asian Cultural Traditions, Panel I

Presiding: Yoshio Tsuruoka, Tokyo University

Hidetake Yano, Komazawa University: *Religious Administration and Activities of the Government in Thailand*Kana Tomizawa, Tokyo University: *British Orientalists’ Encounter with India and their View of Religion*Madoka Inoue, Seisen University: *Changes of the concept of “shamanism” in Russian Siberia*

Respondent: Michael Pye, University of Marburg

FRIDAY MORNING 9:00 – 11:00am

BAHEN 24

Production of ‘Religiosity’ in contemporary narratives

Presiding: Takehiro Sato

Chieko Osawa, University of Tokyo: *Religious views of Kenji Miyazawa in his fantastic stories for children*Hiroto Doi, University of Tsukuba: *Narrating Myth as Philosophical Thought: C. S. Lewis and His Interpretation of Plato*Takehiro Sato: *Shamanic Practices in Local Narrative: Okinawa, Somatisation and Identity***FRIDAY AUGUST 20 • Morning Plenary Address**

FRIDAY MORNING 11:45am – 12:45pm • JJR MacLEOD AUDITORIUM

PLENARY ADDRESS**Jacques Berlinerblau, Georgetown University*****The Atheist Paradox***

FRIDAY AUGUST 20 • Afternoon Sessions

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1200

Alternative Islamic Discourses and Religious Authority, Panel II

Presiding: Carool Kersten, Kings College London

Liyakat Takim, McMaster University: *Revival of Religious Thought: Ijtihad and the Re-evaluation of Classical Texts in Modern Times*

Seema Golestaneh, Columbia University: *Mystic Moderns: Sufi Poetry Groups and the Discourse of Modernity in Post-Revolutionary Iran*

Anne Ross Solberg, Södertörn University: *Harun Yahya's Antievolutionism and Alternative Islamic Eschatology*

Zeki Saritoprak, John Carroll University: *Muslims' Perception of the Gülen Movement: Accommodating or Hindering to Modern Turkey*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1240

Mythology and Japan

Presiding: Kikuko Hirafuji, Kokugakuin University

Kazuo Matsumura, Wako University: *Western Impact on Study of Japanese Mythology*

Hitoshi Yamada, Tohoku University: *Japanese mythology from ethnological perspectives*

Hara Takahashi, The University of Tokyo: *Psychological approach to Japanese Myth and Nihonjinron*

Respondent: Nobutaka Inoue, Kokugakuin University

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1230

The Science of the Supernormal: Debates About *Shentong* and *Teyi Gongneng* in Modern Chinese Buddhism

Presiding: Benjamin Penny, the Australian National University

Stefania Travagnin, University of Saskatchewan: *All You Need is Shentong: Assessing Traditional "Supernormal" Practices in Chinese Buddhism*

Scott Pacey, Australian National University: *Shentong, Science and the Everyday: Supernormal Abilities in Modern Chinese Buddhism*

Benjamin Penny, the Australian National University: *Perfectability and the Paranormal in Contemporary China*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1220

Culture and Technology in the Negotiation of Identity: Christian Case Studies

Presiding: Paul Emerson-Teusner, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology

Paul Emerson-Teusner, Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology: *The Status of the Religious Cyborg*Junko Terado, Sensyu University: *Justice and Care: Development of Ethical Actions in the Modern French Catholic World*Daniel Enstedt, University of Gothenburg: *Conflicting Views, Mutual Dependence: Christian Faith, Sexuality and Intergroup Relations*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

McLENNAN 103

Comparison between systems of belief and practice, Panel II

Presiding: Einar Thomassen, University of Bergen

Britta Gullin, Umea University: *One Future – Four Pictures*Cecilie Endresen, University of Oslo: *Religion and nation according to Muslim and Christian leaders in Albania*Åke Sander, University of Gothenburg: *Are Islam and Muslims taking Over Europe? Some Reflections on the Claims of the Eurabia Literature*Einar Thomassen, University of Bergen: *The Comparative Study of Heresy*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

McLENNAN 134

Hermeneutics of Orality

Presiding: David O. Ogungbile, Obafemi Awolowo University

Chris Ukachukwu Manus, Obafemi Awolowo University: *Ehin-Iwa- Afterlife in Yoruba Indigenous Religion and in Paul (2 Cor 4:16–5:10)*Arpita Sabath, Gov't Women's College: *Historical and Sociological Bases of the Religious Festivals of Western Orissa: A Case Study on Site*David O. Ogungbile, Obafemi Awolowo University: *Sound and Movement: Cultural Hermeneutics of Performance*Vladlena A. Fedyanina, Institute of Foreign Languages: *History of the Tenjin cult as described in the "Legends about the origin of the Kitano Tenjin Shrine"*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

BAHEN 1180

Reconstructing History and Tradition within Religions – Islam

Presiding: Assia Harwazinski, University of Tuebingen

Göran Larsson, University of Gothenburg: *The theological, ethical and semantic functions of whispering (waswas) in the Quran*Sami Helewa, University of Edinburgh: *The construction of political justice in al-Tabari's History and al-Thalabi's Tales of the Prophets*Seyed Abbas Zahabi, Islamic Azad University-Science and Research Branch-Tehran-Iran: *Buddhist and Manichaeas Backgrounds of Reincarnation in Islamic World*Assia Harwazinski, University of Tuebingen: *Holy War in Islam – Aggression and Meditation*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

McLENNAN 137

Seminary Temples in Medieval Japan: The Forefront of the Research on “Dangisho” Temples

Presiding: Tadashi Mitsuhashi, Meisei University

Sonehara Satoshi, Tohoku University: *The Formation and Development of Dangisho Temples in the Tendai Sect*Koichi Matsumoto: *The Transcription and Propagation of Esoteric Tendai Texts*Kaoru Oshima: *Preaching Materials at Jobodai-in*Kazuo Makino: *Tendai Dangisho Temples and the Late 13th Century Higashiyama Byakugo-in Area*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

LASH MILLER 158

Apocalypse Now: Time and Transformation in the Christian Eschatological Imagination

Presiding: Eric Hoenes del Pinal, New York University

David Kaden, University of Toronto: *Apocalyptic Discourse and Mimicry: Resemblance and Menace in the Apostle Paul's Appropriation of Imperial Roman Propaganda*Emma Wasserman, Rutgers University: *Cosmic Hierarchy in the Apocalypticism of the Apostle Paul*Paul Dilley, Penn State University: *Apocalypticism and the “Fear of God” in Ancient Christianity*John Bialecki, University of California: *“The Postmodern” as New Dispensation: An Apocalyptic Cultural Turn in a Post-Apocalyptic Christian Milieu*Eric Hoenes del Pinal, New York University: *Reconfiguring Eschatologies in Postwar Guatemala*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1190

Religion, Politics, Conflict and Change

Presiding: Sameera Maiti, University of Lucknow

Gilya G. Schmidt, University of Tennessee: *Suezza – No Grazing Land for Jews*Indera P. Singh, University of Delhi: *Worship of Muslim Pirs and Faqirs in Daleke – A Sikh Village in Punjab, India*Meron Zeleke, Bayreuth International Graduate School: *Religion and Conflict Resolution: Ye Shakoch Chilot (The Court of the Sheikhs)*Hiroshi Iwai, Tezukayama University: *Cultural Image of Islam in South Korea: A Case of Incheon City*Sameera Maiti, University of Lucknow: *Conflict and Change: A Study of Dynamics in Position of the Bharra*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1130

Pilgrimages Beyond Equilibrium

Presiding: Eddy Plasquy, University of Leuven

Curtis Hutt, University of the Holy Land: *Pilgrimage in turbulent contexts: Israel and the occupied territories*Jens Kreinath, Wichita State University: *Inter-Religious Pilgrimage Sites as Chronotopes: The Worship of St. George in Hatay, Turkey*Eddy Plasquy, University of Leuven: *A Bumpy Road from Local Tradition to Emblematic Representation: The Case of the Romeria in El Rocío*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

McLENNAN 102

Cognition and Cohesion

Presiding: Ronald Fischer and Diana Boer, Victoria University

Ronald Fischer and Diana Boer, Victoria University: *Music, Prosociality and Social Bonding*Bill Irons, Northwestern University: *The Commitment Theory of Religion*Jeff Schloss, Claremont Graduate College: *Oxytocin, Religious Belief and Hard-to-Fake Signals of Commitment*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

McLENNAN 203

Biological Themes in the Study of Religions

Presiding: Veikko Anttonen, University of Turku

Neelima Dahiya, M.D. University: *Present Day Bio-Ethical Issues and Buddhism*Ashok Kumar Nag, Ranchi College: *Studies on Plants Worshipped in Sarna and Hindu Religion of Jharkhand, India*Veikko Anttonen, University of Turku: *Sacrality of the Self, of Society and of the Human Body: The Case of a Finnish Transgender Pastor*Shinichi Takeda, Tokai University: *Homo Credens: An Approach to Religion from the Perspective of Evolutionary Psychology*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

BAHEN 1160

Data from Dead Minds? Challenges on the Interface of History of Religions (in Greco-Roman Antiquity) and the Cognitive Science of Religion

Presiding: Luther H. Martin, University of Vermont

Roger Beck, University of Toronto: *“Star-Talk”: A Gateway to Mind in the Ancient World*Alison Griffith, University of Canterbury (New Zealand): *Dead Religion, Live Minds: Memory and Recall of the Mithraic Bull-Slaying Scene*Panayotis Pachis, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki: *Dream and Healing in the Isis /Sarapis Cult during the Graeco-Roman Age*Colleen Shantz, University of St. Michael's College: *Ecstatic Minds*

Respondent: Edward Slingerland, University of British Columbia

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

McLENNAN 202

Religious Communities in the Public Square

Presiding: Hans Kippenberg, University of Erfurt

Hans Kippenberg, University of Erfurt: *Muslim Websites and the Issue of Acting in Public Interest*Kerstin Radde-Antweiler, State University Bremen: *“Our vision is to see the name of Jesus glorified in the virtual world.” Religious Communities in Second Life and the Formation of new Forms of Public Spheres*Karsten Lehmann, University of Bayreuth: *Religious Representatives inside the Public Relations*Alexander Nagel, Ruhr University Bochum: *Public Religion in the Welfare State – The Case of Charitable Choice*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 1170

New Cognitive Approaches to Religious Ritual (RCC-CFIN-MINDLab)

Presiding: Jesper Sørensen, Aarhus University

Gabriel Levy, Aarhus University: *Blood and Wine: Notes on the Role of the Heart and Noise in Ritual Processes*Armin W. Geertz, Aarhus University: *Ritualized Ecstatic Behaviour: On Mysticism and ‘Direct Experience’ of the Transcendent World*Donald Braxton, Juniato College: *Mapping Emotional Arousal of Jews, Christians, and Muslims in the Old City of Jerusalem: Report on Mobile GSR Monitor Field Trials*Jesper Østergaard, Aarhus University: *The Topicgraphic Mind: A Cognitive Approach to Pilgrimage*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2110

Colonial/ Postcolonial/Decolonial Studies of Religion: Panel II

Presiding: Omatta Boniface, Universiteit Gent

Omatta Boniface, Universiteit Gent: *Economic Inventive as a Tool for Conversation of Muslim Youth into Pentecostal Christianity: A Case Study*Stan Chu Ilo, University of Toronto: *Exploring the Possibility of a Cultural Hermeneutical Method in African Christianity*Risa Aizawa, Tohoku University: *Culture and Religion: Koentjaraningrat’s Idea of “Religi”*Bodil Liljefors Persson, Malmö University: *Place, Memory and Ritual: Processes of Religious Change and GeoPolitical Navigation Among the Maya*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2106

'Wandering Religiosity' in Modern Germany

Presiding: Hiroshi Kubota, Rikkyo University

Hiroshi Kubota, Rikkyo University: *The Voelkisch Spiritism in the Religio-Political Context*Jeong Hwa Choi, University of Leipzig: *The Exchange of Religions and the Development of the Study of Religions in Germany after World War I: Rudolf Otto's Vision for the Religious League of Mankind*Hidetaka Fukasawa, Hitotsubashi University: *Creating the Presence of a Religious Past: Ludwig Fahrenkrog on the History of Religion*Respondents: Ryozo Maeda, Rikkyo University
Volkhard Krech, Ruhr University of Bochum

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

BAHEN 24

Religion: What, Why, How?

Presiding: Jeppe Sinding Jensen, Aarhus University

Willem Hofstee, Leiden University: *Explanation for What? Why Cognitive Science of Religion is not about Religion*Matt Sheedy, University of Manitoba: *Between a Rock and a Hard Place: The Problem of Ethics in the Study of Religion*William W. McCorkle, Jr., Tiffin University: *The Fate of Religious Studies: The Future of an Illusion*Giovanni Casadio, University of Salerno: *Method, Theory and Praxis in the Study of Religion*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30–4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2129

Esotericism IV: Esoteric Interpretations of Yoga: Anquetil-Duperron, Theosophy and Aleister Crowley

Presiding: Maya Burger, University of Lausanne

Karl Baier, University of Vienna: *Mesmeric Yoga and the Development of Meditation within the Theosophical Society*Marco Pasi, University of Amsterdam: *Varieties of Magical Experience: Aleister Crowley's Views on Occult Practice*Franz Winter, University of Vienna: *Mesmeric Yoga? The Interpretation of Indian Meditation Techniques in the Oupnek'hat*

Respondent: Peter Schreiner, University of Zurich

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2108

Categorical and Methodological Concerns in the Study of Religion

Presiding: Don Wiebe, Trinity College, University of Toronto

Gillian Gillison, University of Toronto: *The Long Life of an Illusion: Creationism in the Social Sciences*Bulcsu Hoppal, International Academy of Philosophy: *From the Phenomenology of Religion to the History of Religion*Michael T. Bradley, Jr., Georgia Perimeter College: *Checking Our Bearings: Exploring the Use of Spatial Cognition in Tweed's Crossing and Dwelling*

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

SIDNEY SMITH 2127

Appropriation of the Western Concept of "Religion" in Asian Cultural Traditions, Panel IIPresiding: Masaru Ikezawa, University of Tokyo
Yoshio Tsuruoka, University of TokyoMasayoshi Sumika, Hokkaido University: *Darwinism, Nationalism and Religion in Modern China and Japan: Social Darwinian view on religion in cases of Liang Qichao and Kato Genchi*Masaru Ikezawa, University of Tokyo: *The Acceptance of the Concept of "Person" and the Tradition of Confucianism in Modern China: through bioethical discourses as modern religiousness*Kiyonobu Date, Tohoku Fukushi University: *Organ Transplantation and Japanese Views of Life and Death: Some Cases of Pediatric Living Donor Liver Transplantation*Seiji Hoshino, Kokugakuih University: *The Place of "Shinko (belief)" in "Shukyo (Religion)" in Modern Japan: An Inquiry into Narratives and Practices*

Respondent: Michael Pye, University of Marburg

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 2:30 – 4:30pm

BAHEN 25

Religious Issues in Contemporary Japanese Society

Presiding: Yoshihide Sakurai, Hokkaido University

Terazawa Shigenori, Hokkaido University: *Religion and Social Capital in Modern Japan from the Analysis of World Values Survey*Takako Okinaga, Teikyo University: *Education on Life and Death at Japanese Universities*Yoshihide Sakurai, Hokkaido University: *Mission Strategies and Organizational Structure of an Evangelical Church in Japan*

FRIDAY AUGUST 20 • Afternoon Plenary Address

FRIDAY AFTERNOON 5:15–6:15pm • JJR MacLEOD AUDITORIUM

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Susan Haack, University of Miami

***Cracks in the Wall, A Bulge Under the Carpet:
Religion, Evolution, and the U.S. Constitution***

SATURDAY AUGUST 21 • Closing Plenary Address

SATURDAY MORNING 9:30–10:30am • JJR MacLEOD AUDITORIUM

CLOSING PLENARY ADDRESS

Hans Kippenberg, University of Erfurt

***'Phoenix from the ashes':
New kinds of religious communities arising in the globalized world***



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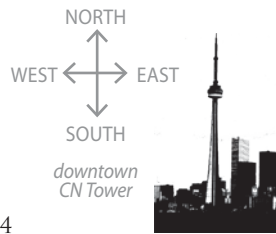
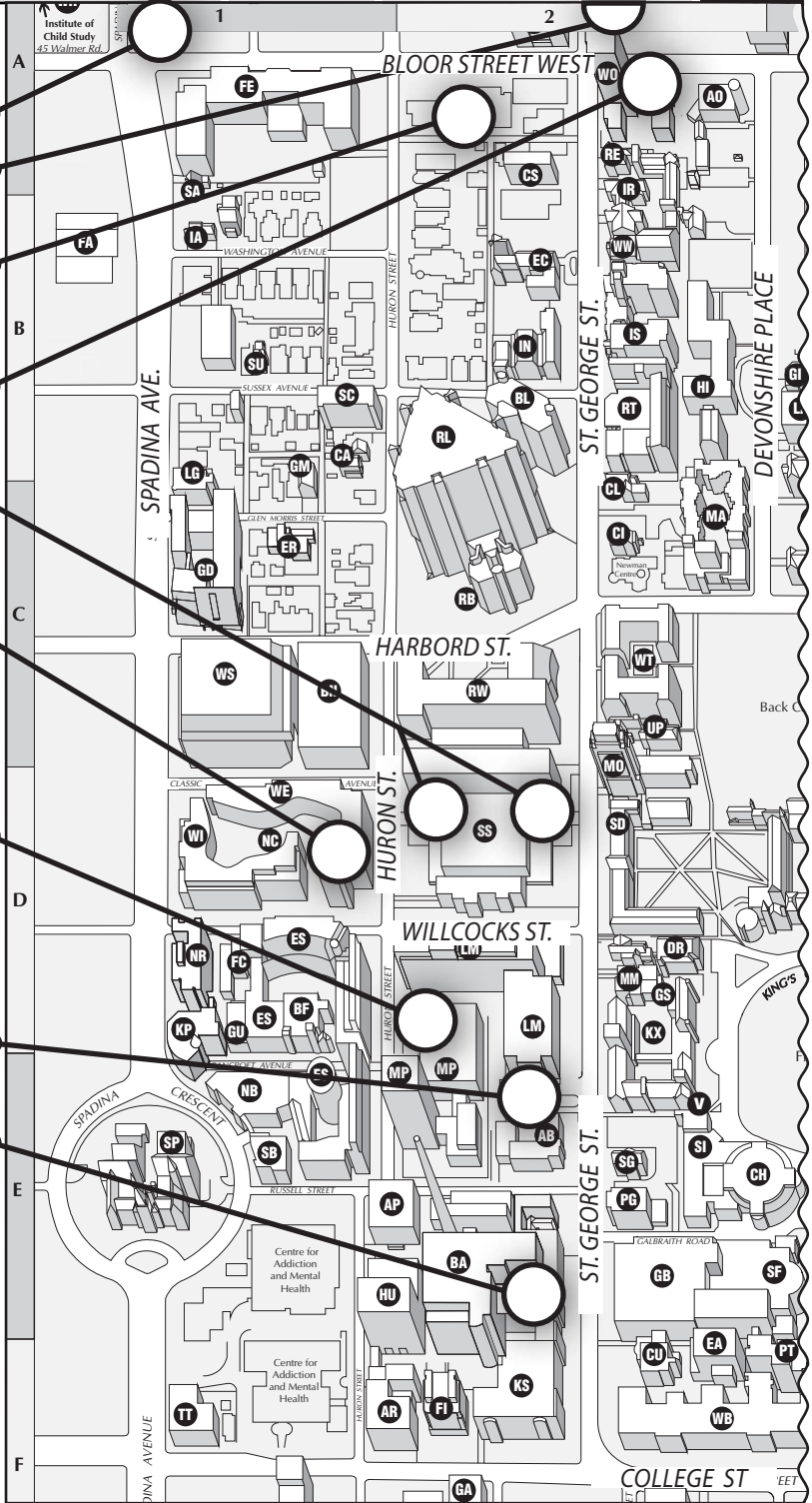
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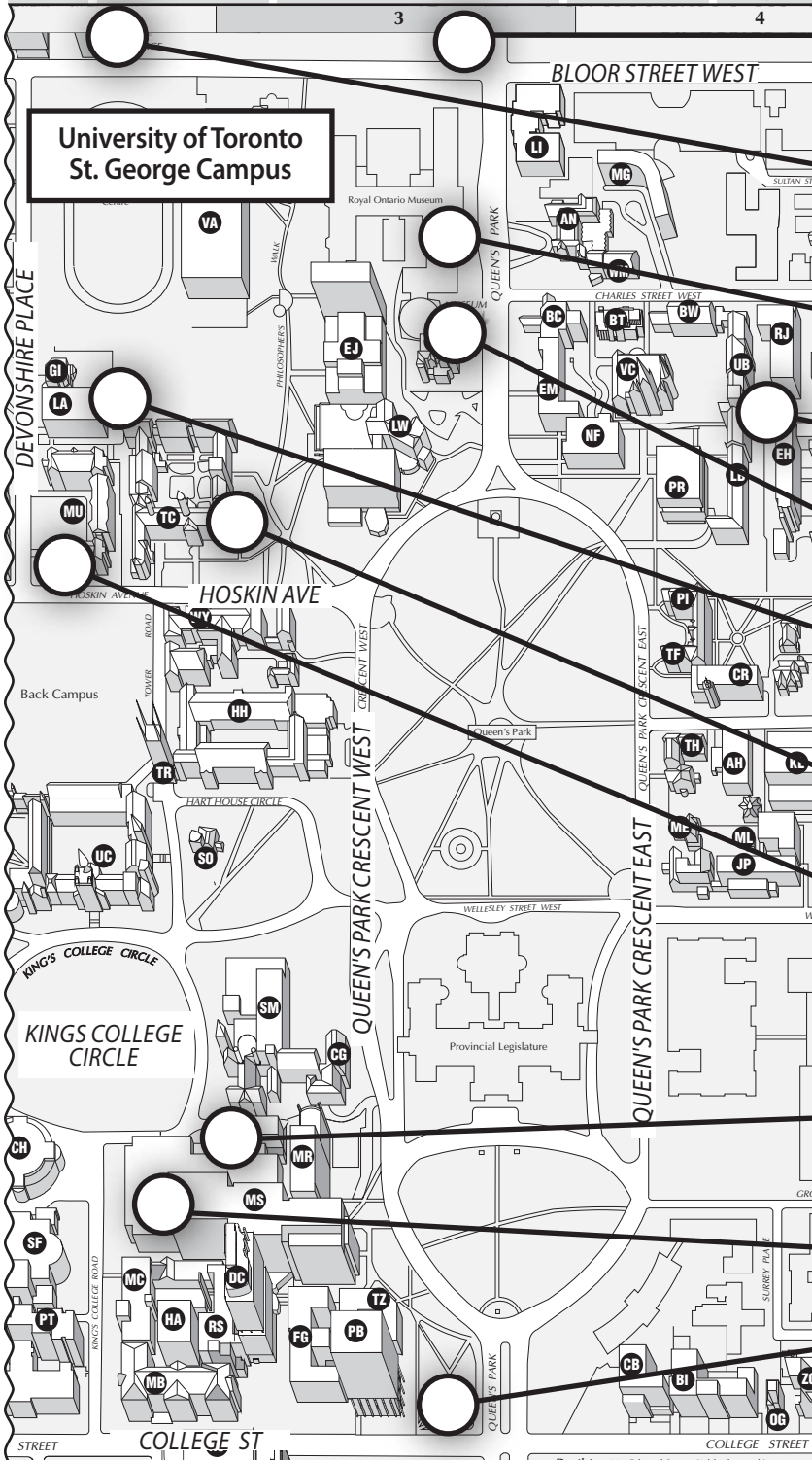
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