

21ST ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE EASR

# DETAILED PROGRAM

## PARALLEL SESSIONS

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# Detailed program, parallel sessions

## Day 1, Monday August 19

### Academic Session 1 (Monday, 13.00-14.30)

#### Session 1A (Room J335)

6229266 Roundtable

Discussing Multiple Modernities in Islam

Chair: Birgit Krawietz

Participants: Dietrich Jung (author), Göran Larsson and Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen (discussants)

#### Session 1B (Room J336)

6250146 Prearranged panel

Hinduism and ecological concern in the contemporary world

Chair: Knut A. Jacobsen

Presenters: Diana Dimitrova, Knut A. Jacobsen, George Pati, Tracy Pintchman

The Destruction of the Natural World and Possible  
Sāṃkhya-Yoga Ethical Responses

Rivers, Sacred Groves, and Goddesses: Rituals in Kerala and Responses to  
Ecological Crisis

Balbir Mathur and the Trees for Life Movement

Sacred Waste: Cow Dung, Pollution, and Climate in Hinduism

#### Session 1C (Room J431)

6328623 Prearranged panel

Radical Religion in the Ancient World: Narrative and Emotion in Total  
Devotion

Chair: Peter Jackson Rova

Jan N. Bremmer: Total Devotion among the Early Christians and its  
Opposite

Klazina Staat: Mountains: Settings and Symbols of Devotion in Stories about Egyptian Desert Monks (4th -5 th c.)

Esther Eidinow: Embodying Devotion in The Sayings of the Desert Fathers

Laura Feldt: Individual Total Devotion in 1 Maccabees

**Session 1D (Room J439)**

6329004 Prearranged panel

**Religion, online environments, and the virtual age: changing patterns**

Chair: Linda Annunen

Aleš Črnič & Taja Fortuna: Digital innovations of different types of religious communities in Slovenia - contexts, opportunities, constraints

Gero Menzel: Post pandemic (re)figurations of religious communities in Germany

Josh Edelman: The aesthetics of online worship

**Session 1E (Room J444)**

6329036 Prearranged panel

**Unexpected Travels of Religious Cults and Concepts**

Chair: Benjamin De Vos

Koert Debeuf

Yann Berthelet

Benjamin De Vos

Catherine Dromelet

**Session 1F (Room J310)**

6329094 Prearranged panel

**Religion: Solution or Problem?**

Chair: Aaron W. Hughes

Aaron W. Hughes: Religion as the Problem: Climate Change and the Rhetoric of Authenticity

Martin Lund: A Higher Authority: Evangelical Challenges to “Religion and Climate Change”

Alana M. Vincent: Making the desert bloom: religion, nonreligion, and the Jewish National Fund

**Session 1G (Room J309)**

6329251 Prearranged panel

**Metaphors of Nature: How Religion Emerges in Language-Use**

Chair: Tim Karis

Volkhard Krech: How Nature Gets Religious Agency via Metaphors: Taking Trees as an Example

Nikita Artemov: The Images of Nature and the Concept of Soul in the Hebrew Bible (Psalm 42)

Carmen Meinert: Mountain Retreat in Tibet: How to be Mindful towards Nature

Patrick Krüger: Wilderness as Reality and Metaphor in South Asia

**Session 1I (Room J412)**

Panel

Chair: Maggie Kastlund

6290060 Pavel Horák: Occult dimensions of race and ethnicity: Slavic and German occultism in Comparison

6323468 Joanna Malita-Król: Natural magic in contemporary western witchcraft

6329286 Maggie Kastlund: Sexual-Magic: Fraternitas Saturni's Reception of Tantra in Postwar Germany

**Session 1J (Room J415)**

Panel

Chair: Peder Thalén

6328549 Tuomas Äystö: Problems with "religious literacy"

6329250 Peder Thalén: Swedish religious education: non-confessional or semi-confessional?

6329230 Caroline Klintborg: Existential Configurations: An Educational Tool in Teaching About Religion

Session 1K (Room J303)

Panel

Chair: Francisco Santos Silva

- 6236062 Tomas Poletti Lundström: Evangelical supremacy and environmental emergency
- 6329135 Francisco Santos Silva: A Bridge Across the Atlantic: Brazilian Evangelical Influence in Portuguese Far-Right Politics
- 6329808 Nicole Bauer: Gender and the Bible: An Empirical Study of Roman Catholic and Evangelical Religious Identity in Austria

Session 1L (Room J406)

Panel

Chair: Mats Fridlund

- 6329386 Mats Fridlund: The politics of holy terror: Text mining the rise of the discourse on religiously motivated terrorism in Swedish parliamentary debate 1968-2018
- 6329658 Riina-Julia Solman: "Satan give us a break!": Associating and identifying with Satan during the discussion about the Christchurch terror attacks on X (former Twitter)

Session 1N (Room J440)

Panel

Chair: Anna-Pya Sjödin

- 6329667 Anna-Pya Sjödin: A discourse of Indian philosophies: Constructing spirituality through religion, philosophy and science
- 6329827 Göran Ståhle: Durga comes to Sweden: The experiences of Bengali Hindus from celebrating Durga Puja in diaspora
- 6329947 Natasha Chawla: Radical Love: Satish Kumar's vision for ecological and religious unity

Academic Session 2 (Monday, 16.00-17.30)

Session 2A (Room J335)

6301616 Roundtable

Belonging in times of crisis: narratives, negative emotions and religious community

Chair: Erica Baffelli

Participants: Jane Caple, Laura Feldt, Esther Eidinow

Session 2B (Room J336)

6328686 Prearranged panel

Indian views on environmental problems

Chair: Clemens Cavallin

Sushil Kumar: Natural Disasters, Pandemics and Remedies: A Case of the Sanatana Belief System and Lived Religious Rituals and Practices

Åke Sander: The Sanātana Dharma (Hindu) background to Sadhguru's environment project

Deep Shikha: Towards a Zero Waste Lifestyle: An overview of ancient lifestyle wisdom with special reference to Sanatan Dharma

Elin Thorsén: Sadhguru and the Save Soil movement: How did a yoga guru become an authoritative voice on soil improvement?

Session 2C (Room J431)

6322960 Prearranged panel

The politicization of religious rhetorics of extraction

Chair: Amanda Nichols

Amanda Nichols: Religious Discourses of Place, Extraction, and Just Transition in Appalachia

Lisa Sideris: The Fatness of the Earth: Blessings and Providence in Petrocultures

Evan Berry: El Segundo Blues: Human-Butterfly Entanglement in Zones of Extraction

Joseph Witt: Nuclear for Net Zero? Legacies of Uranium Extraction and Pro-Nuclear Rhetoric in the 21st Century

Session 2D (Room J439)

6329086 Prearranged panel

Sufism, nature and environment

Chairs: Ricarda Stegmann, Simon Stjernholm

Simon Stjernholm: Modern Sufi Hagiographies and the Material World

Ricarda Stegmann: Working with nature in contemporary Sufism

Oleg Yarosh: Negotiating Vice-Regency in Western Sufism

Session 2E (Room J444)

6329260 Prearranged panel

Surrealism, Esotericism, and Ecology

Chair: Kristoffer Noheden

Niklas Nenzén: “Nature’s Eye Watching Itself”: Surrealist Dialectics and Holistic Experience

Kristoffer Noheden: The Art of Psychophany: Panpsychism and Ecology in Surrealism

Petra Carlsson Redell & Brent Everett Dickinson: Capitalist Surrealism: An Infrathin Response to Planetary Madness

Session 2F (Room J310)

6329325 Prearranged panel

From sustainable futures to eschatologies of destruction: Climate crisis, religion, and coming days in Sub-Saharan Africa

Chair: Tea Virtanen

Tea Virtanen: Between divine warnings and the grand plan: Muslim perceptions of climate change and apocalypse in Cameroon

Jenni Mölkänen: Sustainable development, changing weather, and place-based relations among Christians in rural northeastern Madagascar

Timo Kallinen: Reading the signs: Extreme weather events and social harmony in the forest belt of Ghana

Session 2G (Room J309)

6329489 Prearranged panel

The Religious Roots of Our Ecological Redemption

Chair: Andreas Nordlander

Andreas Nordlander: The Religious Roots of Our Ecological Redemption

Martin Westerholm: Humility and the virtues of technological life: an Augustinian perspective

Thomas Arentzen: Healing Trees

Simone Kotva: Theology and Magic in Scandinavia

Session 2H (Room J411)

Panel

Chair: Hubert Meisinger

6239814 Hubert Meisinger: Sustainability, climate change and the integrity of creation: a New Testament approach

6325740 Milda Ališauskienė: The images of nature and the concept of soul in Psalm 42

6328457 Igor Jurekovic: The making of the Christian charismatic body

Session 2I (Room J412)

Panel

Chair: Johan Cederfeldt

6275312 Johan Cederfeldt: The monstrous and the disastrous: late antique religion and aberrations of Nature

6324884 Alisha Saikia: Animating a bjd: death, reincarnation and rebirth

Session 2J (Room J415)

Panel

Chair: Robert Yelle

6327946 Robert Yelle: Thomas Hobbes's radical critique of religion: reconstructing his real argument

6299437 Dell Rose: "When the little vole let's forth his joy, when his redemption



- draweth nigh:" William Blake, Schwenckfeld, and the German spiritualist concept of natural redemption
- 6329472 Tjalling Janseen: From the Stars to the Trees: Elemental Beings and Negotiating the Nature-Human Relationship in Paracelsus's Early and Middle Period (1525--1535)

Session 2K (Room J303)

Panel

Chair: Mohammad Fazlhashemi

- 6300561 Gary Bunt: Digital Muslim responses to climate change issues
- 6326649 Andrea Calabretti: The companioning faith: Islamic ascription in the adult trajectories of migrants' descendants in Italy
- 6328612 Mohammad Fazlhashemi: Muslim normative eco-theology

Session 2L (Room J406)

Panel

Chair: Erik Alvstad

- 6328872 Erik Alvstad: From Political Enemies to Ecological Monsters: The Pop Cultural Transformations of Leviathan and Behemoth
- 6329891 Deimantas Valančiūnas: EcoGothic, religion and Indian genre cinema: the case of Kantara (2022)
- 6327994 Pasqualina Eckerström: The guiltiest sinners: Heavy Metal music as religious and political transgression in Iran and Saudi Arabia

Session 2M (Room J432)

Panel

Chair: Anastasia Servan-Screiber

- 6328094 Egle Aleknaite: Worshipers of Oaks: The Relationship of Lithuanian Paganism and Nature in Lithuanian Academic and Popular Imagery in the 20th-21st century
- 6329498 Anastasia Servan-Screiber: Integrating sacred places into identitarian narratives of a neopagan association: the case of Maavalla Koda, in Estonia
- 6303725 Atko Remmel & Jonuks Tönno: From new religious movement to national consciousness: Maausk movement in Estonia

Session 2N (Room J440)

Panel

Chair: Ingela Visuri

- 6329443 Tiina Mahlamäki: "Take care of your planet" UFOs and environmental concerns in the 1970s and 1980s Finland
- 6329714 Hanna Gebraad: Cosmic play. Discordian meaning making processes and the roles of chaos, play, and creativity
- 6329583 Ingela Visuri: Flickering between worlds: connecting roleplaying game theory with supernatural real-making

**Day 2, Tuesday August 20**

Academic Session 3 (Tuesday, 08.30-10.00)

Session 3A (Room J335)

6325508 Roundtable

A burning affair: the burning of the Quran in a Nordic and global context

Chair: Iselin Frydenlund

Convenors:

Iselin Frydenlund

Torkel Brekke

Göran Larsson

Participants:

Lene Kühle

Audun Toft

Teemu Pauha

Discussants:

Verena Meyer

Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen

Session 3B (Room J336)

6324291 Prearranged panel

Causes and responses to crises among religious migrant groups in Sweden: Covid 19 and beyond. Part 1

Chair: Lena Roos

David Thurfjell: The collapse of a community: Romani Pentecostals under Covid 19

Anne Kubai: African Christian communities in Sweden: business as usual through youth and digital tools

Lena Roos: A virtual house of study – creating a safe space

**Session 3C (Room J431)**

6326697 Prearranged panel

**Between Culture and Nature: Renegotiation of Esoteric Epistemologies and Ontologies**

Chair: Adas Diržys

Audrius Beinorius: Indian Divination and Astrology About Natural Threats and Disasters

Mantas Antanas Davidavičius: The Experience of Natural Beauty in the Transcendentalist Movement as a Way to Meet the Absolute

Adas Diržys: Outer Space Included: Kenneth Grant's Epistemology and Ontology

Ina Kiseliova-El Marassy: Nature and The Perfection of Soul: The Transformations of Islamic Talismanry

**Session 3D (Room J439)**

6327833 Prearranged panel

**'A serpentless eden'? Nature and landscape in new Scottish spiritualities**

Chair: Joseph Sedgwick

Steven J. Sutcliffe: 'Looking at Nature': Traces of Transcendence in the Transnational Nature Journalism of a Scottish Life Reformer - Dugald Semple, 1884-1964

Yael Dansac: (Re)connecting with Past and Present in a Modern Megalithic Landscape: Crawick Multiverse in southern Scotland

Joseph Sedgwick: 'Authentic' nature and 'mundane' online life – Examining Scottish Pagans' attitudes to nature and technology

Session 3E (Room J444)

6322356 Prearranged panel

**Building on (buddha)nature: the Daidosha and the establishment of Buddhist political communities**

Chair: Janine Sawada

Bruce Grover: Contesting the Concept of 'Nature' in Imperial Japan: Organicist Solidarity and the Construction of an Imperial 'Mahayana Japan'

Kameyama Mitsuhiro: Reassembling the Three Teachings after the Meiji Dislocation: The New Constellation of Shintō, Buddhism, and Confucianism, and the Trans-religious Endeavors of Daidōsha

Stephan Kigensan Licha: From Solidarity to Dominion: The Encounter of Japanese and Sri Lankan Buddhist Modernisms in the late Nineteenth Century

Session 3F (Room J310)

6329180 Prearranged panel

**The grove and the garden: ecology, religion and climate change in South Asia**

Chair: Gregory D. Alles

Lidia Guzy: The re-emergence of indigenous eco-cosmologies: on the current revaluation of ancient tribal nature spiritualities

Stefano Beggiora: Re-enchanting the world": from the theory of shamanic studies to the eco-practices of India's indigenous cultures

Gregory D. Alles: What does it mean to worship nature? A report from eastern Gujarat

Uwe Skoda: "Neo-Fatimid" gardens in the city: Dawoodi Bohras and their urban redevelopment projects in Mumbai and beyond

Session 3G (Room J309)

6329252 Prearranged panel

**Nature, Ecology and Ritual Practices in Indigenous Religions.**

Chair: Daniel Andersson

Stefan Permanto: Sustenance, Survival and Sustainability in Q'eqchi' Maya Landscapes



Fredrik Jansson: Situational Animation(s): Theory, Representation, and Indigenous Ceremonies

Bodil Liljefors Persson: Yucatec Maya Cosmology and Nature – Permanence and Change in Ritual Practices Seen Through the Books of Chilam Balam and Contemporary Fieldwork

Daniel Andersson: Holy Mountains in Nepal

**Session 3I (Room J412)**

Panel

Chair: Tova Olsson

- 6329351 Dagmara Wasilewska: On 'religious devotion': the cultural adaptations of yoga in the early English translations of the Puranas
- 6326195 Marleen Thaler: Kundalini: a force of nature? Kundalini's role within terrestrial energy healing
- 6327926 Tova Olsson: Embodying shiva and shakti: the construction of gender in contemporary, European tantra

**Session 3J (Room J415)**

Panel

Chair: Staffan Nilsson

- 6330082 Staffan Nilsson: Why and what? the Swedish Church engagement for the environment
- 6330160 Jason Sexton & Stephanie Pincetl: Mapping the Conversation on Faith, Flourishing, and the Environment
- 6330045 Yaroslav Yuvsechko: Freedom of religion and belief in Ukraine at the time of war: the context of religious minorities

**Session 3K (Room J303)**

Panel

Chair: Tuomas Martikainen

- 6329927 Esther-Maria Guggenmos: When Religion Meets Ecology – An Exploration into Textbooks on Life Education in Taiwan
- 6327985 Yulin Lu: Ecological thoughts in Buddhist life education at a Buddhist secondary school in Hong Kong
- 6328557 Tuomas Martikainen: Islam, Education and Muslim Diversity in Finland

Session 3L (Room J406)

Panel

Chair: Jenny Butler

- 6328669 Maria Papenfuss: Enchanting the Concrete Jungle: Neopagan Nature Religiosity in Mexico City
- 6330058 Jenny Butler: "Once More it is the Ancient Joy of Earth": Conservation and Contemporary Paganism
- 6343020 Calista Onubuogu: Care of nature or neo-paganism?: Exploring a new way to resolve the tension between the preservation of nature and the quest to maintain Christian identity in the African context

Session 3M (Room J432)

Panel

Chair: Frank Bosman

- 6327891 Frank Bosman: Disqualifying climate activism by religious association
- 6328656 Omer Gursesin: Covert Conviction: Uncovering Implicit Religion in Dutch Climate Activism Online - The Case of Extinction Rebellion
- 6329500 Marie-Therese Talensby: "What if we're God's Plan?": Negotiating meaning in Faith-Based Climate Activism

Session 3N (Room J440)

Panel

Chair: Eugen Ciurtin

- 6329196 Eugen Ciurtin: Non-Violence Supreme: Earthquakes as all-pervading ahimsa in South Asian Religions
- 6329420 Krzysztof Kosier: The relationship between political power and the sangha in Theravada Buddhist countries. The canonical model and its evolution
- 6329450 Martin Spirk: Green Propaganda of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile: Environmentalism and Ecological Tendencies as Self-marketing Strategies of the Dalai Lama and the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA)

Academic Session 4 (Tuesday, 10.30-12.00)

Session 4A (Room J335)

6325591 Roundtable

Describing the inscriptions of st. Sophia

Chair: Jonathan Westlin

Participants: Jonathan Westlin, Gunnar Almevik

Session 4B (Room J336)

6324291 Prearranged panel

Causes and responses to crises among religious migrant groups in Sweden:  
Covid 19 and beyond. Part 2

Chair Lena Roos

Linnea Lundgren: Religion, Civil Society, and the State in Times of Crisis:  
Collaborations and Conflicts

Katarina Plank: Societal Triggers as Causes of Crises: Examples from  
Buddhist Groups in Sweden

Session 4D (Room J439)

6328808 Prearranged panel

Metahumans and Climate Change: Perspectives from Indigenous Latin  
America

Chair: Eric Hoenes del Pinal & Ana Mariella Bacigalupo

Dan Rosengren: Action and Reaction in an Animist World

Eric Hoenes del Pinal: Between Mountain Lords and Multinational  
Corporation: Other-than-Human Agents in Q'eqchi-Mayas' Understanding  
of the Climate Crisis

Mareike Winchell: Political Theologies of Fire: Revivalist Ontologies and  
Climate Politics in Bolivia

Ana Mariella Bacigalupo: Climate Crises and Post-Apocalyptic Futures:  
Visionary Landscapes in Northern Peru

Session 4E (Room J444)

6328832 Prearranged panel

**Tackling ecological challenges: In what way do religion and spirituality facilitate or block civic engagement for sustainability?**

Chair: Jens Koehrsen

Irene Becci and Alberto Manconi: The combination of moral and political motivations with spiritual views in practical environmentalism for climate justice

Nadine Bruehwiler, Jens Koehrsen, Julius Malin, Rebeca Roysen, and Lasse Kos: Does religion have an impact on the diffusion of sustainable innovations? A mixed-methods analysis of ecovillages worldwide

Session 4F (Room J310)

6329189 Prearranged panel

**In Flux: Perceptions of Religion and Nature across Indian Ocean Worlds**

Chair: Thomas Fibiger & Smriti Srinivas

Smriti Srinivas: Gardens as Archives: Arboricultural Possibilities for South Asia

Mara A. Leichtman: Kuwaiti Islamic Charitable Responses to Climate Change in Tanzania

Thomas Fibiger: Desert and Sea. Inward and Outward Culture and Religion in the (image of the) Arab Gulf States

Session 4H (Room J411)

6329222 Prearranged panel

**Theoretical and Methodological Approaches to Islamic Family Law and Muslim Family Norms**

Chair: Jenny Berglund

Martin Stenfors Eidrup: Looking for Islamic Family Law: Implications of the Theoretical Underpinnings of Research on the Muslim Family

Mulki Al-Sharmani: Muslim Family Law as Site for Debating Islamic Knowledge and Interpretive

Niels Valdemar Vinding: The curious case of the deliberate non-recognition of Islamic marriages in the Danish Criminal Code



Session 4I (Room J412)

Panel

Chair: Egil Asprem

- 6328566 Egil Asprem: Magical Entrepreneurship and Ethnic Niche Building in the Little Ice Age: A Socio-Ecological Perspective on Romani Magical Practice  
6328744 Stephen Graham: Mary Baker Eddy's response to weather and climate  
6330073 Per Faxneld: The Study of Religions and Martial Arts

Session 4J (Room J415)

Panel

Chair: Thomas Lindgren

- 6330064 Thomas Heinrich: Environmental Activism and Indigenization of Christianity: A Case Study from Karkar Island, Papua New Guinea  
6330079 Clelia Clini: Religious and activism: a reflection on the role of religion in the protest of agriculture workers  
6329120 Thomas Lindgren: Nonviolent action, religion, and (dis)obedience

Session 4K (Room J303)

Panel

Chair: Jaana Kouri

- 6329543 Jaana Kouri: The shaman's journey to the middle world: An autoethnographic case study of the possibilities to describe the ontology of contemporary animism  
6330054 Katherine Usik: Animism, Agency, and Environmental Crisis: How Spirits Mitigate Climate Change and Environmental Destruction  
6343536 Rune Hjarnø Rasmussen: Producing Majority Animism for Cultural Transformation

Session 4L (Room J406)

Panel

Chair: Patricia Sohn

- 6330095 Ilaria Vecchi: The Sacred Ganges ecological disaster through the visual ethnographic film Forest of Bliss (1986) by Robert Gardner  
6342212 Patricia Sohn: Perspectival politics: religion, culture, and ritual politics in two Asian films

- 6328101 Piotr Grzegorz Michalik: Flowers for the womb of the earth. Cosmovision and environment as expressed by the Xochitlalli ritual of the Nahua people from the Zongolica mountains, Mexico

#### Session 4M (Room J432)

Panel

Chair: Raluca Tanasescu

- 6327746 Matous Mokřý: Beyond the "insight roles": constructions of "the nature" and the strategies responsible for (de-)legitimation of extreme-right politics in the sinister milieu
- 6328710 Essi Mäkelä: Expertise and justice in the context of registering religious communities in Finland
- 6329012 Raluca Tanasescu: Wordcraft for the Earth: persuasive techniques to protest climate change in Laudato Si'

#### Session 4N (Room J440)

Panel

Chair: Peter Birkelund Andersen

- 6329719 Peter Birkelund Andersen: Resonance and Reason: Two Approaches to Climate Change and the Natural Environment
- 6329918 Marusa Novak: Unraveling the nexus: Exploring the relationship between nationalism and religion in the countries of the former Yugoslavia
- 6330052 Margrethe Løøv: Domesticating Hearts, Minds, and Land: Denmark-Norway's Early Territorial and Missionary Advances in Sápmi

#### Session 4O (Room J439)

- 6327865 Prearranged panel  
**Religion and policing**

Chair: Göran Larsson  
Discussant: Kim Knott

James A. Kapaló: Secret Policing religion in Communist Eastern Europe

Tatiana Vagramenko: The Lives of Secret Agents: Religion and Police Surveillance in the USSR

Göran Larsson, Erika Willander and Robin Andersson-Malmros: A preliminary Systematic Literature Review of Religion and Policing

Academic Session 5 (Tuesday, 14.30-16.00)

Session 5A (Room J335)

6326684 Roundtable

Exploring the resurgence of shamanism in times of environmental crises

Chair: Liudmila Nikanorova

Participants: Konsta Ilari Kaikkonen, Olle Sundström, Alexandra Bergholm, Trude Fonneland

Session 5B (Room J336)

6325463 Prearranged panel

Buddhist responses to the ecological crisis and climate change: Daisaku Ikeda and Soka Gakkai's "climate action"

Chair: Nicole Bauer & Massimo Introvigne

Massimo Introvigne: Soka Gakkai's Interpretation of the Principle "Three Thousand Realms in a Single Moment of Life" and Ikeda's "Climate Action"

Olivia Fuchs: Eco-Selves as Parts of Eco-Systems: A Comparison Between Daisaku Ikeda's Buddhist Ecological Activism and Deep Ecology

Rosita Soryte: The Treasure Tower: The Peace Proposal 2020, Daisaku Ikeda's "Last Word" on Climate Action

Nicole Maria Bauer: Between Buddhism and Postmodern Spirituality: The Popularization of Soka Gakkai and Its Ecological Teachings in Austria and Germany

Session 5C (Room J431)

6325464 Prearranged panel

Nature and gender: unraveling conservative paradigms

Chair: Dace Balode

Dace Balode, Ģirts Rozners: This is not in their nature: arguments against the ordination of women in the views of the pastors and laity of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Latvia

Māra Neikena: Gendered roles as God's 'gifts'

Aivita Putniņa: Tenets of neoconservatism: biological model of life in

Latvian Evangelical Lutheran Church discourse

Ilva Skulte, Kristine Briede, Sofija Anna Kozlova, And Emils Zavelis:  
Nature, Woman and Arguments Against the Ordination of Women in Latvian  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvian Media Discourse

Session 5D (Room J439)

6329476 Prearranged panel

Approaching Nature in Esotericism: the un-natural, the damned, and the  
Divine (A Scandinavian Network for the Academic Study of Western  
Esotericism Panel)

Chair: Tim Rudbøg

Tim Rudbøg: Working with Nature in the reception of the Hermetica

Dell Rose: Overcoming Mamon: Nordenskiöld and the Quest for a  
Swedenborgian Utopia

Manon Hedenborg White: "The Rose is Wedded Unto the Tree" – Natural  
and Unnatural Landscapes in the Art and Poetry of Marjorie Cameron

Olivia Cejvan: In the lab and in the woods: Nature, ecology and ritualization  
in contemporary Swedish esotericism

Session 5E (Room J444)

6329645 Prearranged panel

Ecologizing Religion in Northern Europe

Chair: Henrik Ohlsson

David Thurfjell and Atko Remmel: Nature love and secularization: the  
emergence of an existential field in northern Europe

Henrik Ohlsson: The Radical Act of Feeling Good in the Forest

6329876 Egle Aleknaite: Don't Touch Lithuanian Trees: Nationalist Environmentalism  
in Lithuanian Contemporary Pagan Community



Session 5F (Room J442)

6329511 Prearranged panel

Arabic Ramadan television series in a transnational context

Chair: Lovisa Schau

Lovisa Schau: Masculinity in Egyptian Ramadan TV series

Jakob Skovgaard-Petersen: Islam in Arab Ramadan Serials

Gianluca Parolin: Carving Out a National Imaginary: Lawyers in Saudi Drama

Fadi Haddad: Contemporary TV series & Musalsalat: Narrative and labour

Session 5G (Room J310)

6329666 Prearranged panel

Audiovisual Discourses and Images of Religions

Chair: Tomas Axelsson

Tomas Axelsson: European directors envisioning Muslim faith through fiction film

Danial Ghasempour: Comparing the representation of Islam, Christianity, and Buddhism in Educational Film

Gull Törnégren: A narrative approach to education of religions. The case of documentary and feature films as resources for students' formation of critical judgment

Session 5H (Room J411)

Panel

Chair: Cato Christensen

6342927 Gasper Mithans: The Catholic Right and the Pursuit of 'Truth' in the Interwar Period: Cosmological Inquiries into the Origins of the World and Humankind

6343137 Vaughan Koga: Genesis: the environmental consciousness of the Church

6329710 Cato Christensen & Therese Dille: Projects in Religion: How a Management Idea is Translated in the Church of Norway

Session 5I (Room J412)

Panel

Chair: Camille Lardy

- 6328448 Ondřej Pazdírek: Miracles of calming the storm in early modern catholic missionary texts
- 6329407 Camille Lardy: 'Pro-Life' Catholicism in a time of climate crisis: Toward a unified defense of humanity, biodiversity, and the environment
- 6330009 Dieter Plehwe: Religion based global warming denial or religion abuse? The case of Catholic climate skepticism

Session 5J (Room J415)

Panel

Chair: Kocku von Stuckrad

- 6323664 Michael Stausberg: Norms and values in the study of religion/s
- 6328129 Kocku von Stuckrad: The relational turn and the study of religion
- 6329937 Marieke Heinritz: Promoting Open Science: sustainable strategies for the archiving and the accessibility of publications and research data in the study of religion

Session 5K (Room J303)

Panel

Chair: Thijs Sunier

- 6326656 Thijs Sunier: Green Muslims, Green Islam, Green Deen  
Environmental crisis, Islamic reasoning, and alternative Islamic authorities.
- 6329773 Maryam Palizban: The environmental movements and Islamic laws in Iran
- 6329777 Wietske Merison: When the Earth is Shaken: Ecocide in the Islamic Tradition

Session 5L (Room J406)

Panel

Chair: Ferdinando Sardella

- 6329138 William French: Religious Ethics and Mobilizing for Climate Security
- 6329939 Ferdinando Sardella: Earth as Kin: The Role of Indic Wisdom in Fostering Ecological Ethics
- 6322408 Dagmar Schwerk: The 'Age of Strife' as Episteme of Nature and Ecology: Buddhist Ethics, Action, and the Climate Crisis in Bhutan

Session 5M (Room J432)

Panel

Chair: Alexandru Racu

- 6328116 Joana Roque de Pinho: Pastoralism and Pentecostalism: revealing the religious dimension of changing land Tenure/use dynamics in southern Kenya
- 6328954 Alexandru Racu: The Orthodox Church and climate change: Between a theology of stewardship and climate skepticism
- 6329565 Jere Kyyrö: Banal, cultural and privileged. Legitimizing Christianity in Finnish Political Platforms

Session 5N (Room J440)

Panel

Chair: Camille-Constance Curet

- 6329859 Camille-Constance Curet: Theology After Climate Fatalism: Agency, Nature, and Experimentation Amidst the 21st Century
- 6330062 Henrik Johnsén: John Cassian and the early Latin monastic rules: Intertextual mapping by digital text tools
- 6330070 Jakub Cigan: Conflict and resilience in the experimental research

Academic Session 6 (Tuesday, 16.30-18.00)

Session 6B (Room J336)

P rearranged panel

Eco-Spiritual Climate Action: Innovations and Contradictions in Environmental Activism

Chairs: Yael Dansac & Avalon Jade Theisen

Henrik Ohlsson: Climate and Environmental Activism in the Church of Sweden: Competing Tendencies in the Search for a New Identity

Julia Itel: Ecotherapy and the Ethics of Care: Intimate Eco-Spiritual Climate Action in Francophone Europe

Avalon Jade Theisen: The Portland Japanese Garden as a Model of Manageable Eco-Spiritual Climate Action

Session 6C (Room J431)

6325752 Prearranged panel

**Nature, ecology, and Eastern Orthodox responses to climate change**

Chair: Ksenia Medvedeva

Ionut Biliuta: Fashioning a “Green” Theology? The Romanian Orthodoxy and the Ecological Crisis in post-1989 Romania

Ksenia Medvedeva: Environmental Initiatives in the Eastern Orthodox Church: Cases of the U.S. and Greece

Vaughan Koga: Orthodox Fasting: a Pathway to Sustainability

Session 6D (Room J439)

6327101 Prearranged panel

**Analysing the impact of online platforms and interactions on social and religious practices: preliminary findings from the digital Islam across Europe project**

Chairs: Egdūnas Račius and Anna Grasso

Gary R. Bunt and Anna Grasso: Approaches and considerations towards archiving Digital Islam Across Europe (DigitIslam)

Mateusz Chudziak: Islamophobia from above. Anti-Muslim discourse on the Polish Internet

Egdūnas Račius and Arvydas Kumpis: Lithuania's Muslim collectivities' participation in Online Islamic Environments: seeking or/ and dispensing authority?

Erika Willander and Göran Larsson: Media use and religious affiliation in Sweden

Session 6E (Room J444)

6329774 Prearranged panel

**Intersections of the Study and Teaching about Sexuality and Religion. Part 1.**

Chair: Bodil Liljefors Persson

Wanda Alberts: Comparing the Study of Sexuality and the Study of Religion in Germany



Lydia Heinevik: Curriculum Changes and Classroom Realities: Examining the Teaching of Sexuality in Swedish Religious Education

Christian Lomsdalen: Religion and sexuality in Norwegian classrooms

**Session 6F (Room J310)**

6329802      Prearranged panel

**Human and divine agencies in the natural world: A historical perspective. Part 1.**

Chairs: Chiara Ombretta Tommasi & Alessandro Buccheri

Alessandro Buccheri: Divine Agency and the Non-Human Environment in Hesiod's Works and Days

Beatrice Lietz: Managing Signs from the Gods in Roman Sicily

William Pillot: Goddess of Earth, scientific hypothesis and eco-feminist icon: Gaia as a case study of religious responses to environmental and ecological issues, from ancient Greece to the Anthropocene

M. D. Usher: Methexis: Animism for the Anthropocene

**Session 6G (Room J309)**

6329811      Prearranged panel

**Roots in nature: untamed religious landscapes in Visigothic Iberia (6th-7th centuries)**

Chair: Rocío Suárez Vallejo

Antón Alvar Nuño and Chiara Cremonesi: Crossing Conceptual Borders: Natural, Unnatural and Supernatural

Clelia Martínez and Rocío Suárez Vallejo: Shifting Landscapes in Visigothic Hermitage

José Carlos López-Gómez: Centrality networks analysis on rural churches in Visigothic Iberia

Daniel Pérez: Crafting Sacred Spaces in Late Antiquity: Wildness in the Iberian North Peninsula

Session 6H (Room J411)

6329697 Prearranged panel

**The Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light: A Middle Eastern New Religious Movement Comes to Europe**

Chair: Rosita Šorytė

Massimo Introvigne: The Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light: A History

Karolina Maria Kotkowska: A Field Trip to the Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light

Aria Rafzar: “Heretics and Infidels”: The Persecution of the Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light in Global Perspective

Martin Weightman: Are Members of the Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light Discriminated in Sweden?

Session 6I (Room J412)

Panel

Chair: Kateryna Zorya

6329100 Johanna Kujala: Connected to nature: Two holistic, esoteric, and posthumanistic new-spiritual approaches

6330075 Kateryna Zorya: To conquer nature, learn from it: soviet herbals, folkloristics, and the dissemination of esoteric thought

6328730 Moritz Maurer: Virtual communities and the study of esotericism

Session 6J (Room J415)

Panel

Chair: Peter Åkerbäck

6327096 Georgia Kareola Haagsma: High Hopes, Can Psychedelics Cure the Climate Crisis?

6329399 Sanja Nilsson: Studying New Religious Movements in Sweden: Establishment, Development and the Current State of the Field

6330060 Margrethe Løøv: Spirituality, Ecology and Life Reform: The Case of the Norwegian Vegetarian Association

Session 6K (Room J303)

Panel

Chair: Morta Vidunaite

- 6236301 Nadja Furlan Stante: Beyond anthropocentric, paternalistic and patriarchal conceptualisation of Nature: (post)Christian ecofeminist perspective
- 6299519 Morta Vidunaite: The agency and leadership of pious Lithuanian Catholic and Lutheran women: challenging the dichotomy of the religious and secular

Session 6L (Room J406)

Panel

Chair: Lauritz Holm Petersen

- 6327020 Lauritz Holm Petersen: Clowns, tigers & civil wars: an exploration of emerging eschatologies on 4chan /pol/
- 6327868 Ossi Korpi: Finnish conspiracy occulture and climate change
- 6323358 Zuzanna Kosticova: Nature, life, and the force: Star Wars and the contemporary idea of (spiritual) energy

Session 6M (Room J432)

Panel

Chair: Arjan Sterken

- 6329686 Daan F. Oostveen: Buddhism and the Anthropocene
- 6328785 Arjan Sterken: The supernatural inhabitants and the environment: A comparison of Indian yakshas and Saxon noaloupers and their relationship to their habitats
- 6328953 Jiangong Li: Frits Vilhelm Holm's (1881-1930) Attempted 'obtain' of the Jingjiao Stele: Religious Communities and the Protection of Cultural Heritage between Asia and Europe

Session 6N (Room J440)

Panel

Chair: Johanne Louise Christiansen

- 6329810 Magnus Brandt Nielsen: "Mommy, what were trees like?": Church of Euthanasia and Radical Religious Responses to Climate Change
- 6329830 Johanne Louise Christiansen: Quranatura: The "Green" Qur'an through History -- A Project Presentation
- 6329892 Stefano Gandini: Pacha, Ayni and Sumak Kawsay, reassessing relationships

between people, development and the environment from the perspective of Andean wisdom

**Session 6O (Room J335)**

6328604 Prearranged panel

**New Developments in Islamic Studies. Part 1**

Chair: Simon Sorgenfrei

Anna Holmqvist: Queer Muslim Identities: an ethnographic study of identity making in queer Muslim groups and networks in the UK

Sepideh Attar Motlagh: Woman, Youth, Piety. Community in relation to Young, Devout Female Shi'a Muslims' Perceptions and Practices of Islam in Iran

Fatemeh Moslezadeh: How to live like a Modern Conservative Shii woman in Tehran? Gender, Religion, and Identity in Everyday Life

**Day 3, Wednesday August 21**

**Academic Session 7 (Wednesday, 08.30-10.00)**

**Session 7A (Room J335)**

6327922 Roundtable

**When research gets under your skin: investigating distressing topics in the study of religion**

Chair: Roosa Haimila

Participants: Milda Ališauskienė, Nicole Bauer, Pasqualina Eckerström, Helmi Halonen

**Session 7B (Room J336)**

6327201 Prearranged panel

**Christianities in times of crises**

Chair: Igor Mikeschin

Igor Mikeschin: "I will fear no evil": Eschatological tranquility of Russian Bible-believers in times of crises

Tatiana Vagramenko: Religious Minorities and Endangered Memory in Ukraine's Wartime Landscape

Iliyana Angelova: "We have a responsibility greater than ourselves": Christian responses to challenging times in India

Thorsten Wettich: The Demise of Religion: Ageing parishioners and the life cycle of ethnic churches as existential threats to German-speaking Lutheran Churches?

**Session 7C (Room J431)**

6327425 Prearranged panel

**The Religion and Social Exclusion (ReEx) Åbo Akademi Centre of Excellence in Research 2024-2028**

Chair: Marcus Moberg

Marcus Moberg: RELEX-CoE presentation and overview

Linda Annunen: RELEX scope and cases

Karoliina Dahl: RELEX research design and mixed method framework

**Session 7E (Room J444)**

6329887 Prearranged panel

**Practicing Theorizing Religion. Part 1**

Chairs: Markus A. Davidsen & Mattias Brand

Mattias Brand: Concepts and Classifications: Theorizing Religion with C.P. Tiele

Markus Davidsen: Theorizing Religious Phenomena in Five Steps

Michael Stausberg: Theorizing the situation: an improvisation

Steven J. Sutcliffe: Theorising Teaching 'Theories of Religion'

**Session 7F (Room J310)**

6329949 Prearranged panel

**Sacred Forests, Sacred Trees**

Chair: Davide S. Amore

Nicola Camerlengo: The Tree as Representation of Life: Concept of Cosmic Tree between Religions

Augusto Cosentino: The Sacred Tree: Symbolism and Significance in Gnosticism

Francesca Romano: Popular feasts, Catholicism, and Ecology in Early Modern and Contemporary Europe. Between Italy and Ireland: “Maggio di Accettura” - San Giuliano, “Beltane” and “Imbolc” - Saint Brigid

Anna Tozzi Di Marco: The symbolic role of natural elements (grotto, water, trees, stones, wood) in the ritual practice at Seven Sleepers' shrines between Christianity and Islam

**Session 7G (Room J309)**

6329952 Prearranged panel

**The Study of Worldviews: Probing a Category beyond the Religion/Non-Religion Divide. Part 1**

Chair: Jens Schlieter

Anja Kirsch: World views beyond the religious/secular episteme: insights from a historical case study

Christoph Kleine: Worldviews, Epistemes, Dispositives or Actor-Networks? Conceptualising Crisis-Related Constructions of Social Reality beyond the Religious-Secular Divide

Carla Hagen: Navigating Uncertainty: Exploring the Relation between Contingency Management and (Non)Compliance

**Session 7H (Room J411)**

Panel

Chair: Rebekka Rieser

6278028 Ioannis Xidakis: Digital ecology in the neomythological worlds of video games

6328440 Rebekka Rieser: What people say about religion in the digital public sphere - a systematic and automated approach to analyzing tweets from Germany, Switzerland & Austria

6324625 Hans Geir Aasmundsen: Socio-Religious narratives and Human-Nature relations

Session 7I (Room J412)

Panel

Chair: Naomi R. Goldenberg

- 6342199 Naomi R. Goldenberg: 'Religion' Replaces 'the State': US Christian Nationalism and the Return of Women's Inferiority
- 6213539 Tamar Arieli: Holy Land Attachment and Open Space Preservation in the Shadow of Conflict
- 6329017 Changhoon Seog: The Mediating Effects of Religious Problem-Solving on the Relationship Between Buddhist Religiosity and Mental Health of Married Immigrant Women in Korea

Session 7J (Room J415)

Panel

Chair: Eileen Lyon

- 6281035 Eileen Lyon: Nazi agronomy and polish priests at Dachau
- 6323880 Jens Carlesson Magalhães: "Kornjuden" in 18th century Sweden: antisemitic responses to climate Change
- 6324945 Erika Boije: Religion, gender, and nature in interwar Nordic fascist poetry

Session 7K (Room J303)

Panel

Chair: Roberto Corso

- 6330037 Roberto Corso: Metaphysical intemporality and «descending realisation» in the work of René Guénon
- 6330012 Marco Giardini: Nature, "modern deviation," and the "Traditional School"
- 6324094 Nathan Fraikin: From participation mystique to synchronicity: questioning identification with nature in light of C. G. Jung's psychology of religion.

Session 7L (Room J406)

Panel

Chair: Anita Stasulane

- 6289194 José Vieira Leitão: Nature spirits and the riches of the earth
- 6325442 Anita Stasulane: Social inclusion challenges: the case of (neo)pagan groups in Latvia, Lithuania and Estonia
- 6239789 Alex Fry: The changing ecologies of near-death survivors: the impact of altered relationships on the wellbeing of those who come close to death



Session 7M (Room J432)

Panel

Chair: Yasmin Koppen

- 6339123 Nathalie Tremblay: Sisters of Earth: a worldwide network promoting the ecospirituality of "green sisters" and knowledge of Viriditas
- 6341826 Yasmin Koppen: Hydrolatry: Preserving the Identity of Local Culture Through the Veneration of Water
- 6343211 Margherita Brodbeck Roth: Demise and Transformation of Religious Rituals in the Context of a Changing Environmental Fabric

Session 7N (Room J440)

6330531 Prearranged panel

Religion, nature and sacrality in comics

Chair: Kees de Groot

Berit Huntebrinker: Magical and post-apocalyptic natures in comics

Line Reichelt Føreland: Visualisation of nature and indigenous perspectives in comics

Kees de Groot: Snow and water. Solid and liquid presence of religion and nature in Tintin and Habibi

Session 7O (Room C452)

6329774 Prearranged panel

Intersections of the Study and Teaching about Sexuality and Religion.  
Part 2

Chair: Wanda Alberts

Bodil Liljefors Persson: Sexuality and Relations Education and (S-) existential Questions as part of Religious Education in various educational contexts in Sweden

Hanna Cinthio: The Swedish sexual paradigm and dilemmas of inclusion

Martina Anissa Strommer: More than the third *sila*: talking about sexuality in Buddhist education – a perspective from Austria

## Regional Meetings (11:30-12:30)

Meeting 1 (Room J335)  
FINYAR

Meeting 2 (Room J336)  
Women Scholar's Network

Meeting 3 (Room J431)  
SNASWE

Meeting 4 (Room J439)  
Research Perspectives in the Italian Historical Religious Studies

## Day 4, Thursday August 22

### Academic Session 8 (Thursday, 08.30-10.00)

Session 8A (Room J335)  
6328238 Roundtable  
Sacred eroticism or sexual magic? Liselotte Frisk's research on MISA

Chair: Massimo Introvigne

Panelists: Massimo Introvigne; Karolina Maria Kotkowska;  
Rosita Šorytė  
Respondent: Camelia Marin

Session 8B (Room J336)  
6326281 Prearranged panel  
Governmaterialities of religion, nature, and ecology. Part 1

Chair: Bjørn Ola Tafjord

Arkotong Longkumer: Seeds as nature, seeds as things, seeds as change in  
Nagaland, India

Hannah Kristine Lunde: Visibility of Sami religiosity in the Church of  
Norway: the Sami altar in Nidaros Cathedral

Session 8C (Room J431)

6327934 Prearranged panel

Communicating (dark) green religion: exhibitions, therapy, and practice

Chair: Isabella Schwadere

Anja Lüpken and Judith Stander-Dulisch: Green Religion in Knowledge Transfer – An Educational Research Project goes online

Stephanie Gripentrog Schedel: Therapy as a Medium for Dark Green Religion: The Example of Ecopsychology

Isabella Schwadere: Natural Religion and the Critical Zones: Impulses from Bruno Latour's work for Religious Studies

Kate Yasmin Koppen: Mediating Environmentalism Religiously: Approaches towards an Avoidance of Violence in Environmental Protection Efforts

Session 8D (Room J439)

6330025 Prearranged panel

Paracosms and climate change: how worldviews that radically diverge from scientific consensus engage in world-making to make alternative interpretations of climate change believable

Chair: Ernst van den Hemel

Rachèl Blokhuis-Koopman: Divine Floods and Arks versus Man-Made Climate Change: How Answers in Genesis Uses Immersive Media

Luuk Odekerken: The gods enslaved us to save their planet: ethics of climate management in the religious-conspiratorial Anunnaki worldview

Ernst van den Hemel: Judeo-Christianity versus Climate Religion? How the Populist Radical Right Invokes Religion In Climate Change Denial

Session 8E (Room J444)

Panel

Chair: David Grace

6330046 David Grace & Derek van Berkel: Implications of religion for sustainable forest management

6350087 Cecilie Endresen: Climate, crisis, and charisma: The storm-stopping pastor and the climate denialist archangel

Session 8F (Room J310)

6335062    Prearranged panel  
Textbooks and Islam

Chair: Riem Spielhaus

Önder Cetin: Raising ‘the Muslim Turk’: Religion in Textbooks for Turkish Language Education Abroad

Radwa Shalaby: From Crusades to Terrorism: Islam in German Textbooks

Riem Spielhaus: At the Intersection of Religion and Gender – Representation of Islam and Muslims in German textbooks

Rajab Taieb: A Nation Without Women: gender at the intersection of world-local cultures in Afghan school textbooks

Mohammad Irfani: Constructing the Nation State in Afghanistan - Between Western and Islamic timelines

Session 8G (Room J309)

6330003    Prearranged panel  
Non-religion and violence: New comparative explorations. Part 1

Chairs: Jacob Copeman and Meera Gopakumar

Sebastian Elsässer: Violence as a driver of loss of faith and atheism in the Arab world?

Lena Richter: Non-violent strategies among nonreligious activists in Morocco and the diaspora

Petra Klug: Climate Change, Anti-Atheism, and (the lack of) Human Agency

Session 8H (Room J411)

Panel

Chair: Jonas Otterbeck

6328607    Anne Beutter: From biodiversity to the diversity of religions: Theories of religion and the trajectory of the diversity paradigm

6329262    Jonas Otterbeck: Paying attention to people you study: A critique of the Muslims in Europe research, and a suggestion

Session 8I (Room J412)

Panel

Chair: Suzanne Owen

- 6329033 Byron Arthur Clark: Sacred Gardens in Glastonbury: Communing with Landscape through Ritual Planting and Ceremony
- 6329484 Suzanne Owen: Lament for a tree: theorising a human/non-human relationship
- 6343851 Irene Stengs: Arboreal fellows: Processes of sacralization in present-day engagements with trees

Session 8J (Room J415)

Panel

Chair: Ida Andersson

- 6329619 Minna Opas: Pilgrim's Path: The Influence of Environment on Sacred Journeys
- 6348708 Ida Andersson: Pilgrimage as a tool for change: Pilgrim's Walk for Future's actualizing of pilgrimage theology in a society marked by neoliberalism
- 6324224 Marie Glasø Glein: Yoga in the Norwegian nature: the emergence of a new pilgrimage practice

Session 8K (Room J303)

Panel

Chair: Helene Kirstein

- 6343224 Helene Kirstein: How God is linked to science: a modern use of religion in the political debate about climate change
- 6343080 Christopher Jacobi: The effects of religiosity on the perceptions of climate change and its challenges in Germany
- 6342763 Shu-Yuan Yang: "Our River Has Dried Up": Religious Response to Neoliberal Development and Climate Change among the Bugkalot of Northern Luzon, Philippines

Session 8L (Room J406)

Panel

Chair: Joseph Chadwin

- 6325446 Joseph Chadwin: Secular parents and religiously nuanced children: an ethnographic study of Chinese popular religion in Edinburgh

- 6327006 Franzisca Bos-Beeken: Rethinking comfort zones: unveiling secularism's echo in public participation strategies to shape the pathway to a just transition
- 6328434 Rebekka Rieser: The bad and the good: reputational configuration of the five biggest religions in Switzerland

#### Session 8M (Room J432)

Panel

Chair: Anne Ferlat

- 6330055 Anne Ferlat: Druidism in France: how to remain in the household?
- 6329932 Jiří Dynda: Paganism as nature worship: Medieval and early modern discourses on "idolatry" in the narratives of Slavic pre-Christian religion
- 6328791 Giulio Dalla Grana: The Slavic Renaissance and the Rediscovery of Nature in Polish Romanticism

#### Session 8N (Room J440)

- 6329887 Prearranged panel 2  
**Practicing Theorizing Religion. Part 2**

Chairs: Markus A. Davidsen and Mattias Brand

Mark Q. Gardiner: Theorizing as Interpretation

Steven Engler: Interpretationist-Theorizing / Afro-Brazilian Religions

Arjan Sterken: 'Strong but weak' theorizing: Comparison and supernatural ambiguity across cultures

#### Session 8O (Room C452)

- 6329802 Prearranged panel  
**Human and divine agencies in the natural world: A historical perspective. Part 2.**

Chair: Alessandro Buccheri

Adrien Coignoux: Artificial vs environmental templa: how the Roman sacred grove (lucus) signals the divine presence in the environment

Luisa Andriollo: Natural world and theological discourse in Byzantine-Islamic polemics

Caterina Fregosi: Nature's role in the *Historiarum Indicarum Libri XVI* by

Giovanni Pietro Maffei SJ

General discussion led by Chiara Ombretta Tommasi and Fabio Guidetti

Academic Session 9 (Thursday, 10.30-12.00)

Session 9A (Room J335)

6328570 Roundtable

Social Ontology and the Study of Religion: From Cognition, to Social Groups, to Institutions

Chair: Andrea Rota

Participants:

Anders Klostergaard Petersen

Andrea Rota

Robert Yelle

Session 9B (Room J336)

6326281 Prearranged panel

Governmaterialities of religion, nature, and ecology. Part 2

Chair: Arkotong Longkumer

Sneha Roy: Icon immersion at the crossroads of fulfilling faith and ecological wellbeing

Bjørn Ola Tafjord: The Ecologies of La Negrita, Her Devotees, and Critics

Aheli Moitra: Forest fires in the news: articulation (and governmateriality) of ecology, indigeneity and religion in a newspaper in Nagaland

Session 9C (Room J431)

6329271 Prearranged panel

Green Answers to Green Questions: Bridging Traditions and Goals – Exploring Islamic Arguments for Sustainable Development.

Chair: Jenny Berglund

Susanne Olsson: Green Pilgrimage: Fulfilling the Duties to God in Sustainable Ways



Laura Wickström: Four Contemporary Voices of Eco-Islam

Jenny Berglund: A Green Ramadan

**Session 9D (Room J439)**

6328174 Prearranged panel

**Green, spiritual and politically aware: on ecospiritualities, ideologies and radical political activities**

Chairs: Rasa Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson and Katri Ratia

Camille LeBlanc Liederman: As Below, so Above: Projecting Politics onto the Stars

Michael Strmiska: Eco-Spiritual or Ethno-National? Reflections on the Interplay Between Ethnic Identity and Environmental Concerns in Modern European Paganism and Japanese Shinto

Katri Ratia: Ecospiritual and countercultural responses to the Covid-19 pandemic and the related restrictions

Rasa Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson: Anastasian Tradition, Nation and Ecospiritual Utopia in the Light of Conceptualization of War

**Session 9E (Room J444)**

6328259 Prearranged panel

**Critical studies of South Asian religious responses to ecological degradation and climate change**

Chair: Tine Vekemans

Heleen De Jonckheere: Cemented Gods and Butterfly Gardens: Environmental Questions to the Expansion of Jain Temple Sites in Madhya Pradesh

Patton E. Burchett: Rivers, Religion, and Conservation in Nepal: Hindu, Buddhist, and Indigenous Nepali Attitudes Toward Freshwater in the Context of Climate Change

Christopher Jain Miller: When Traditional Knowledge Fails: Yoga, Ecology, and the Case of Practicing Purifying Pranayama in South Asian Air Pollution

Gurmeet Kaur: Buddhist Spiritual Ecology in North India: Bridging Gaps and Charting Future Paths

Session 9F (Room J310)

6328405 Prearranged panel

The ecology of mythology and folklore in a long-term perspective: Part 1

Chair: Olof Sundqvist

Sophie Bønding: Material and Ecological Perspectives on the Sacred Environments of Late Iron-Age Scandinavian Elite Sites

Peter Jackson Rova: Supernatural Owners of Nature/Preternatural Snatchers of Culture: An Exercise in Cultural Ecology

Emma Cecilie Sørlie Jørgensen: How to Survive a Famine: the Use of Seiðr and Sacred 'Texture' during a Crisis in Norse Greenland

Session 9G (Room J309)

6328876 Prearranged panel

Ecology and Conceptualizations of Nature in Swedish Theosophy and Anthroposophy

Chair: Johan Nilsson

Paulina Gruffman: Universal Oneness with Nature? Processes of Change in the Views of Nature and Ecology among Swedish Theosophists

Johan Nilsson: What about fields and cows? Theosophy, life reform and the concept of natural living

Malin Arvidsson: Nelly Thüring's advocacy of solar power and criticism of nuclear power

Karen Swartz-Hammer: Biodynamic agriculture: enchanted or enhanced nature? A study of Swedish informational and promotional materials

Session 9H (Room J411)

6330031 Prearranged panel

Non-religion and violence: New comparative explorations. Part 2

Chairs: Jacob Copeman and Meera Gopakumar

Jacob Copeman: 'Silence or your life': Fear, creativity and the muted atheist subject in Indian Punjab

Meera Gopakumar: Narabali and its After: Conceptualizing Yukthivadi Perspective on Superstitions

Galina Oustanova-Stjepanovic: Forged by Fire: Violent Materialism of Soviet and post-Soviet Sentient Forms

Session 9I (Room J412)

6342079 Prearranged panel

Islamic Environmental and Ecological Ethics: Past & Present

Chair: Yasmin Amin

Yasmin Amin: The Case of Animals versus Man Before the King of the Jinn: Environmentalism in 10th century Baghdad

Hager El Hadidi: The Ecology of Sorrow: Alkhalaa (EmpØness) as a Concept and a Place in Egyptian Ritual

Ahmed M. F. Abd-Elsalam: Eco, Eco-Islam and sustainability: Misunderstood terms and discourse in the Arab Muslim world or another discourse?

Sara Binay: Discourses on environment ethics in the Islamic theology

Session 9J (Room J415)

Panel

Chair: Piero Latino

6328316 Piero Latino: A forgotten figure of religious and literary studies: Silvano Panunzio and his prophetic mysticism

6328940 Giuseppe Maiello: On the Resilience of Kolo Dance in Chod Region (Western Bohemia): The Case Study of Postrekov

Session 9K (Room J303)

Panel

Chair: Simon Stjernholm

6328724 Simon Stjernholm: Prayers on the Prophet: Dala'il al-Khayrat across Time and Space

6329671 Martin Riexinger: The Analogistic Ontology in Said Nursi's Risale-i Nur

Session 9L (Room J406)

Panel

Chair: Vera Ericson von Bahr

- 6328806 Vera Ericson von Bahr: Transformations of space through church and mosque sheltering: the protection of refugees in churches and mosques in Germany during 2013-2015
- 6329053 Roosa Haimila: Understanding the morality of unbelievers: Secular beliefs about right and wrong in ten countries
- 6329224 Helmi Halonen: Governance of Religion and Definitional Border Control in the Assessment of Religion-based Claims for Asylum

Session 9M (Room J432)

Panel

Chair: Verena Marie Eberhardt

- 6329235 Sarah Perez: Becoming That Person: Implicit Religion and Online Trends on Vegetarianism, Mindfulness and Transformation
- 6329267 Tamás Nyirkos: Ecology in the discourse of "secular religions"
- 6329281 Verena Marie Eberhardt: Reflections of Human Existence. Cultural-Historical Approaches to the Relationship between Humanity and Nature Using the Example of the Mirror

Session 9 N (Room J440)

Panel

Chair: Mai Lootah

- 6324705 Bojana Radovanovic: Meteorological magic in the Middle Ages: Eastern and Eastern Europe via the Balkans
- 6325345 Mai Lootah: 1666: an encounter with the beast of the tailed star  
Giuseppe Tateo: The expansion of Romanian Orthodox infrastructure and the environmental predicaments of public religion

Session 9O (Room J406)

Panel

Chair: Rosalind Hackett

- 6324280 Anjali Mathur: Religion and environment: moving from the idea of resource to trusteeship
- 6324734 Alberto Fabio Ambrosio: Sobriety in fashion as a form of spiritual ecology
- 6330040 Rosalind Hackett: 'Ear to the Earth': sonic mediations of ecological crisis

Academic Session 10 (Thursday, 14.30-16.00)

Session 10A (Room J335)

6329896 Roundtable

A roundtable for doctoral students in religious studies

Chair: Fredrik Jansson

Participants: Emma Lundberg, Laura Wickström, Tova Olsson, Douglas Mattsson, Nicole Von Rostbiedron, Lovisa Schau, Paulina Gruffman, Maggie Kastlund, Vera Ericson von Bahr, Mustafa Kamal, Danial Ghsaempour, Lydia Heinevik, Eidrup Martin Stenfors

Session 10B (Room J336)

6329916 Roundtable

Discussing "The Study of Religion in Sweden"

Chairs: Henrik Bogdan and Göran Larsson

Contributors: Manon Hedenborg White, Peter Jackson Rova  
Discussants: Michael Stausberg, Catharina Raudvere

Session 10C (Room J431)

6299375 Prearranged panel

"Summumque munus homini datum arbores silvaeque intellegebantur" (plin. Nh 12.1.1). Roman religion, nature, and environmental crises

Chairs: Sofia Bianchi Mancini and Giorgio Ferri

Charlotte Spence: Ecology and Geography of the Roman Dead

Cynthia Bannon: Quin ipsum Tiberum nolle . . . : Flood mitigation in religion and law

Miquel Marine: Changing the course of rivers? Environmental conflicts in the light of Roman religion and politics in the historical narratives of the Republic and of the Empire

Alexandra Lițu: Religious practice as short-term reaction or long-term strategy for meeting environmental challenges in the Roman world

### Session 10D (Room J439)

6328405 Prearranged panel

**The ecology of mythology and folklore in a long-term perspective. Part 2**

Chair: Peter Jackson Rova

Stefan Olsson: Ritual Behaviour and Environmental Catastrophes in Scandinavia 6th to 16th century

Olof Sundqvist: Ragnarök and the Memory of the Climate Crisis AD 536

Marja-Liisa Keinänen: Send a Cloud from Northeast!" Magic Methods for Controlling Environmental Conditions among the Swidden Cultivators of Eastern Finland and Central Scandinavia

### Session 10F (Room J310)

6342240 Prearranged panel

**Representation of religions in teaching materials**

Chairs: Jenny Berglund and Karna Kjeldsen

Karna Kjeldsen: Ultimodal literacy in the study of religion and religion education?

Giovanni Lapis: The "East" as the Exotic Mirror. Representations of Asian Religions in YouTube videos used by Catholic Religion Teachers in Italy

Jes Heise Rasmussen: Trojan Horses in Scandinavian Religious Education

### Session 10G (Room J309)

Panel

Chair: Ullrich Kleinhempel

6329117 Ullrich Kleinhempel: Ritual Ecology: The awareness of Nature's precarious dynamics in East Slavic rituals of Ivan Kupalo

6322188 Joyce Konigsburg: Interreligious responses to climate change through dialogue, engagement, and cooperation

6254380 Ran Afek: Climate apocalypse is it a religious theme?

### Session 10I (Room J412)

#### Panel

Chair: Elsa Giovanna Simonetti

- 6257444 Pavlo Yermieiev: Images of nature in orthodox church historiography in eastern Europe (19th-early 20th centuries)
- 6325352 Lootah Mai: Exploring ottoman responses to atmospheric phenomena as entanglements with hyperobjects
- 6329451 Elsa Giovanna Simonetti: Gods and Catastrophes in Early Roman Imperial Philosophy: The Testimony of Plutarch of Chaeronea

### Session 10J (Room J415)

#### Panel

Chair: Moon Suk Heo

- 6285603 Moon Suk Heo: Towards overcoming the global crisis, a comparison of the approaches of Hans Küng and Seon Master Daehaeng
- 6323196 Jayanti Mandi: The Patua artistry: a sustainable symphony of art, culture and ecology in India
- 6329081 Silvie Kotherová: Do the Gods help when the wave is coming? Coping strategies of young Hindus in Mauritius in time of ecological anxiety

### Session 10K (Room J303)

#### Panel

Chair: Caroline Reinhammar

- 6320044 Caroline Reinhammar: Modern myths in online climate change denial: sunspots as argued cause of global warming
- 6322808 Julia Itel: How do ecospirituals face climate change in francophone Europe?
- 6329959 Sten Skånby: The lack of interest in environmental and climate issues among religious movements in Sweden

### Session 10L (Room C452)

6329952 Prearranged panel

**The Study of Worldviews: Probing a Category beyond the Religion/Non-Religion Divide. Part 2**

Chair: Jens Schlieter

Büşra Kirkpınar: Comparative Reflexivity of Religious-Secular Worldviews in



Digital Turkey: Navigating Inbetweenness

Cornelia Niggli: Do Worldviews shape Social Responsibility? Reflections on Praxeology and Social Behavior during the Covid-19 Crisis in Switzerland

Andrea Rota: From Vernacular Worldviews to the Construction of Social Categories

#### Session 10M (Room J432)

Panel

Chair: Heiki Peter

- 6326078 Alessio Ciarini: Riding the storm. The effects of environmental shocks on divine kingship and related mythology
- 6327796 Lisa Bukhave: Between wolf and man: exploring ontological shifts in Indo-European rites of passage
- 6329817 Heiki Peter: Natures in a role play. Ritualization of nature in Hittite crisis management

#### Session 10N (Room J440)

6329887 Prearranged panel

**Practicing Theorizing Religion. Part 3**

Chairs: Markus A. Davidsen and Mattias Brand

Indrek Peedu: Theory through History or/and History through Theory?

Lech Trzcionkowski: Theorizing the History of Religion/s

Dirk Johannsen: Theorizing from first principles? Narrative worldmaking as active inference

Bastiaan van Rijn: There is No “We” in Theory: Suggestions for Cooperative Theorizing in the Study of Religion

## Day 5, Friday August 23

### Academic Session 11 (Friday, 08.30-10.00)

#### Session 11A (Room J335)

6328982      Prearranged panel

Micro- and macrocosmic feelings. Handling environmental emotions, energies, and emergencies through religious practices

Chair: Gerrit Lange

Henriette Hanky: On the Relations of Body, Buddhafield, and Beyond in the Contemporary Post-Osho Sannyas Scene

Vanessa Sampaguita Obermair: Bulul, the Rice Deity: Agency, Feeling and Materialization in the Contexts of Harvest Rituals and Museums Exhibition

Fredrik Jansson: Ritual Unseriousness: Humor and the Sensuous Lakota Ceremonial-Social Interface

Gerrit Lange: The anger of a goddess: Ecological afflictions as symptoms of Divine Emotions

#### Session 11B (Room J431)

6328390      Prearranged panel

The changing ecologies of post pandemic religious communities

Chair: Joshua Edelman

Katriina Hulkkonen, Linda Annunen, and Ruth Illman: The changing ecologies of authority and belonging in three religious communities in Finland

Ewa Stachowska and Jagoda Apanasewicz: Religious minorities in Poland in the virtual era

Sean Durbin: Religion in the Digital Public Square [delivered by Alana Vincent]

### Session 11C (Room J336)

6328604 Prearranged panel

#### New Developments in Islamic Studies. Part 2

Chair: Simon Sorgenfrei

Cailin Kwoh: The Power of Dress: Palestinians thobs as a catalyst in the formation of Islamic identities

Alena Nikiticheva: The Green Mosque Initiative in Light of Contemporary Islamic Environmental Discourses

Isak Hannus: IRE within the Swedish-speaking minority in Finland's public education

Mustafa Kamal: The digital landscape of atheism in Pakistan

### Session 11D (Room J439)

6328896 Prearranged panel

#### Re-imagining religions: Cultural receptions and renegotiations of how religions are interpreted related to ecology, race and cultural identity

Chair: Fredrik Gregorius

Jane Skjoldli: ViPEAs between “Norse” and “Nature”: Using the Dark Green/Gray Religion Scale to Make Sense of Enchanted Biospheres in Norse-inspired Video Games

Tao Thykier Makeeff: Wilderness, Vikings, and Wolves oh my! Transspecies Roleplaying in Modern Viking Identity

Fredrik Gregorius: White dreams of a primordial nature: Images of Voodoo in 20th century racial discourses

Jessica Albrecht: Black Buddhism and the Construction of Racialised Religion

### Session 11E (Room J444)

6329952 Prearranged panel

#### The Study of Worldviews: Probing a Category beyond the Religion/Non-Religion Divide. Part 3.

Chair: Jens Schlieter

Judith Bodendörfer: Thick Description Revisited. The Significance of a Religious Studies Concept of “Worldview” for the Public Discourse on

## Conspiracy Theories

Victor Cova: "Worldview", "Cosmovisión" and "Cosmovision" at COP

Jens Schlieter: Veganism as "Worldview": Probing a Category beyond the Religion/Non-Religion Divide

### Session 11G (Room J309)

Panel

Chair: Daniel Enstedt

- 6328668 Daniel Enstedt & Katarina Plank: Studying lived religion, social mobility, and integration among migrants in Sweden
- 6328753 Dave Vliegenthart: Religion and the private sphere: anthropological reflections on sociological themes

### Session 11H (Room J411)

Panel

Chair: Deborah de Koning

- 6329973 Michal Schwarz: Environmental complexity of religious interactions in Inner Asian history and ecology
- 6328047 Deborah de Koning: Kiss the earth with your feet: the relevance of mindfulness, sensoriality, and non-dualism in Buddhist-inspired climate-rituality in western Europe
- 6328133 Ellen Coon: The blood treaty: Stories Newars tell about managing water in the Kathmandu valley by keeping promises to non-human equals

### Session 11I (Room J412)

Panel

Chair: Enni Salo

- 6324962 Enni Salo: From ruin to revival: how Disney animations utilize enchantments of death to revitalize the environment
- 6327640 Helena Dyndova: Seeds of spirit: (eco)spiritual and ecological dimensions in Czech hobby magazine narratives
- 6329546 Martin van der Linden: Shinto and Ecocriticism: Anime, Aesthetics and Authenticity in YouTube videos

### Session 11J (Room J415)

#### Panel

Chair: Andreas Nordin

- 6327040 Andreas Nordin: The cognition of religious dream imagery in the aftermath of the covid-19 Pandemic
- 6328268 Jana Nenadalová: Feelings of presence under "god helmet": how uncertainty and culture shape religious experience?
- 6328850 Annika Kraft: 'The mind and heart of the universe': Religious patterns in science popularization about the ecological crisis

### Session 11K (Room J303)

#### Panel

Chair: Garbi Schmidt

- 6327219 Leonie Charlotta Geiger: "Religion" and the "left-green contaminated" school: Negotiation processes of "religion" among students in a German public school
- 6327270 Inken Prohl: A toast to scientific methodologies and secular religious studies
- 6329342 Garbi Schmidt: Working from a critique of methodological presentism: Examples from research of Muslim communities in Denmark

### Session 11L (Room J406)

#### Panel

Chair: Fredrik Jahnke

- 6330000 Daniel Vekony: The question of sustainability in Muslim communities in Hungary in times of climate change
- 6329359 Stian S. Torjussen: "Making the Nature Scene": Views on Nature in Contemporary Hellenic Polytheism (Hellenismos)
- 6329758 Fredrik Jahnke: Sense-making processes among young people - some reflections on how we would be better off if the concept of religious literacy goes from a "one size fits all"-term to a more demarcated term closer to its origin

Session 11M (Room J432)

Panel

Chair: Titus Hjelm

- 6329960 Gabriella Voss: Dancing the Ecological Self: An Ecosomatic Inquiry An emerging subject for the scholar of religion, creatively expanding on the concept of "Deep Ecology"
- 6342237 Heikki Pesonen: The value of human life in Pentti Linkola's eco-apocalyptic narrative
- 6329538 Titus Hjelm: Religion as a troublesome resource in Finnish abortion debates