



RELIGIOUS PLURALISM UNCOVERING GENDER

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Following the due course of globalization, transnationalisation and migration, ideas about religious pluralism have been widely diffused within academic circles over the past years. Although studying changing religious realities in terms of pluralism is currently a hot topic in the social sciences and humanities, looking at religious systems with a gender focus is still a relatively new perspective - and a neglected one.

Religion and gender are intertwined but separate concepts: they are (re)constructed and (re)produced in social interaction, implicate normative values, are anchored in institutional arrangements and linked to social hierarchies, and they are also part of subjective identity formations.

In other terms, the issue of the intersections between religion and gender raises a broad range of questions, entails vast political debates and stresses its social and scientific importance at the same time.

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Please register until 22 August 2010

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www.uncovering-gender.ch/conference.htm

PROGRAM

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10.45	Coffee
11.00-11.15	Opening of the conference, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Neuchâtel, Prof. Laurent Tissot
11.15-12.45	KEYNOTE: Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College (USA) Uncovering Gender and Sexuality In Postmodern Religion
13.00	Lunch
SESSION I HOW TO STUDY GENDER AND RELIGION. METHODOLOGICAL CHALLENGES AND CONCEPTS <i>Chair: Tania Zittoun, University of Neuchâtel (CH)</i>	
15.00-15.35	Gertrud Hüwelmeier, Humboldt University, Berlin (D) "God Has a Program for Me". Gendered Migrants In Transnational Vietnamese Pentecostal Churches
15.35-16.10	Irene Becci/ Mallory Schneuwly Purdie, University of Lausanne (CH) Gendered Religion In Single-Sex Institutions: the Case of Prisons
16.10-16.40	Break
16.40-17.15	Agnieszka Pasięka, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle (D) Importance of "Ethnographies of the Particular" In Researching On Gender and Religion: Reflections From the Fieldwork In Rural Poland
17.15-18.10	Angela Stienen/ Caroline Bühler, University of Bern (CH) Religion and Masculinity In Teacher Education
20.00-22.00	Apéro and Film

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SESSION II DOING RELIGION? DOING GENDER? RELIGIOUS AND GENDERED BOUNDARY MAKING UNDER CONDITIONS OF GLOBALIZATION AND TRANSNATIONALISATION <i>Chair: Bettina Dennerlein, University of Zurich (CH)</i>	
9.00-9.35	Patrick Franke, University of Bamberg (D) Sexual Regulations, Ethnicity and the Dynamics of Religious Boundary Making In the History of Islam
9.35-10.10	Sarah Beyeler, University of Bern (CH) Negotiating Female Muslim Identity: Ahmadi Women's Endeavour for Recognition In Switzerland
10.10-10.40	Break
10.40-11.15	Karine Darbellay, University of Geneva (CH) Islam and Principle of Sexual (In)Equality: Focus Discussions In the French Part of Switzerland
11.15-12.10	Brigit Allenbach/ Pascale Herzig/ Monika Müller, University of Fribourg (CH) Religious Sites and Gender: Boundary-Making Processes In Temples, Mosques and Churches
12.30	Lunch
SESSION III EMBODYING RELIGION AND GENDER. LOOKING AT INTER-ACTIONS BETWEEN GENDER, RELIGION AND PHYSICALITY <i>Chair: Jörg Stolz, University of Lausanne (CH)</i>	
14.00-14.35	Irene Maffi, University of Lausanne (CH) Bodily Geography, Modesty and Islam: an Ethnography of the Obstetric Setting In Jordan
14.35-15.10	Susanne Leuenberger, University of Berne (CH) / Petra Bleisch Bouzar, University of Fribourg (CH) Conversion to Islam As Gendered Boundary Making: Performing Difference, Performing Belonging
15.10-16.05	Christian Walti, University of Zurich (CH) "From Wild Man to Wise Man?": Reconstructions of Aging Masculinity in Spiritual Selfhelp Literature
18.30	Dinner

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9.00-9.35	Taylor Christl, University of Ludwigsburg (D) The Role of Gender, Religious Orientation and Religiosity In the Development of Body Images Among Adolescents In Germany and Switzerland
9.35-10.10	Anna-Katharina Höpflinger, University of Zurich (CH) "Visualizing the Inner Demon": Gender Performance Within the Swiss Black Metal Scene
10.10-10.40	Break
SESSION IV THE SOCIAL ORGANIZATION OF DIFFERENCE THROUGH RELIGION AND GENDER <i>Chair: Ellen Hertz, University of Neuchâtel (CH)</i>	
10.40-11.15	Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko, University of Montreal (CA) Using Our Vision of Gender Roles to Construct the Religious "Other" and Vice Versa: Interaction Between Islam and the West Through the Looking Glass of Gender Equality
11.15-11.45	Lorena Parini, University of Geneva (CH) Gender In the Media Debate on Islam Or the Muslims
12.00	Lunch
13.30-14.05	Janine Dahinden, University of Neuchâtel (CH) The Organization of Religious Difference Among Young Adults: Gender As Boundary Marker
14.05-14.40	Gilbert Tarugarira, Midlands State University, Gweru (ZW) Standing At the Crossroads: Some Reflections On Paradigms of African Women's Inclusion and Exclusion In the Religion and Gender Relations Discourse In Zimbabwe
14.40-15.35	Yueqin Huang, Max-Planck-Institut für the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen (D) Christianity, Socialism, Gender and Space In the Chinese Christian Communities In the UK and Germany
15.35-16.00	Break
16.00-17.30	KEYNOTE: Monika Salzbrunn, University of Lausanne (CH) The Performative Aspects of Gender and Religion in the Context of Boundary Making