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## NGG conference 2019: Religion and the Production of Difference

Programme 30, 31 October, 1 November 2019

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DAY 1: 30-10-2019

13:00 – 13:15 Arrival and registration

13:15 – 13:30 Opening

13:30 – 14:45 Keynote by Charles Hirschkind: **What a 12<sup>th</sup> Century Muslim says to a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Christian in Andalusia: Inheriting a Complex Religious Identity**

14:45 – 15:15 Coffee break

15:15 – 16:45 Parallel sessions

**1. Food and Religious Plurality**

Convener: Birgit Meyer

Speakers: Rashida Alhassan Adum-Atta, Nina ter Laan, Shaheed Tayob

**2. Creating Belonging and Drawing Boundaries through Sacred Songs**

Conveners: Christoph Günther and Alexandra Dick

Speakers: Mark Porter, Martin Ringsmut, Rafique Wassan

**3. Contested Conversions: Failed Conversions, Contested Career Switches and the Desirability of Deconversion**

Convener: Anne-Marie Korte

Speakers: Mariecke van den Berg, Nella van den Brandt, Lieke Schrijvers, Lucy Spoliar

16: 45- 17:00 Coffee break

17:00- 18:30 Parallel Sessions

**1. Food and Religious Plurality**  
Convener: Birgit Meyer  
Speakers: Margreet van Es, Manpreet Janeja, Pooyan Tamimi Arab

**2. Creating Belonging and Drawing Boundaries through Sacred Songs**  
Conveners: Christoph Günther and Alexandra Dick  
Speakers: Miranda Crowdus, Clara Wenz

**3. Religion and Harmful Practices: the Production of Difference in Global and Local Response to Gender-Based Violence**  
Conveners: Brenda Bartelink, Tamsin Bradley, Chia Longman  
Speakers: Ladan RahBari, Hannelore van Bavel, Oka Storms Movisie and Edien Bartels, Stephanie Ketterer Hobbis

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DAY 2: 31-10-2019

09:00 – 10:30 Parallel sessions

**1. Entangled Differences: Studying Religious Multiplicity in Frontier Zones**  
Convener: Birgit Meyer  
Speakers: Martin Luther Darko, Joseph Fosu-Ankrah, Murtala Ibrahim

**2. Secular Institutional Structures and the Production of Sameness in contexts of Religious Pluralism**  
Convener: Katja Rakow  
Speakers: Helena van Coller, Erik Meinema, Katja Rakow, Annelise Reid

**3. Public Policies and the Production of Religious Difference**  
Convener: Julia Martínez-Ariño  
Speakers: Raquel Carvalheira, Merve Kayikci, Méadhbh Mclvor, Maria Vliek

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Plenary session  
Roundtable: **Worldview and levensbeschouwing: Productive terms for religious studies?** Led by Todd Weir, with Hans Alma, Markus Davidsen, Brenda Mathijssen and Anja Visser.

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 15:00 Parallel sessions

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Convener: Birgit Meyer  
Speakers: Mariam Goshadze, Angelantonio Grossi, Kauthar Khamis

**2. Religion and Harmful Practices: the Production of Difference in Global and Local Response to Gender-Based Violence**  
Conveners: Brenda Bartelink, Tamsin Bradley, Chia Longman  
Speakers: Sarah Fisscher, Sivane Hirsch, Maria Chipenembe and Gily Coene and Chia Longman, Elisabet Le Roux

**3. Public Policies and the Production of Religious Difference**  
Convener: Julia Martínez-Ariño  
Speakers: Idowu Akinloye, Brenda Mathijssen, Ayse Polat, Jelle Wiering

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:45 Keynote by Heleen Murre-van den Berg: **Middle Eastern Christians on the Move: Permutations of (Religious) Difference**

18:00 - ... Dinner

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DAY 3: 01-11-2019

09:00 – 10:30 Parallel sessions

**1. Islam versus Judeo-Christian-Secular-Humanism? Islam-inspired politics and National Identity in the Netherlands after the Turn to the Right**  
Conveners: Ernst van den Hemel and Sakina Loukili  
Speakers: Tahir Abbas and Gulnaz Sibgattullina, Fouzia Outmany

**2. Booklaunch: “Global Trajectories of Brazilian Religion: Lusospheres”**  
Speakers: Linda van de Kamp, Joana Bahia, Cristina Rocha and Andrea Damacena Martins  
Discussant: Julia Martínez-Ariño

**3. Religie in het Onderwijs (in Dutch)**  
Sprekers: Marjo Buitelaar, Birgit Meyer en Marije Verkerk

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Plenary session

Roundtable: **Theorizing from the South in the Study of Religion.** Led by Joram Tarusarira, with Diana Jeater, Kofi Simon Appiah and Ramona Jelinek-Menke

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break

13:30 – 14:30 Plenary session  
Roundtable: **Ethnographic Objects and the Study of Religion in Groningen.** Led by Erik Meinema, with Iris Busschers, Lammert Leertouwer, Yme Kuiper and Marleen de Witte

14:30 - ... Coffee and goodbye