

***Religion and (In)Equalities***  
BSA Sociology of Religion Study Group Annual Conference  
University of Chester, UK  
March 28-30 2012  
*Draft Programme*

**Programme Outline**

**Day 1 (Wednesday March 28th 2012)**

12.00 - 2.00	Registration
2.00 - 2.15	Welcome
2.15 - 3.30	Plenary (Tariq Modood)
3.30 - 4.00	Afternoon Coffee & Tea
4.00 - 6.00	Parallel Sessions 1
6.00 - 7.00	Dinner
7.00 - 8.30	<i>Equality and Human Rights Commission Panel</i> <i>Religion, Media and Culture Panel</i>
8:30	BSA Sociology of Religion Study Group Annual General Meeting
Evening	Bar

**Day 2 (Thursday March 29th 2012)**

Breakfast	
9.00 - 11.00	Parallel Sessions 2
11.00 - 11.30	Morning Coffee & Tea
11.30 - 1.00	Parallel Sessions 3

1.00 - 2.00	Lunch
2.00 - 3.15	Plenary (Elaine Graham)
3.15 - 4.45	Parallel Sessions 4
4.45 - 5.15	Afternoon Coffee & Tea
5.15 - 6.30	Plenary (Sean McCloud)
Evening	Dinner
	Bar

### **Day 3 (Fri March 30th 2012)**

Breakfast

9.00 - 11.00	Parallel Sessions 5
11.00 - 11.30	Morning Coffee & Tea
11.30 - 1.00	Parallel Sessions 6
1.00 - 2.00	Lunch
2.00 - 3.30	Parallel Sessions 7
3.30 - 5.00	<i>Religion and Change in Modern Britain</i> Roundtable Discussion
Close	

\*\*Poster presentations will be held during Coffee & Tea

## Detailed Programme Outline

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2.00 - 2.15 Welcome

2.15 - 3.30 **Plenary, Tariq Modood** *Ethno-religious assertiveness out of racial equality*

3.30 - 4.00 Afternoon Coffee & Tea

4.00 - 6.00 Parallel Sessions 1

#### ***Religion and Education***

Trine Anker *Beyond the pale: Respect and otherness in a Norwegian multicultural school*

Aisha El-Amin *Being Black or being Muslim in school...Are these our only options?*

Stephen Tranter *Christian schools for Muslim children: What do we think we are doing?*

Tom Wilson *'It's a bit cool and awesome' Using Liverpool's heritage to shape the Liverpool of today*

#### ***Faith-Based Organizations and the Welfare State***

Rachael Chapman *Engaging and empowering faith and belief communities in governing networks: Who, when, how and why?*

Christina Schwabenland *Form and function: The relationship of values and practices in voluntary organisations working across divided communities*

Rosalind Warden *The function of faith within an Islamic welfare organisation: Meaning, significance and implications*

Titus Hjelm *Could desecularization make sense, after all? Towards discursive dialectics of public religion*

#### ***Religious Conspiracies Panel***

David Robertson *Universalising the other: Reptilians, the New Age and globalisation*

Charlotte Ward  
& David Voas *The extent of metaphysical conspiracism - a quantitative study*

Ethan Quillen *2012 Millennialism becomes improvisational conspiracist teleology*

Kevin Whitesides *Rumsfeldian atheism: Skepticism and the wake of religious disappointment*

### ***Deprivation and Social Class***

Joanne McKenzie      *Contemporary Evangelicalism and class: Preliminary reflections*  
Jens Köhrsen      *Religious preferences, religious choices and social class among charismatic Protestants in Latin America*  
Shailaja Menon      *The harvest of exclusive souls: The Swaminarayan Sampradaya*  
Alexander Yendell      *Deprivation theory vs. Contact hypothesis: What best explains intolerance towards religious minorities?*

6.00 - 7.00      Dinner

7.30 - 8.30      ***Equality and Human Rights Commission*** David Perfect & Karen Jochelson  
***Religion, Media and Culture Panel*** Gordon Lynch & Anna Strhan, Sean McCloud, Elaine Graham, Kim Knott

8.30      BSA Sociology of Religion Study Group Annual General Meeting  
Evening      Bar

### **Day 2 (Thursday 28 March 2012)**

Breakfast

9.00 - 11.00      Parallel Sessions 2

#### ***Contested Faith Spaces***

Maria Kennedy      *Quaker self-identity and the sectarian/religious divide during the 'Troubles' in Ireland, 1968-1998*  
Michael Sandford      *Dogs, swine and the King of the Jews: Jesus amongst the Gentiles in modern day Israel-Palestine*  
Graham Spencer      *Protestant perspectives on the possibility of forgiveness and reconciliation in Northern Ireland*  
Martin Rowe      *A civil state with a religious reference: Contentious politics, sectarian discourse and national identity in Egypt's transitional period*

#### ***Christian Identities***

Maria Frahm-Arp      *Agreeing on the Spirit and differing on money: Comparing the Protestant and Catholic Experiences of Charismatic Christianity in South Africa*  
Richard McCallum      *Standing out in public: The visibility and political participation of Britain's faith communities*  
Tim Hutchings      *'Ready To Be Second?' Gender, Testimony and Digital Storytelling*  
Greg Smith      *Evangelical advocacy and social justice: The political concerns of Evangelical Christians in the UK*  
& Mathew Guest

### ***Atheism and Non-Religion***

Spencer Bullivant      *Atheist summer camps: Transitioning away from conceptions of disbelief to belief*  
Chris Cotter            *The inherent inequalities of the religion-nonreligion dichotomy: A narrative approach to individual (non-)religiosity*  
Lydia Reid              *Religion and modernity*  
Janet Eccles            *Countercultural or mainstream? Some reflections from the Young Atheist Project*  
& Rebecca Catto

### ***Religion and the Public Square***

Miroslava Hukelova    *The role of the state in regulating and accommodating religion: The case of the UK and the Rushdie affair*  
Eileen Barker          *But some are less equal than others*  
Paul Weller,            *Religion and belief, discrimination and equality in England and Wales*  
Kingsley Purdam, Kristin Aune, Lesley Sawley & Lisa Taylor-Clarke  
Alan Carling            *Evidence versus ideology: Myth-making and gate-keeping in the study of religious inequality*  
& Marie Macey

11.00 - 11.30          Morning Coffee & Tea

11.30 - 1.00            Parallel Sessions 3

### ***Contested Modernities: Evangelical and Anglican Engagements with Equality Panel***

Matthew Engelke      *"Fire in the belly": Freedom, equality, and public religion*  
Andrew McKinnon    *Anglican schisms, global and local, structure and infrastructure*  
Anna Strhan            *Evangelicals, equality and the city*  
Chair: Gordon Lynch

### ***Wellbeing, Religion and Spirituality***

Sheryl Reimer-Kirkham, *Reluctant accommodation? The negotiation of religious and cultural plurality in Canadian health care*  
Marie Cochrane & Sonya Sharma  
Wendy Dossett        *A consideration of the language of 'Higher Power' in recovery from addiction*  
Andrew Todd         *The irony of the 'neutral' chaplain*

### ***Gender and Religion***

- Nitzan Peri *Religious differences in female labour force participation and domestic work*  
Marta Trzebiatowska *Why are women more religious than men?*  
Elijah Obinna *The church in the village and the village in the church: Negotiating gender and power within a mission-based church in South-Eastern, Nigeria*

### ***Social Capital and Consumerism***

- Dominika Motak *Capitalism as religion: Rethinking Walter Benjamin's thesis*  
Stefania Palmisano *New monasticism and the consumer society: A paradox?*  
Emyr Williams *Transformational capital, transformational cathedral? Towards an understanding of social capital and the individual's wellbeing*

1.00 - 2.00 Lunch

2.00 - 3.15 **Plenary, Elaine Graham *Between a rock and a hard place: Negotiating religious voices in public spaces***

3.15 - 4.45 Parallel Sessions 4

### ***Religion, Arts and Space***

- Stephanie Berns *Presence in the present: The role of time in engagements with religious museum objects*  
Monique M. Ingalls *Bringing worship to the streets: Performing nation, religion, and ethnicity through music in Toronto's Jesus in the city parade*  
Chris Hewson  
& Ralf Brand *Designing equality: Multi-faith space as social intervention*

### ***Religion and Education***

- Denise Cush *Without fear or favour: Equality and diversity in the treatment of religions and beliefs in religious education in England*  
Anders Sjoborg *Religious education and social cohesion: Examining the high intentions by listening to the pupils*  
Mairi Levitt  
& Fiona Muir *'The perfect pupil': Changing aims and changing measures of success in school RE*

### ***Sexualities and Religious (In)equalities***

- Anja Finger *Homophobia, heteronormativity, and religion: Sexual and religious inequalities among students*  
Caroline Ford *'We're not prejudiced': Allegations of homophobia against an African church in London*  
Luke Benjamin Gahan & Lynne Hillier *I will be married in the eyes of God: Emerging homopositive, same-sex marriage, and parenting discourses are providing marginalized same-sex attracted young people (SSAY) in Australia*

### ***Gender, Migration and Diaspora***

- Eva Midden *Redefining national, religious and gender identities in the Netherlands*  
Martha M. Lé Mon *Out on a limb? Religion, gender and family values in contemporary Sweden*  
Yafa Shanneik *Between Fadlallah and Sistani: Iraqi Shii women in Ireland*

4.45 - 5.15 Afternoon Coffee & Tea

5.15 - 6.30 **Plenary, Sean McCloud *Blessing the rich, damning the poor, and forgetting the social: Divine apologetics for class inequality and the study of religion in a neoliberal age***

Evening Dinner  
Bar

### **Day 3 (Friday March 30th 2012)**

Breakfast

9.00 - 11.00 Parallel Sessions 5

#### ***Veiling***

- M. Dadmohammadi *The conceptual clarification of the Islamic political creed and social justice in the Iranian society*  
Samantha Feder *Prohibiting full-face veils: Encouraging integration or perpetuating isolation?*  
Nathalie Grima *'An affair of the heart': Hijab narratives of Arab Muslim women in Malta*  
Stefanie Sinclair *National identity and the politics of the 'headscarf debate' in Germany*

### **Contemporary Islam**

- Nils Friedrichs *The Image of Islam and Christianity in Europe: Identification, social categorization and the development of prejudice*  
Solenne Jouanneau *'Defining minority Islam in a secular country': Imams, agents and objects of the transformations of Islamic authority in France*  
Joshua Roose *The role of Islam in promoting social inclusion: The Australian multicultural example*  
Chris Allen *15 years on and still a challenge for us all? A critical retrospective on the policy impact of the Runnymede Trust report into Islamophobia*

### **Religion and Education**

- Elisabeth Arweck *A sense of belonging or a sense of being marginalised? Young people's perceptions of religious diversity*  
Alessandro Bergamaschi *Religiousness as a mediator in representations of diversity: Elements of a comparative study between Italian and French teenagers*  
Lars Laird Eriksen *Whiteness and secular identities: Stigma and differential privatisation of religion*  
Alice Pyke *Christian affiliation, Christian practice, and attitudes to religious diversity: A quantitative analysis among 13- to 15 yr old female students*

### **Families and Parenting**

- Dia Dabby *The capacity to consent, the competence to believe? Using spatial analysis to grapple with inequality*  
Angele Deguara *Till divorce do us part? The role of the church in the divorce campaign in Catholic Malta*  
Lisa Taylor-Clarke *Religious freedom, sexual orientation and professional responsibilities: The case of Catholic adoption agencies*  
Jackie Leach Scully, Sarah Banks, Jackie Haq & Robert Song *Faithful judgements: The role of religion in lay people's ethical evaluations of new reproductive and genetic technologies*

11.00 - 11.30 Morning Coffee & Tea

11.30 - 1.00 Parallel Sessions 6

### **Religion and Belief in Higher Education Panel**

- Paul Weller *Religion and belief in higher education: The experiences of staff and students*  
Matt Francis & Martha Shaw *The role of religion in a Higher Education Institution: A case-study*  
Mathew Guest, Kristin Aune, Sonya Sharma & Rob Warner *The University as a Contested Site of Religious Identity: Reflections on Findings from the Christianity and the University Experience Project*  
Chair: Linda Woodhead

### ***Young People, Gender, Race and Religion***

- Akile Ahmet *Mixed race/mixed religion? Considering the role of religion in the lives of young men of mixed race*  
Brigit Allenbach *Dealing with in(e)equalities: Doing gender in Albanian religious communities in Switzerland*  
Daniel Nilsson DeHanas *Of hajj and home: The role of ethnic pilgrimage in everyday ethnicity*

### ***Marginalised Bodies***

- Sarah Long *Humanity, in whose image?*  
Ann MacDonald *The body and the Kirk: Women and visibility in Evangelical Christian worship*  
Wayne Morris *Disability and divinity: Can disabled people become God?*

### ***Social and Economic Deprivation and Religion in the European Union Panel***

- Grace Davie  
Betsy Olson & Giselle Vincett  
Kornelia Sammet

1.00 - 2.00 Lunch

2.00 - 3.30 Parallel Sessions 7

### ***Migrations***

- Joanildo Burity *Minoritisation and global religious activism: Southern tales of struggles against inequality in politics and culture*  
Gladys Ganiel *Religious diversity and belonging in post-Catholic Ireland*  
M.Parameshwaran *Reactive Christianity in Britain? Religious diversity, social cohesion, and identity formation*  
& Matthew Bennett

### ***Religion and Spirituality in the Workplace***

- Sheila Furness *The place of religion and belief in social work practice*  
& Philip Gilligan  
Mark Read *Inequalities of religious vision: Articulating (Quaker) utopianism in the contemporary workplace*  
Keith Abbott *The discourse of spirituality: Recognising the 'spiritual repertoire' in studies of religion and spirituality, some practical implications for scholars and social care practitioners concerned with spirituality*

***Power and Embodiment***

- Hannah Bacon *Salvation through thinness alone! The adoption and adaption of Christian discourses on sin and salvation in commercial dieting contexts*
- Sarah Harvey *Religion and natural birth*
- Anna Neubauer *From passive woman to seeker on the path: Reinterpretations of Sufi gender concepts by a contemporary female master in Istanbul*

***Generations***

- Abby Day *Making visible generation A: An ethnographic study of older Anglican women*
- Janet Eccles *Gendered (in)equalities and the place of the emotions: The religious experience of some older British women*
- Sarah-Jane Page *Gender (in)equality and religion: Understanding young women's accounts of (in)equality through the religion-culture divide*

3.30 - 5.00

***Religious and Change in Modern Britain Roundtable Discussion***

Linda Woodhead & Rebecca Catto, Grace Davie, Shuruq Naguib, Kim Knott, Gordon Lynch

5.00

Close

***Concurrent Poster Presentations***

- Duřan Luřný & Daniel Topinka *Religion and inequality in contemporary Czech society*
- Emyr Williams *Religion and the individual: A social-psychological perspective*