

Religion and (In)Equalities

Sociology of Religion Study Group (SOCREL) Annual Conference

University of Chester, UK
28 – 30 March 2012

Plenary Speakers:

Professor Tariq Modood (University of Bristol)
Professor Elaine Graham (University of Chester)
Professor Sean McCloud (University of North Carolina)

Also featuring:

- A roundtable discussion with Professor Linda Woodhead, Dr Rebecca Catto (Lancaster University), Professor Kim Knott (University of Leeds), Professor Hugh McLeod (University of Birmingham), Professor Gordon Lynch (University of Kent) and Dr Shuruq Naguib (Lancaster University) on the forthcoming volume *Religious Change in Modern Britain* (Routledge)
- Dr Karen Jochelson and Dr David Perfect (Equality and Human Rights Commission)

This interdisciplinary conference gathers academics and practitioners to discuss the complex ways religion interacts with systems of power and/or categories of difference that affect experiences of equality and/or inequality in individuals, groups and spaces. The intersections of gender, race and class are typically part of the mutually constitutive 'matrix' of social categories that contribute to identities and power relations, however religion is often overlooked. Such oversight can only result in limited analyses and leaves pathways to social inclusion and exclusion concealed. Through this conference we seek to bring together research that explores the ways religious beliefs, identities, practices, communities and institutions can contribute to both experiences of belonging and marginalization.

The Conference programme will include papers and posters on the conference theme, especially on the interaction of religious beliefs, traditions, practices and identities with:

Class	Gender
Multicultural politics	Education
Race	Dis/abilities
Economics	Sexuality
Healthcare and Well-being	Social justice
Public policy	

Further information is available from <http://www.socrel.org.uk>.

Conference registration will open in December 2011.

Please direct any **administrative enquiries** to: conference@britsoc.org.uk or **academic enquiries** to: Dr Dawn Llewellyn (University of Chester) and Dr Sonya Sharma (Durham University) at: religionandinequalities@gmail.com

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