

### Parallel Session A - Monday 14th July - 12:00 - 13:30

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|               | Theme - Workshop  | Theme - Feminist Spirituality   | Theme - Analytical Lenses  | Theme - Author Meets Critic   | Theme - Islam and Young People   |
| 12.00 - 12.30 | Publishing Your Thesis: 3 Easy Steps<br><b>Abby Day</b><br>Goldsmiths, University of London | Subverting Patriarchy, Reshaping Devotion: Gendered Contestations in the Bhakti Movement and Contemporary Religious Praxis in India<br><b>Dharti Sharma</b><br>Indian Institute of Information Technology Vadodara, India | Congregational Studies: what can be learned by a renewed engagement with the Sociology of Religion<br><b>Helen Cameron</b><br>Regents Park College, Oxford |   | Becoming the Subject of Hope within Collectivities: The Experiences of "Religious Youth" in Türkiye<br><b>Nesibe Demir</b><br>Ibn Haldun University              |
| 12.30 - 13.00 |   | Reclaiming the Sacred: Goddess Worship Rituals and the Future of Sociology Beyond Postfeminism and Neoliberal Individualism<br><b>Sharon Jagger</b><br>York St John's University  | More than Flirting with Media in the Sociology of Religion<br><b>Michael Munnik</b><br>Cardiff University  | The Culture of Care in Britain since the Second World War: a critical conversation between the author, Bernice Martin, and Grace Davie and Mathew Guest | Veiled Realities: Youth, Spirituality, and the Shifting Boundaries of Faith in Kazakhstan<br><b>Aruzhan Saimassayeva</b><br>Al-Farabi Kazakh National University |
| 13.00 - 13.30 |   | Femininity and Faith: Black Feminist, Womanist, and Postcolonial Perspectives on African Pentecostalism in the UK<br><b>Mabel Alkali</b><br>Queen's Ecumenical Theological Foundation                                     | Dividual and not Individual Personhood to drive sociology of religion<br><b>Douglas Davies</b><br>University of Durham                                     |   |  |

### Keynote 1 - Monday 14th July - 14:30 - Professor Monique Moultrie

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### Parallel Session B - Monday 14th July - 16:30 - 18:30

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|               | Theme - Methodological Case Studies   | Theme - Ecology and Climate Change  | Theme - Non-religion and secularisation (PGR)  | Theme - Spirituality, Spirit Experiences and the Paranormal  | Theme - Queering the sociology of religion  |
| 16:30 - 17:00 | The methodological challenges of global surveys: A Quaker case study<br><b>Shena Deuchars</b><br>University of Birmingham   | Autonomous Moral Re-Engagement with Religion: An Ethical and Sustainable Twist to Reflexive Religiosity in Contemporary Society<br><b>Ellen Atayee-Bennett</b><br>Southampton Solent University | Unlearning Religion<br><b>Lucy Potter</b><br>University of Sheffield   | Studying Spiritually Transformative Experiences: Expanding the Sociology of Lived Spirituality<br><b>Ruth-Helen Vassilas</b><br>University of York | Out of the Closet in Contentious Times: A Comparison of the Beliefs, Practices, and Expectations of LGBTQ+ Catholics in Italy and South Korea<br><b>Fabio Bolzonar</b><br>Université Libre de Bruxelles |
| 17:00 - 17:30 | Folk Religiosity as a Research Topic in the Polish Sociology of Religion. History and Present<br><b>Maciej Krzywosz</b><br>University of Białystok  |   | "Yet Again, Mistaken but Righteous?" How Religious Nones Emerge amid State-Sanctioned Islamism's Shift from Divine to Humane Politics<br><b>Metin Koca</b><br>University of York | Spirit Communication and the Disenchanted World<br><b>Caroline Starkey</b><br>University of Leeds  | Exit/(Re-)invention: Thinking Ambivalences and Islam(s) otherwise Alongside Queer ex-Muslims in Southeast Asia<br><b>Ali Kassem</b><br>National University of Singapore                                 |
| 17:30 - 18:00 | Ethics of Opacity: Methodological Reflections on Researching South Korea's Shincheonji Church of Jesus<br><b>Mary Briggs</b><br>University of Birmingham                                      | Planetary Solidarity: Reimagining God and Climate Change<br><b>Grace Kim</b><br>Earlham School of Religion  | From Numbers to Narratives: Methodological transformations in the Sociology of Non-religion<br><b>Saroop C L</b><br>Sree Sankaracharya University of Sanskrit, India             | Manifesting and Social Magic: Ontologies of agency and transformation<br><b>Tom Boland</b><br>University College Cork                              | The Role of Religion in Queer Migration: Experiences in Lithuania<br><b>Gintare Poce</b><br>Vytautas Magnus University  |
| 18:00 - 18:30 | LOUDfence and Material Religion: An Ethnographic Mapping of a Movement to Recognise the Impact of Child Sexual Abuse in Church Contexts<br><b>Sarah-Jane Page</b><br>University of Nottingham | Women & the Ecological Crisis: An Exploration of Opposing Ideals in Salafi Islam<br><b>Saxony Anders</b><br>Northeastern University London  | Gnosis and Exodus from the Iron Cage: Jacob Taubes and Ali Shariati<br><b>Saman Mahdevar</b><br>Goethe University of Frankfurt   | Nature and Women's Circles: A personal and critically reflexive exploration<br><b>Madeleine Castro</b><br>Leeds Beckett University                 | Affective Activism: Religion, Race, and Queer Excess in South African coloured performance<br><b>Megan Robertson</b><br>University of Leeds   |

### Parallel Session C - Tuesday 15th July 11:30 - 13:00

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|  | Theme - Contemporary British Religion & Non-Religion | Theme - Author Meets Critic | Theme - Navigating Religious Change (PGR) | Theme - Workshop | Theme - Rescripting sex and gender |

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| 11.30 - 12.00 | Boundedness and porousness for non-theist members of Twelve Step Fellowships in London<br><b>Lucy Clarke</b><br><b>University of Kent</b>   | Future Directions in Gender and Christianity: Reproductive Rights, Complementarianism, Leadership and Religious Identity (Panel)<br><b>Sarah-Jane Page</b><br><b>University of Nottingham</b> | Influencer Creep and the Profanization of Hinduism<br><b>Vatsal Tewari</b><br><b>Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi</b>  | More than prayer rooms: Religion and EDI in Higher Education (workshop)<br><b>Szilvi Watson</b><br><b>University of Oxford</b> | Sexual Scripting and Evangelical Purity Culture: Exploring how post-purity millennials are re-writing their sexual scripts<br><b>Morgana Loze-Doyle</b><br><b>University of Chester</b> |
| 12.00 - 12.30 | The changeable role of religious faith and practice throughout the lifecourse: findings from the frailty and ethnicity study<br><b>Victoria Cluley</b><br><b>University of Nottingham</b> |   |  |  | Gender Segregation in the Mosques: Women's Praying Experiences in Public Religious Spaces in Istanbul<br><b>Rumeyza Ertugrul</b><br><b>Marmara University</b>                           |
| 12.30 - 13.00 | Exploring British South Asian Faith Community Relations<br><b>Serena Hussain</b><br><b>Coventry University</b>  |   | The Anxiety of Losing Ritual Time: A Phenomenology of Shiite Temporal Experience<br><b>Zahra Naghshband</b><br><b>Max Weber Center at the University of Erfurt</b> |  | Colonial Erasures and Queer Sacredness: Reclaiming Gender-Fluid Figures in Religious Epistemology<br><b>Debangi Sanyal</b><br><b>Jadavpur University</b>                                |

#### Parallel Session D - Tuesday 15th July - 15:00 - 16:30

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|               | Theme  | Theme - Religion and Conflict  | Theme - Approaches to the Sociological   | Theme - Methodological Change and Challenge (PGR)  | Theme - Non-religion panel |
| 15.00 - 15.30 | Race and Class in UK Religious Studies and Theology<br><b>Caroline Starkey</b><br><b>University of Leeds, University of Aberdeen, Queen's Foundation</b> | Religion, Intergroup Threats, and the Demand for Nigeria's Partition<br><b>Emmanuel Ossai</b><br><b>Lancaster University</b>   | Intersectionality in sociological research on religion: genealogies, usages and opportunities<br><b>Line Nyhagen</b><br><b>Loughborough University</b>                           | Measuring Religiosity in Times of Pluralisation: An Attempt at Trans-Religious Abstraction Using a Multidimensional Scale of Transcendence<br><b>Ruben Below</b><br><b>University of Munster</b> | Lois Lee                   |
| 15.30 - 16.00 |  | Violence, Religion, and the Secular: Towards a Decolonial Approach to Violence and Conflict in Mexico<br><b>Gema Kloppe-Santamaria</b><br><b>University College Cork</b> | Sociology of Religion and Sociology of Organizations: Nurturing a Generative Interface<br><b>Massimiliano Monaci</b><br><b>Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, Milan</b>    | Examining the methodological and ethical challenges when researching shunning practices within the Jehovah's Witnesses as an ex-JW.<br><b>Lindy Lovett</b><br><b>University of Chester</b>       |                            |
| 16.00 - 16.30 |  | Beyond the horizon: The limits and social functions of the myth of conflict between science and religion<br><b>Stephen Jones</b><br><b>Keele University</b>              | The 'Impossible Subjects'? A theoretical exploration of identity and inclusion for autistic people within religious groups<br><b>Krysia Waldock</b><br><b>Swansea University</b> | Ethical Engagements in the Sociology of Religion: Navigating Research, Representation, and Social Impact<br><b>Akanksha Yadav</b><br><b>IIT (BHU)</b>  |                            |

#### Keynote 2 - Tuesday 15th July - 17:00 - In Conversation on SocRel's History

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#### Parallel Session E - Wednesday 16th July - 09:30 - 11:30

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|               | Theme - Space and Time   | Theme - Religion, politics and the state   | Theme: Religion, politics and the state (PGR)   | Theme : Health and Healthcare, Death and Deathcare   | Theme - Religious Futures   |
| 09.30 - 10.00 | Faith, Pilgrimage, and Spiritual Ecosystem: Religious Belief and Practice at Neeb Karori Dham in India<br><b>Alok Kumar Tripathi</b><br><b>University of Lucknow</b>                         | Love, Religious Lobbies, and Institutional Opportunities: The Politics of Gay Marriage in Japan and Taiwan<br><b>Fabio Bolzonar</b><br><b>Université Libre de Bruxelles</b>                    | Religion as a Political Instrument: PAS's Populist Discourse in Malaysia<br><b>Aliye Kelesoglu</b><br><b>Universiti Malaya, Malaysia</b>                                | Muslim cemeteries and funeral practices in Belgium": Unveiling the challenges, needs and demand<br><b>Eva Verschueren</b><br><b>University of Antwerp</b>              | Challenges and Changes: The Past, Present and Future of British Imams<br><b>Riyaz Timol</b><br><b>Cardiff University</b>                          |
| 10:00 - 10:30 | The Temple, the Artisan, and the Deity: Pattachitra as a Sacred Cartography of the Jagannath Tradition<br><b>Dharti Sharma</b><br><b>Indian Institute of Information Technology Vadodara</b> | Citizenship, Identity, And Civility: Shifting Notion of Religious Organizations in India<br><b>Muhammed Jabir Mc</b><br><b>University of Hyderabad</b>   | Impact Of Hindu Nationalism on Marginalized Communities in India<br><b>Neha C</b><br><b>University of Liverpool</b>   | Muslims of Malabar: Exploring Their Role in Mental Health, Well-being, and the Intersection with Conventional Healthcare Systems<br><b>Farsana Kp</b>                  | The Quiet Revival? Young adults and the future of British Christianity<br><b>Rob Barward-Symmons</b><br><b>Bible Society</b>                      |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | The contemporary role of religions in shaping time: The Transition from Weekday to Holy Day in Jewish Society in Israel<br><b>Stav Shufan-Biton</b><br><b>Bar Ilan University, Israel</b>    | "We came to Miami to make big money": Migration and the Prosperity Gospel among Latin American immigrants in the USA.<br><b>Antonio Montanes Jimenez</b><br><b>University of Oxford</b>        | The Catholic Church as an Appropriate Organisation and its Role in Migrant Incorporation in South Korea<br><b>Bubbles Beverly Asor</b><br><b>De La Salle University</b> | Chronic illness as cultural disruption: the impact of chronic illness on religious and cultural practice.<br><b>Victoria Cluley</b><br><b>University of Nottingham</b> | Spiritual Seeking in a Frantic era—Developing Young Buddhist Groups in Hong Kong<br><b>Ngar-Sze Lau</b><br><b>Chinese University of Hong Kong</b> |
| 11:00 - 11:30 | Restructuring Sacred Spaces: The Social Value of Choral Outreach in Liverpool Cathedral's Neoliberal Engagement<br><b>Simone Krüger Bridge</b><br><b>Liverpool John Moores University</b>    | Christian responses to restrictions of public worship during the Covid-19 pandemic in Ireland: Another North/South divide?<br><b>Caoimhe Ni Dhonaill</b><br><b>Queen's University, Belfast</b> | Khanqahs and Political Influence in the Indian Subcontinent: A Sociological Perspective<br><b>Khawar Amir</b><br><b>University of Leeds</b>                             | Schooling Character in a Therapeutic Society: The Changing Role of Religion<br><b>Anna Strhan</b><br><b>University of York</b>   | Living and Dying Well in Old Age: Spiritual Needs in a Non-Religious Future<br><b>Joanna Malone</b><br><b>University of York</b>                  |

#### Roundtable - Religion, Disability and Neurodivergence - Reflecting on the SocRel Response Day 2025

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#### Keynote 3 - Wednesday 16th July - 13:30 - Linda Woodhead and Gordon Lynch

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**Parallel Session F - Wednesday 16th July - 15:00 - 16:30**

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| 15.00 - 15.30 | Embroidery as meditation and as method<br>Sara Mchaffie<br>Northumbria University | "Doing your own research" as religious quest: the surprising religiosity of alternative facts, stigmatised knowledge, and epistemological language.<br><b>Jo Banks</b><br><b>King's College London</b>           | Finding something in nothing: Exploring how absence is present, meaningful and inspiring in the everyday lives of sexually abstinent religious students.<br><b>Michael Keenan</b><br><b>Nottingham Trent University</b> | Language and Liturgy: The Latin Mass and the Shaping of Catholic Borderscapes<br><b>Caterina Guardamagna</b><br><b>University of Liverpool</b>  | Growing Up Godless: Non-Religious Childhoods in Contemporary England (author meets critic)<br><b>Anna Strhan</b><br><b>University of York</b> |
| 15.30 - 16.00 |   | Scientization and Modernism in Won Buddhism<br><b>Sergei Sevrugin</b><br><b>Victoria University of Wellington</b>  | Religiosity-based Exclusion and the UK Philosophy Curriculum<br><b>Dino Jakusic</b><br><b>University of Warwick</b>   | Covid-19 and Perceptions of Digital Religious Options on the Island of Ireland – Promoting Faith, or Hastening Secularization?<br><b>Gladys Ganiel</b><br><b>Queen's University Belfast</b> |   |
| 16.00 - 16.30 |   | Conversion and cosmological shift(s): Narratives of sorcerers and contestations around religious identities in an indigenous community<br><b>Ananya Pattnaik</b><br><b>Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi</b> | The future of interfaith activity on campus: Embracing intersectional approaches to religion and worldview-related tensions at the UK university<br><b>Lucy Peacock</b><br><b>Woolf Institute</b>                       | New Media Experiences of Gen Z Muslims<br><b>Daniel Nilsson DeHanas</b><br><b>King's College London</b>   |   |