

Space, Stuff and Sacrality: Everyday Engagements with Religion in Society

Conference Programme

16TH JUNE 2022

10 AM (BST)

OPENING REMARKS

10:15 AM (BST)

PANEL 1: READING BIBLICAL SPACES

Reading While Placed: A Proposal on Spatial Reading of the Bible

Richardo Cinema, South East Asia Bible Seminary

Joshua 13-21: Separating Space and Peoples

Katherine Gwyther, University of Leeds

11:15-11:30 AM (BST)

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PANEL 2: VIRTUAL SPACE

'We really need a black person to give us their perspective': BLM, Godly Play and online space in the practice of children's Christianity

Cath Kennedy, University of Sheffield

Making of Sacred Place: With Reference of Online Hindu Worship

Deepak Ohja, University of Dehli

12:30-1 PM (BST)

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PANEL 3: ALTERNATIVE TRADITIONS AND RELIGIOUS PRACTICE

Irish Feminist Witches; Where Tradition and Materialism Overlap in Contemporary Religious Practices

Shannon Hughes Spence, University College Dublin

Crystals: Material Conduits of an Immaterial Force

Dr Susanna Crockford, University of Exeter

2-2:30 PM (BST)

BREAK

2:30-4 PM (BST)

KEYNOTE

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Dr Suzanna Ivanic, University of Kent

4-4:15 PM (BST)

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NETWORKING COFFEE/DRINKS

Discussion: How do we research religion and space?

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PANEL 4: GENDER

Banners Up, Arms Down: Irish Women and the Shaping of Religious Space

Dr Sophie Cooper, Queen's University Belfast

'Are We Oranges on a Seder Plate?' – Investigating the Role of Religious Spaces and Stuff among Non-Heterosexual Jewish Women

Mie Astrup Jensen, University College London

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PANEL 5: PRODUCING SACRALITY

Listening and Infrastructures of Sound in Evangelical Religious Practice

Jeremy McGinniss, Liberty University

Elections as a Semi-Religious Activity in Venetian *Watching the Morning* Fraternity

Dr Evgeniya Zarubina, Russian Academy of Science

A Panacea for Ills, a Guard Against Distress: Tracing the Sacrality of Turbah Karbala in Shi'a Religious Thought and Practice

Mustafa Roker, Aljamea-Tus-Saifiyah

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PANEL 6: HERITAGE

Moving through 'Our Lord in the Attic' Museum: The Action of Sacred Heritage Making

Dr Emma J. McAlister, Queen's University Belfast

Religion and *Museums for Peace*

Rev. Dr Clive Barrett, University of Leeds

2:30-2:45 PM (BST)

BREAK

2:45 PM (BST)

PANEL 7: COMMERCIAL AND LIMINAL SPACE

Prayer Rooms, Gates, and Escalators - Spaces for God?

Alan Benstock, University of Leeds

Mezzanine Swamis: The Role of Hotels in the Early History of Yoga in the United States

Philip Deslippe, University of California, Santa Barbara

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**Gender and Space, Material Culture and Ritual:
Methods for Reading Ancient Lives**

Dr Joseph Scales, Independent Scholar

5:30-5:45 PM (BST)

CLOSING REMARKS

6 PM (BST)

END OF CONFERENCE DRINKS (ALL WELCOME!)