



## Strong religion and mainstream culture

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Umeå University

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## Youth, Education and Technology

International Conference at Humlab-X, Umeå Arts Campus, 9–10 November 2017

### Thursday 9 November 2017

10.00 OPENING SESSION

*Chair: Daniel Lindmark*

10.30 *Keynote lecture*

*Introduction: Karin Sporre*

Professor Wolfram Weisse, University of Hamburg, Germany: “Religious pluralisation and secularisation: Opposites or two sides of the same coin?”

11.45 LUNCH

13.00 *Paper session 1: Education and socialisation*

*Chair: Fred van Lieburg*

Gerdien Bertram-Troost, & J. Exalto, “Strong religion in liberal society: The case of strong religious schools in the Netherlands”

Linda Vikdahl, “There is much at stake: About interreligious dialogue in school between upper secondary pupils south of Stockholm, Sweden”

Joseph Misati Akuma, “Religion, modernity and socialization of adolescents and young people in Kenya”

14.30 COFFEE

15.00 *Paper session 2: Conceptions and attitudes*

*Chair: Veronika Albrecht-Birkner*

Jakob Dahlbacka & Gerd Snellman, “Youth and education in the Ostrobothnian Bible belt”

Ori Katzin, “Mainstream Israeli teenagers’ conceptions of Ultra-Orthodox Jews: Humanism, criticism and resentment”

Andreas Häger, “Laestadianism in the news: Media and strong religion in a Finnish case”

19.00 CONFERENCE DINNER

## Friday 10 November 2017

- 08.30      *Paper session 3: Class, politics and identity*  
*Chair: Daniel Lindmark*
- Svein Ivar Langhelle, "Self-confident farmers and Nordic revivals"
- Tiina Harjumaa & Tapio Nykänen, "Conservative Laestadianists in regional politics in Northern Finland"
- Lis-Mari Hjortfors, "Sami identity and Laestadianism in the Lule Sami area in Sápmi, Sweden and Norway"
- 10.00      COFFEE
- 10.30      *Project presentation*  
*Chair: Fred van Lieburg*
- Veronika Albrecht-Birkner, Florian Heesch, Ruthild Stöhr & Reinhard Kopanski, "Why should the devil have all the good music?": Strong religion meets rock"
- 11.45      LUNCH
- 13.00      *Paper session 4: Encounters with pluralism*  
*Chair: Tomas Lindgren*
- Ibrahim Abraham, "Ambiguity, instability, and translatability in Pentecostal engagements with contemporary youth culture"
- Anneke Pons- De Wit, "Sincere and accessible: Believing in plurality in the Dutch Bible Belt"
- Anja-Maria Bassimir, "Beautiful Orthodoxy in an ugly universe"
- 14.30      COFFEE
- 15.00      *Paper session 5: Strong leaders, radicalisation and nonviolence*  
*Chair: Stefan Gelfgren*
- Anssi Ollilainen, "Strong leaders: Authorization of leaders among neo-charismatic revivalism"
- Tomas Lindgren, "Mechanisms of religious radicalization: Pathways toward violence"
- Mattias Dahlkvist, "Islam, peace and nonviolence: The thinking of Maulana Wahiduddin Khan"
- 16.30      CLOSING SESSION  
*Chair: Stefan Gelfgren*