Strong Religion and Mainstream Culture
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-Birken

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 resentfulness”

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

19.00  CONFERENCE DINNER at Restaurant Köksbaren. Address: Rådhusplanaden 17B, Umeå
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, Reinhard Kopanski, Hannah Strunk & Ruthild Stöhr, “‘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