



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 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