

Program for *Religion: Memory and Innovation* Summer School & Conference 11-15.6.2023

Sunday 11th June

18.00 Informal get-together for Summer School participants (optional):
Theologikum, Polin Institute (Biskopsgatan / Piispankatu 16)

Monday 12th June

10.45-11.00 Summer school opening & Welcome, Room: Argentum

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-12.45 Workshop 1 (tutors: Björkander & Bongmba)

Room: Rhodium

Blumgrund: “Qualitative study on asylum seekers’ conversion from Islam to Christianity”

Nilsson: The Societal Impact Of Theological Research: Theoretical, Practical And Communication Related Considerations

Nikanne: Perspectives on the asylum migrants’ post 2015 conversions from Islam to Christianity – Narrating conversion in the context of global Finland

13.00-14.00 Lunch: Kårkafé Aurum

14.00-15.30 Workshop 2 (tutors: Devaney & Laato)

Room: Rhodium

Pompeo: Walking in Newness of Life: Memory, History and Innovative Thrust in Contemporary Paulinism

Helenius: “The role of memory and memory resources regarding John Duns Scotus’ life and philosophy, Franciscan educational customs, and the transmission of knowledge”

15.30-15.45 Coffee Break: Kårkafé Aurum Bistro

15.45-17.15 Workshop 3 (tutors: Behar & Hovi)

Room: Rhodium

Dahl: The notion of ‘sameness’ in the Finnish university students’ life-views

Christensen: What we talk about when we talk about Yiddish. Negotiating Jewish identity in Sweden through meta-linguistic practice and speech community

Banyanga: The Identity of Sub-Saharan African Christians in Finland

18.00 Summer school dinner: Kårkafé Arken (Tehtaankatu 2)

Tuesday 13th June

9.15–10.45 Workshop 4 (tutors: Vikström & Sjö)

Room: Rhodium

Inkilä: World Views behind Forest Policy: Views of Nature and Forest Political Agency in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland

Wickström: The Position of Social Movements within Environmentalism in the Middle East



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10.45-11.15 Break

11.15-12.45 Workshop 5 (tutors: Broo & Sakaranaho)

Room: Rhodium

Korpi: “How modern spiritualities in Finland construct collective identities or in-groups’ perceptions of themselves in relation to their temporal and cultural landscapes”

Gebraad: “ways Discordian practice is created by practitioners and the meanings they assign to it”

Elgabsi: Religion, memory, and cultural heritage (“grey areas between religion and culture in the school culture in Swedish-speaking lower secondary schools in Finland”)

13.00-14.00 Lunch: Kårkafé Aurum

14.00-15.30 Workshop 6 (tutors: Kraft & Moberg)

Room: Rhodium

Ray: European Theology meets Asian culture and technology – old meets new in Malaysian worship

CANCELLED: Högberg: “how the menstrual cycle and religious aspects interplay in Protestant Christian women’s lived everyday experience and what theology emerges from these experiences”

Amwe: On Our Way to Appease the Gods!: Asserting Gender and Religious Ritual Capitals in the Nigerian Public Sphere

15.30-15.45 Coffee Break: Kårkafé Aurum Bistro

15.45-17.15 Workshop 7 (tutors: Berglund, Kwaku Golo)

Room: Rhodium

Yola: Innovative Use of Pedagogical Strategies as a Means of Sustaining Christianity’s Memory among the Youth in Contemporary Cameroon

Tom: Tracing the Epistemological Foundations of African Religions – A decolonial exploration of David Chidester’s work

18.00 Excursion: Walking tour starts from in front of Donner Institute (Biskopsgatan 13). Information: <https://esotericturku.wordpress.com/>

Wednesday 14th June

9.00-9.15 Welcome to the conference. Room: Argentum

9.15-10.45 Session 8 – Societal Transformation (chair: Kapinde)

Room: Rhodium

Äystö: The Satanic Panic as a Cautionary Memory: Could it Happen Again?

Hulkkonen: Alternative Spirituality, Well-being and Innovative Understandings of Christianity

Parallel session – Pilgrimage 1 (chair: Ahola)

Room: Palladium

Laato: Virgin Mary and the Birth of Jesus in the Ascension of Isaiah



Devaney: Old Stories and New Stones (“how the combination of the invocation of antiquity and the appeal of novelty functioned both during early modern religious upheavals and today”)

10.45-11.00 Break

11.00-12.30 **Keynote 1: Prof. Elias Bongmba (Rice University)**

Room: Argentum

12.30-13.30 Lunch: Kårkafé Aurum

13.30-15.00 Session 9 – Who is remembered (chair: Illman)

Room: Rhodium

Waheed: Body, Place and Memory: Sufism in Egypt throughout the 21st century

Sakaranaho: Religion and ‘Irish cultural memory’

Parallel session – Bible: (chair: Tanskanen)

Room: Palladium

Berglund: The Innovation of a Master Wonderworker
in the Character of Simon Peter

Syreeni: Suppressed, Adopted, and Invented Memories: The Death of Jesus in the Gospel of John

15.00-15.30 Coffee break: Kårkafé Aurum Bistro

15.30-17.00 **Keynote 2: Prof. Ruth Behar (University of Michigan)**

Room: Argentum

18.00 Conference dinner: Restaurant Boat Svarte Rudolf (Itäinen Rantakatu 13)

Thursday 15th June

9.15-10.45 Session 10 – Theology: (chair: Kapinde)

Room: Rhodium

Golo: Christian Panentheism, Indigenous Ecological Knowledge, and Theology of Environmental Sustainability in Ghana

Björkander: Memory and Justice in Post-Genocide Rwanda: A reading of Timothy Longman

White: Missional Church and the Healing of Memories: African Pentecostal Perspective
Parallel session – Pilgrimage 2: (chair: Lindqvist)

Room: Palladium

Dahlbacka: The Retrieved Altar Cross Of The Luther Church Helsinki – Sacred Waste Transformed Into Sensational Frame

Kuuva: Therapeutic Aspects of Colours Described by Rudolf Steiner: Case Madonna

10.45-11.15 Coffee break: Aurum 2nd floor in front of Argentum

11.15-12.45 Session 11 – Memory construction: (chair: Hovi)

Room: Rhodium

Mikeshin: Russian Baptist Eschatological Tranquility and Memory Construction During the Pandemic



CANCELLED: **Snellman:** *“Laestadianism in the late 1900th century in the north of Sweden”*

Nahnfeldt: *“New wine in new wineskins”. On social innovation in Church of Sweden since 2015.*

Parallel session - How is remembered: (chair: Sjö)

Room: Palladium

Hellsten: Dancing Memory And Innovation

Raunola: Remembrance of Living on Light – How to Interpret Data with ANT Mapping

12.45-13.45 Lunch: Kårkafé Aurum

13.45-15.15 **Keynote 3: Prof. Siv Ellen Kraft (The Arctic University of Norway)**

Room: Argentum

15.15-15.30 Closing words. Room: Argentum

