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How does religion structure diversity, and how does diversity structure religion(s)?

Religion can be addressed as diversity category, organizing groups, power and knowledge within a society. At the same time, bodily and social differences interact with religious contexts.

By linking those topics, the conference contributes to a better understanding of social differences and inequalities caused or addressed by religions in a globalized world.

Convenors

Dr Anne Beutter, University of Lucerne, Switzerland

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Program

03/30/2023 DAY 1 - RELIGIONS AND CRITICAL DIVERSITY LITERACY HS 8

10:00–11:00 Arrival and Registration

11:00–11:15 Opening

11:15–13:15 **Introductory Keynotes: Religious Diversity and Critical Diversity Literacy**
Lene Kühle, Aarhus (Denmark) & Melissa Steyn, Johannesburg (South Africa)

13:15–14:30 Lunch Break

14:30–16:30 PANEL I – DIVERSITY STRATEGIES

Rosa Lütge, Bremen (Germany)
Between diversity and equality – Strategies of subversion in Muslim online magazines

Iuliia Korniiichuk, Kyiv/Warsaw (Poland/Ukraine)
Celebrating diversity in modern Ukraine: the role of the All-Ukrainian Council of Churches and religious organisations

Abdelmjid Kettioui, Meknès (Marocco)
Un/Doing 'critical diversity literacy' from outside the Islamic field: The case of Moroccan nonreligious activists in the diaspora

Alice Küng, Fribourg (Switzerland)
Religion in the diversity management in companies in Switzerland

18:00–19:45 ÖFFENTLICHER VORTRAG HS 7

Zeinab Ahmadi, Fribourg (Switzerland)
Diversität als Potential: Ressourcen muslimischer Jugendlicher an Schweizer Schulen
Universität Luzern, Hörsaal 7 (Public Lecture in German)

10:30–11:15 Reflection I – looking back together on day I

11:30–13:00 PANEL II – INTRARELIGIOUS DIVERSITY IN CONTEXT

Yuliya Aliyeva, Baku (Azerbaijan)

Religious diversity strategies and non-traditional Christian communities in Baku: Negotiating Intra-Religious identity and intercommunity Solidarity

Patrícia de Souza, São Paulo (Brazil)

The subversive saints of Brazilian Umbanda

Kwabena Asamoah Gyadu, Accra (Ghana)

Being the body of Christ in the European diaspora: Challenges of diversity among African immigrant churches in Europe

13:00–14:00 Lunch Break

14:00–15:30 PANEL III: INTERRELIGIOUS DIVERSITY AND SPATIAL ARRANGEMENTS

Mischa Piraud & Tatiana Roveri, Geneva (Switzerland)

Dynamics of space production in mapping cantonal religious diversity

Narciss M. Sohrabi, Paris (France)

Space, architecture and visibility of religious diversity under socio-political conditions. Case Study: Tehran

Atena Abdoli Masinan, Tehran (Iran)

How to structure diversity and religion in ancient societies. A case study: The religion of the Mithra

15:30–16:00 Coffee Break

16:00–17:30 Response and Discussion

Lene Kühle, Aarhus (Denmark)

10:00–10:45 Reflection II – looking back together on day II

11:00–12:30 PANEL IV – SEX, GENDER AND RACE

Maham Naseer, Göttingen (Germany)

Devotional bliss and sensual amorousness – religiosity, sexuality, and femineity of a courtesan in the eighteenth-century Deccan of Mughal India

Jennifer Ball, Bangor (United Kingdom/Wales)

A queer path: An investigation into heteronormativity within contemporary paganism.

Leandro de Paula, Salvador (Brazil)

Religious diversity and racial politics in Salvador, Brazil

12:30–13:30 Lunch Break

13:30–15:00 PANEL V – ABLEISM AND INEQUALITY

Tabea Eugster-Schaetzle, Basel (Switzerland)

Un/doing precariat – Diaconic work and the asymmetry in society

Yasmina Burezah, Bonn (Germany)

The materiality of diversity –Kanye West between religion, race and disability

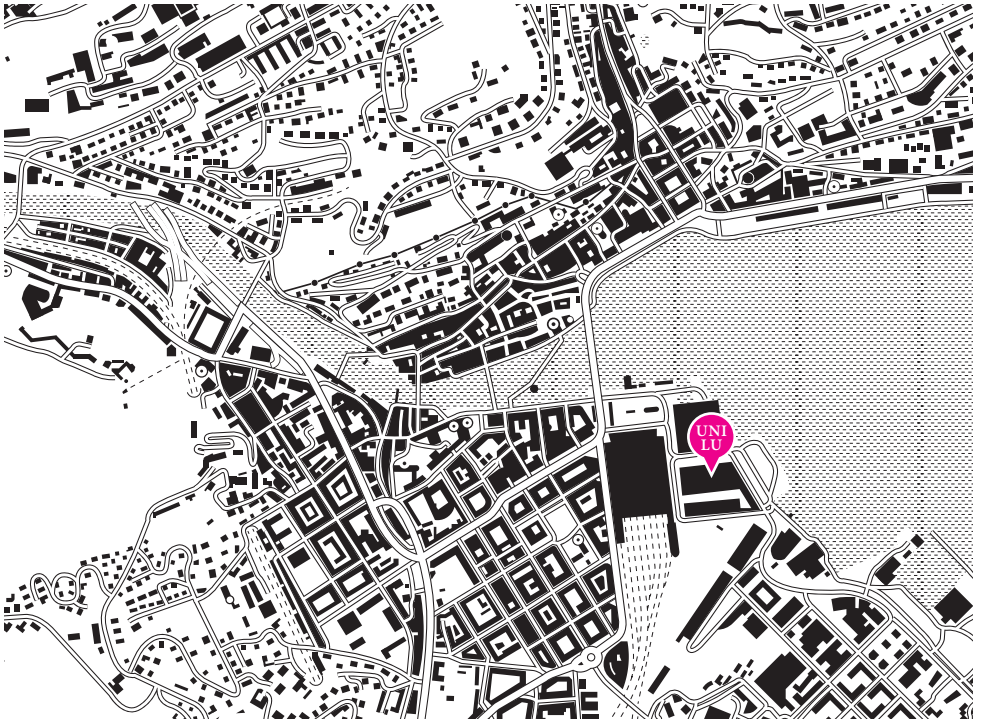
Richard Saville-Smith, Isle of Skye (United Kingdom/Scotland)

Introducing 'Acute Religious Experiences' as a contribution to structuring diversities

15:00–15:30 Coffee Break

15:30–17:00 Response and Discussion
Melissa Steyn, Johannesburg (South Africa)

17:00–17:45 Reflection III – looking back together on day III – and Closing



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