



The inaugural conference of the Non-religion and Secularity Research Network (NSRN):

Friday 11 December 2009 | Wolfson College, Oxford

Non-religion and Secularity: New Empirical Perspectives

Short paper sessions

Set 1

(Parallel sessions x 3)

Session 1-A: Non-religion and community

Haldane Room

Chair: Johannes Quack

Believing in belonging': Researching belief without asking religious questions
Abby Day, University of Sussex (Anthropology)

The good atheistic Samaritan: Intrinsic, extrinsic and quest atheism and its relationship with prosocial behaviour
Sven Oelsner, University of Jena, Germany (Psychology)

Members of atheist/freethought/secularist organizations in Germany and the United States
Bjoern Mastiaux, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, Germany (Sociology)

Session 1-B: The beliefs of non-believers

Florey Room

Chair: Nick Gibson

Supernatural agency detection in random visual noise
Kirsten Barnes, University of Cambridge (Psychology)

Atheism in post-socialist conditions: The examples of Slovenia and Croatia
Marjan Smrke, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia (Sociology)

Belief in science and in the "Da Vinci Code": Measuring naturalistic beliefs and its cognitive correlates
Miguel Farias, University of Oxford (Psychology)

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Session 1-C: Problems and prospects for faith/non-faith dialogue

Committee Room

Chair: Lois Lee

The 'return of religion' and the return of the criticism of religion – The 'New Atheism' in recent German and American Culture

Thomas Zenk, Free University Berlin, Germany (Religious Studies)

Christo-secular ambivalence in British security policy, 2001-2009

Stacey Gutkowski, University of Cambridge (International Relations)

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David Nash, Oxford Brookes (History)

Set 2

(Parallel sessions x 2)

Session 2-A: Secularisation, the secular and non-religion

Haldane Room

Chair: Stephen Bullivant

A Secular Mind

Jonathan Lanman, University of Oxford (Anthropology)

The challenge of popular religion to atheism: a socio-cognitive approach

Steven Sutcliffe, University of Edinburgh (Religious Studies)

Theoretical and methodological resources for breaking open the secular and exploring the boundary between religion and non-religion

Kim Knott, University of Leeds (Sociology)

SESSION 2-B: Categories of non-religion

Florey Room

Chair: Stacey Gutkowski

Dimensions and types of non-religiosity: Scale development in progress

Nicholas Gibson, University of Cambridge (Psychology); Claire White, University of Oxford (Anthropology); Kirsten Barnes, University of Cambridge (Psychology)

Methodological Challenges in Understanding Different Modes and Locations of Irreligiosity

Teemu Taira, University of Leeds (Religious Studies)

A British secular-religious cleavage?

Stratos Patrikios, University of Strathclyde (Political Science)