



NONRELIGION AND SECULARITY RESEARCH NETWORK

CONFERENCE 2012

4-6 July 2012, Goldsmiths, University of London

Nonreligion and the Secular

New Horizons for Multidisciplinary Research

SCHEDULE

Wednesday 4 July

REGISTRATION AND COFFEE (9-9:30)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION (9:30-9:45)

KEYNOTE: Callum Brown (Dundee) The Rise of the People of No Religion (9:45-11)

PANEL: Nonreligion in historical perspective (11-12:30)

Chair and discussant: Stuart McAnulla

Matt Sheard, The pattern of atheisation among the British non-elite, 1900-1980

Nathan Johnstone, Perennial Identities: the Use and Abuse of History in New Atheist and Antireligionist Discourse

Stacey Gutkowski, Secularism and war in historical perspective

LUNCH (12:30-13:30)

PANEL: Nonreligion in an institutional context (13:30-15:00)

Chair and discussant: Johannes Quack

Ryan Cragun, Brian Nathan and Kristina Capello, Measuring Institutional Religiosity and Secularization: The Institutional Religiosity Scale

Mark Read, Questioning the invisibility of non-religion in the contemporary workplace: a process of accommodation?

Simeon Wallis, Beyond Belief? The Study of Non-Religion and Its Inclusion in Religious Education

PANEL: Becoming nonreligious (15:00-16:15)

Chair and discussant: Ryan Cragun

Sebastian Nastuta, Conversion to nonreligion: why and how people become nonreligious

Eric Chalfant: Deconversion narratives

Robin Allen, Nonbelievers are Born and Made: A Comparison of Experiences of Apostates with Lifelong Nonbelievers

COFFEE (16:15-16:45)

PANEL: The public and political impact of nonreligion in Britain (16:45-18:15)

Chair and discussant: Matthew Engelke

Steven Kettell, 'The Religio-Political Consequences of Mr Cameron'

Lorna Mumford, 'As an Atheist I Feel Like a Second Class Citizen': Nonreligious' Responses to the Role of Religion in British Politics

Stuart McAnulla, Following 'First Wave' New Atheism: The Directions of Contemporary Godlessness

***SECULARISM AND NONRELIGION* LAUNCH AND WINE RECEPTION (18:15-19:45)**

Free evening

Thursday 5 July

COFFEE (9.00-9:30)

KEYNOTE: (9:30-10:45) Humeira Iqtidar (King's College London)

PANEL: Nonreligion and secularity outside a culturally Christian context (10:45-12:30)

Chair and discussant: Stacey Gutkowski

Paul-Francois Tremlett & Fang-long Shih, Secularism and Implicit Atheism in East Asia: let there be no doubt!

Omid Tofighian, Religiosity, secularism and hybridity in Ferroukhi's Le Grand Voyage

Fern Elsdon-Baker: Fundamentalist Empiricism?: International perspectives on the link between atheism and evolutionary theory

LUNCH (12:30-13:30)

KEYNOTE: Monika Wohlrab-Sahr (Leipzig) Multiple Secularities: Toward a Cultural Sociology of Secular-Religious Distinctions (13:30-14:45)

PANEL: Secularism, diversity and nonreligion (14:15-16:15)

Chair and discussant: Grace Davie

Norman Bonney, UK Christian Multi-Faithism and Secular Multi-Culturalism: Contrasts between the UK and Canada

Marthe Kirkweik, Othering and the theist/atheist dialectic

Kevin Schilbrak, What We Can Learn about the Nonreligious from Theology of Religions

COFFEE (16:15-16:45)

ROUNDTABLE: Teaching nonreligion and the secular (16:45-17:45)

Stephen Bullivant (St Mary's University College, Twickenham)

Anja Finger (University of Aberdeen)
Andrew Copson (British Humanist Association)
Steven Kettell (University of Warwick)

NSRN 'AGM' (17:45-18:30)

CONFERENCE DINNER

Friday 6 July

COFFEE (9.15-9:45)

KEYNOTE: Grace Davie (Exeter) Belief and Unbelief: Two Sides of a Coin (9.45-11.00)

PANEL: The materiality and practice of nonreligious living (11:00 – 12:30)

Chair and discussant: Rebecca Catto

Johannes Quack and Jacob Copeman, What is non-religiosity? Conceptual Considerations

Katie Aston, Making nonreligion: the practices, processes and narratives of nonreligious living

Lois Lee, Secular or nonreligious? Interpreting ethnographies of British nonreligious material culture practice

LUNCH (12:30-13:30)

PANEL: Terminology (13:30 – 15:00)

Chair and discussant: Stephen Bullivant

Christopher Cotter, Functionally Secular / Substantively Nonreligious: Scottish Students, their Secular Sacreds, the Sacred Secular

Jonathan Jong, (Non)religion is not a natural kind, but so what?: toward a piecemeal approach

Ethan G. Quillen, Closing the Umbrella: Furthering the Debate on General Term Assignment and an Argument for Staying Inside the Lines

PANEL: Beyond binaries (15.00-16.30)

Chair and discussant: Lois Lee

Rebecca Catto, The secular, the non-religious and the sacred: developing a framework for analysis

Christel J. Manning, The relationship between theoretical and empirical problems in the study of non-religion

Lydia Reid: Methods in non-religious research TBC

CONCLUDING REMARKS (16.30-17.00)

COFFEE AND GOODBYES (17.00-18.00)

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