

REWIRING THE HOUSE OF GOD

Religious Self-World Relations in the Digital Environment

Online Workshop | 15 – 16 September 2021

Preliminary Workshop Programme

Day 1 (Wed. 15 September 2021)

- 09:30-11:00 [introduction and welcome](#)
- 11:00-11:30 [networking break](#)
- 11:30-13:00 [Panel I](#) (discussant: Gary Bunt)
Good Firewalls Make Good Neighbors: Communities of faith in the digital environment
- **Sanam Roohi.** Somatc Nationalism in Covid Times: Infodemic and news forms of online religious boundary-making in India
 - **Wai Yip Ho.** How Chinese-Speaking Muslim Netizens Speak and Muted? Sinicizing Islam, Sino-iMuslims and Securizing Internet
 - **Dragoş Şamşudean.** Online Platforms as Chapels: Explaining Priests' Attitudes Towards Prayer Online
- 13:00-14:30 **lunch + networking break**
[[coffee corner](#)] [[lounge](#)]
- 14:30-16:30 [Panel II](#) (discussant: Christoph Günther)
Digital Serialities: Influencers, e-Preachers, and the digital audiovisualities of the sacred
- **Gabriel Malli.** Instructing the Pious Self: Moral Femininity and Affect in Salafi YouTube videos
 - **Zachary Sheldon.** Christian Influence on Social Media: Legitimacy, Authenticity, and the Famous Faithful
 - **Aurelio D'Amore.** *Luna Nera, O Escolhido, Jinn*: Netflix and the narratives of supernatural between local seriality and global imaginary
 - **Agana-Nsiire Agana.** Digital Feminism and the Reshaping of Female Subjectivity in Ghana
- 16:30-17:00 [conclusion of day one and informal networking](#)

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Day 2 (Thu. 16 September 2021)

- 10:30-12:30** [Panel III](#) (discussant: Tim Hutchings)
Haunted Technologies: Sacred and otherworldly dimensions of the digital environment
- **Arkaprava Chattopadhyay**. Virtual Reality as a Sacred Space: A Study of 'The Puja App 8.0' in India
 - **Fouad Gehad Marei and Stefan Williamson Fa**. Rendering the Imam: Virtual Reality Technologies and Muslim Encounters with the Sacred
 - **Lionel Obadia**. Hunting the Haunting: Searching for Orbs, spectres and other ghostly creatures through digital technologies
 - **Khyati Tripathi**. 'Negotiating the Boundaries': Purity and Impurity in Online Witnessing of a Hindu Brahminic Funeral
- 12:30-14:00** **lunch + networking break**
[[coffee corner](#)] [[lounge](#)]
- 14:00-15:30** [Panel IV](#) (discussant: Mia Lövheim)
Faithful Netizens: The online making of the pious subject
- **Sofya Ragozina**. 'I'll make you a successful Muslim': online-coaching in Russia and building 'new' Islamic piety
 - **Kathrin Trattner**. (Re)doing gendered religion online? Catholic women on social media and shifting systems of accountability
 - **Andrea Stanton**. 'Best Mosques Near Me': American Muslims' Use of Mosque-Finding and Mosque-Reviewing Websites and Apps
- 15:30-16:00** [networking break](#)
- 16:00-17:30** [concluding panel and workshop wrap-up](#)
iFaith: Summary, moving forward, and publication plans
- 17:30—** **closing + informal networking**
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