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# RELIGIOUS PLURALISM UNCOVERING GENDER

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Following the due course of globalization, transnationalisation and migration, ideas about religious pluralism have been widely diffused within academic circles over the past years. Although studying changing religious realities in terms of pluralism is currently a hot topic in the social sciences and humanities, looking at religious systems with a gender focus is still a relatively new perspective - and a neglected one.

Religion and gender are intertwined but separate concepts: they are (re)constructed and (re)produced in social interaction, implicate normative values, are anchored in institutional arrangements and linked to social hierarchies, and they are also part of subjective identity formations.

In other terms, the issue of the intersections between religion and gender raises a broad range of questions, entails vast political debates and stresses its social and scientific importance at the same time.

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Please register until 22 August 2010

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[www.uncovering-gender.ch/conference.htm](http://www.uncovering-gender.ch/conference.htm)

# PROGRAM

## 8 September 2010

10.00	Coffee and Registration (Room C52)
11.00-11.15	<b>Opening of the conference</b> Prof. Laurent Tissot, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Neuchâtel (CH) / Prof. Christoph Bochinger, President, Steering Committee of the Swiss National Research Program 58
11.15-12.45	<b>KEYNOTE: Melissa M. Wilcox, Whitman College (USA)</b> <b>Uncovering Gender and Sexuality in Postmodern Religion</b>
13.00	Lunch
	<b>SESSION I HOW TO STUDY GENDER AND RELIGION. METHODOLOGICAL CHALLENGES AND CONCEPTS</b> <i>Chair: Tania Zittoun, University of Neuchâtel (CH)</i>
15.00-15.35	Gertrud Hüwelmeier, Humboldt University, Berlin (D) <b>"God Has a Program for Me". Gendered Migrants in Transnational Vietnamese Pentecostal Churches</b>
15.35-16.10	Irene Becci / Mallory Schneuwly Purdie, University of Lausanne (CH) <b>Gendered Religion in Single-Sex Institutions: the Case of Prisons</b>
16.10-16.40	Break
16.40-17.15	Agnieszka Pasieka, Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle (D) <b>Importance of "Ethnographies of the Particular" in Researching on Gender and Religion: Reflections from the Fieldwork in Rural Poland</b>
17.15-18.10	Angela Stienen / Caroline Bühler, University of Bern (CH) <b>Religion and Masculinity in Teacher Education</b>
20.00-22.00	Apéro and Film <i>Matchmaker</i> (CH 2005, Gabrielle Antosiewicz), introduced by Tamar Lewinsky, University of Basle (CH)

## 9 September 2010

	<b>SESSION II DOING RELIGION? DOING GENDER? RELIGIOUS AND GENDERED BOUNDARY MAKING UNDER CONDITIONS OF GLOBALIZATION AND TRANSNATIONALISATION</b> <i>Chair: Bettina Dennerlein, University of Zurich (CH)</i>
9.00-9.35	Patrick Franke, University of Bamberg (D) <b>Sexual Regulations, Ethnicity and the Dynamics of Religious Boundary Making in the History of Islam</b>
9.35-10.10	Sarah Beyeler, University of Bern (CH) <b>Negotiating Female Muslim Identity: Ahmadi Women's Endeavour for Recognition in Switzerland</b>
10.10-10.40	Break
10.40-11.15	Karine Darbellay, University of Geneva (CH) <b>Islam and Principle of Sexual (In)Equality: Focus Discussions in the French Part of Switzerland</b>
11.15-12.10	Brigit Allenbach / Pascale Herzig / Monika Müller, University of Fribourg (CH) <b>Religious Sites and Gender: Boundary-Making Processes in Temples, Mosques and Churches</b>
12.30	Lunch
	<b>SESSION III EMBODYING RELIGION AND GENDER. LOOKING AT INTER-ACTIONS BETWEEN GENDER, RELIGION AND PHYSICALITY</b> <i>Chair: Jörg Stolz, University of Lausanne (CH)</i>
14.00-14.35	Irene Maffi, University of Lausanne (CH) <b>Bodily Geography, Modesty and Islam: an Ethnography of the Obstetric Setting in Jordan</b>
14.35-15.10	Susanne Leuenberger, University of Berne (CH) / Petra Bleisch Bouzar, University of Fribourg (CH) <b>Conversion to Islam as Gendered Boundary Making: Performing Difference, Performing Belonging</b>
15.10-16.05	Christian Walti, University of Zurich (CH) <b>"Help" for Aging Men. Re-Constructions of Aging Masculinity in an Example of Self-Help Literature for Aging Men from the German Book Market</b>
18.30	Dinner

## 10 September 2010

9.00-9.35	Taylor Christl, University of Ludwigsburg (D) <b>The Role of Gender, Religious Orientation and Religiosity in the Development of Body Images among Adolescents in Germany and Switzerland</b>
9.35-10.10	Anna-Katharina Höpflinger, University of Zurich (CH) <b>"Visualizing the Inner Demon": Gender Performance within the Swiss Black Metal Scene</b>
10.10-10.40	Break
	<b>SESSION IV THE SOCIAL ORGANIZATION OF DIFFERENCE THROUGH RELIGION AND GENDER</b> <i>Chair: Ellen Hertz, University of Neuchâtel (CH)</i>
10.40-11.15	Ekaterina Yahyaoui Krivenko, University of Montreal (CA) <b>Using Our Vision of Gender Roles to Construct the Religious "Other" and Vice Versa: Interaction Between Islam and the West Through the Looking Glass of Gender Equality</b>
11.15-11.45	Lorena Parini, University of Geneva (CH) <b>Gender in the Media Debate on Islam or on Muslims</b>
12.00	Lunch
13.30-14.05	Janine Dahinden / Kerstin Dümmler / Joëlle Moret, University of Neuchâtel (CH) <b>The Organization of Religious Difference Among Young Adults: Gender as Boundary Marker</b>
14.05-14.40	Gilbert Tarugarira, Midlands State University, Gweru (ZW) <b>Standing at the Crossroads: Some Reflections on Paradigms of African Women's Inclusion and Exclusion in the Religion and Gender Relations Discourse in Zimbabwe</b>
14.40-15.35	Yuqin Huang, Max-Planck-Institut for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen (D) <b>Christianity, Socialism, Gender and Space in the Chinese Christian Communities in the UK and Germany</b>
15.35-16.00	Break
16.00-17.30	<b>KEYNOTE: Monika Salzbrunn, University of Lausanne (CH)</b> <b>The Performative Aspects of Gender and Religion in the Context of Boundary Making</b>