

Religion, Gender and Body Politics

Post-secular, post-colonial and queer perspectives

International conference on behalf of the international research project “Interdisciplinary Innovations in the Study of Religion and Gender: Postcolonial, Post-secular and Queer Perspectives”, Utrecht University, The Netherlands, 12-14 February 2015.

Day 1 Thursday 12 February (Opening Session)

- 19:45 – 20:00 Welcome and opening of the conference by the organizers: prof. dr. Anne-Marie Korte and dr. Adriaan van Klinken.
- 20:00 – 20:45 Keynote lecture 1 by prof. dr. Minoo Moallem, Professor of Gender and Women’s Studies, University of California, Berkeley.
- 20:45 – 21:30 Keynote lecture 2 by prof. dr. Yvonne Sherwood, Professor of Biblical Studies and Politics, University of Kent.
- 21:30 – 21:45 Response by prof. dr. Birgit Meyer, Professor of Religious Studies, Utrecht University.
- 21:45 – 22:15 Plenary Discussion

Day 2 Friday 13 February

- 8:45 – 9:00 Kick-off day two: to be announced
- During the second plenary session of the conference, we aim to discuss the conference theme in the context of conceptual, international and institutional developments of feminist theology and the study of religion and gender in the recent past. We envision a genealogical, evaluative and critical discussion regarding the interest in ‘the body’ in these disciplinary fields.
- 9:00 – 9:45 Keynote lecture 3 by prof. dr. Ulrike Auga, Professor of Theology and Gender Studies, Humboldt University, Berlin.
- 9:45 – 10:30 Keynote lecture 4: to be announced
- 10:30 – 10:45 Response by prof. dr. Anne-Marie Korte, Professor of Religion, Gender and Modernity, Utrecht University.
- 10:45 – 11:15 Plenary discussion
- 11:15 – 11:30 Coffee break**
- 11:30 – 13:00 Panel sessions (first round)
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch**

14:30 – 16:00 Panel sessions (second round)

16:00 – 17:00 **Poster session (with drinks and snacks)**

17:00 – 19:00 Political forum:

In this Forum we will explore and discuss current socio-political cases of conflict or controversy in which religion, gender and body politics are central. In an exciting two-hour session three cases will be under investigation, on stage, with various speakers, presenters, and you! The innovative setting will force you to think anew about contemporary body politics and its religious and gendered aspects.

19:00 – 19:30 Drinks and ceremony for the official founding of the 'International Association for the Interdisciplinary Study of Religion and Gender' (IARG). Festive speech and prize-giving ceremony for the best poster presentation.

20:00 Buffet

Day 3 Saturday 14 February

8:45 – 9:00 Kick-off day three: to be announced

9:00 – 9:45 Keynote lecture 5 by dr. Scott Kugle, Associate Professor of South Asian and Islamic Studies, Emory University, Atlanta.

9:45 – 10:30 Keynote lecture 6 by prof. dr. Sarojini Nadar, Professor of Gender and Religion, University of KwaZulu-Natal.

10:30 – 10:45 Response by dr. Adriaan van Klinken, Lecturer in African Christianity, University of Leeds.

10:45 – 11:15 Plenary discussion

11:15 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 13:00 Panel sessions (third round)

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

14:00 – 15:00 Conference closing session with evaluation reports by two observers.