

Religious Diversity and Cultural Change in Scotland: Modern Perspectives

A One Day Conference organised by the Scottish Religious Cultures Network with Religious Studies and the Centre for Theology and Public Issues, University of Edinburgh, supported by the Royal Society of Edinburgh

Tuesday 19 April 2016, Martin Hall, 9.45am-5pm

9.30 Arrival

9.45-10.00: Introduction: Dr Leah Robinson and Dr Steven Sutcliffe (Edinburgh)

10-10.45 Keynote

Professor Callum Brown (Glasgow): 'The Humanist Condition: How the West was Re-moralised for Atheism'

10.45-11 Coffee

11-12.30 Panel One: Expressions of Popular and New Religion

Dr Leah Robinson (Edinburgh): 'God on our Side? Theological Understandings of Scottish Soldiers at War'

Dr Steven Sutcliffe (Edinburgh): '“I think he is a Tolstoyan”': Dugald Semple, Food Reform and Conscientious Objection in the First World War'

Dr George Chryssides (York St John): 'A New Religion in an Old Country: How Scotland shaped the Jehovah's Witnesses'

12.30-1.30 Lunch (please bring your own)

1.30-3 Panel Two: Cultural Change and Established Traditions

Dr Marion Bowman (Open University): '“Walking Back to Happiness?” Renegotiating Protestant Pilgrimage'

Dr Khadijah Elshayyal (Edinburgh): 'Muslims in Scotland: new findings from the 2011 Census'

Dr Hannah Holtschneider (Edinburgh): 'Interpreting Jewish migration to Scotland'

3-3.15: Tea

3.15-4.45: Panel Three: New Discourses

Christopher Cotter (Lancaster): 'Discourse, (Non-)Religion, and Locality: Religion-Related Discourses in Edinburgh's Southside'

Krittika Bhattacharjee (Edinburgh): 'The everyday life of a visitor spot: the place of the “special” on the island of Iona'

Liam Sutherland (Edinburgh): '“One Nation, Many Faiths”': Banal Nationalism, Religious Pluralism and Public Space in Scottish Interfaith Literature'

4.45-5 Closing Comments: Dr Scott Spurlock (Glasgow/Scottish Religious Cultures Network)