

Women, Religions and Gender Relations

Turin, 9-11 November 2016

University of Turin – Campus Luigi Einaudi – Lungo Dora Siena 100

Languages:

On the 9th the language of the conference will be Italian.

On the 10th and 11th it will be English.

9 NOVEMBRE

MATTINO: 9.30-13.00

9.30 – 10.30: Saluti delle istituzioni e apertura lavori

- **Stefania Palmisano** (Università di Torino)
- **Alberta Giorgi** (Università di Coimbra)

10.30 -11.00: Coffee break

11.00 – 12.45: Tavola Rotonda - Donne, Religioni e Relazioni di Genere

Elisabetta Ruspini (Università di Milano-Bicocca): Genere e Religioni in Italia. Prove di istituzionalizzazione.

- **Luigi Berzano (Università di Torino):** Ministeri indisponibili per le donne nella Chiesa cattolica
- **Franco Garelli (Università di Torino):** La Religiosità dei giovani: differenze di genere
- **Ilaria Zuanazzi (Università di Torino):** L'anima femminile della Chiesa
- **Paola Donadi (Università di Urbino):** Il femminile tra funzione materna o virgineale

12.45 -14.00 Buffet lunch

POMERIGGIO: 14.00 – 18.00

14.00 -16.00:

Panel 1

Per una religiosità (al) femminile: esperienza spirituale, immaginari alternativi ed empowerment

Chair: Roberta Pibiri (Università di Torino)

- **Emily Pierini (Università Americana di Roma):** The Glastonbury Experience: Gender and Embodiment in the Goddess Temple
- **Erika Bernacchi (Università di Firenze):** Beyond God the Father: Goddess spirituality as a new form of women's empowerment?
- **Eleonora Graziani (Università di Coimbra):** Chi è Maria Maddalena? Riflessioni sul Vangelo secondo Maria
- **Marta Scaratti (University di Genova):** Il pianto rituale nell'area mediterranea: le figure femminili del cordoglio

16.00-16.30: break

16.30 -18.30:

Panel 2

Identità religiosa e cambiamenti di status

Chair: Nicola Pannofino (Università di Torino)

- **Carla Bertolo (Università di Padova):** Spiritualità del corpo e percorsi di soggettivizzazione
- **Maria Alessandra Bianchi (Università di Aix-en-Provence):** Questioni di genere nel percorso di conversione di alcuni attori “occidentali” al buddismo *dzogcen*
- **Monica Chiese (Osservatorio Socio-Religioso Triveneto):** Modelli di coniugalità diaconale della Chiesa cattolica. Riflessioni da un’indagine sul diaconato permanente
- **Mara Tognetti Bordogna (Università Milano-Bicocca) e Alberto Mascena (Università di Bergamo):** Unioni miste e radicalizzazione religiosa delle donne

10 NOVEMBER

MORNING: 9.30-13:00

9.00 – 10.30

Keynote Speech: Kristin Aune (Coventry University)

Introduced by Maria Chiara Giorda (Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Trento)

10.30-11.00: Coffee Break

11.00 – 13.00 | Parallel Sessions

Panel 3

Mysticism, Spiritualism, Polytheism

Chair: Marianna Zanetta (Università di Torino)

- **William Pawlett (University of Wolverhampton)** – The Threat of Mysticism: Angela of Foligno, Teresa of Avila and Georges Bataille
- **Kristien Justaert (Catholic University of Louvain)** – The Witch’s Body as the Underside of Christian Tradition: An Exercise in Queer Redemption
- **Florence Pasche Guignard (University of Fribourg) and Giulia Pedrucci (University of Bologna)** Motherhood/s and Polytheisms: Epistemological and Methodological. Reflections on the Study of Religions, Gender, and Women
- **Jemelka Martin and ŠTOFANÍK Jakub (Masaryk Institute and Archives of the Czech Academy of Sciences)** Silesian folk spiritualism across gender, class and nationalities: the case of Terézie Černá

Panel 4

Gender and Islam

Chair: Chiara Maritato (Università di Torino)

- **Caterina Peroni (University of Padua) and Elisa Rapetti (University of Milan):** To ban or not to ban? The feminist dilemma regarding Burkini
- **An Van Raemdonck (Ghent University):** Egyptian women making sense of Female Genital Cutting (FGC): an Islamicate practice
- **Lieke Schrijvers (Utrecht University):** Being Dutch, become other. Representing women’s conversion to Islam in the Netherlands in van Hagelslag naar Halal
- **Johanna Lems (University of Madrid):** In search of authority. Young Muslim women and religious knowledge in Madrid
- **Laura Ferrero (University of Turin):** Gendering Islam, gendering Migration. Egyptian women and their role in a local mosque.

13.00-14:00 Buffet lunch

AFTERNOON: 14.00 – 18.30

14.00 -16.00 | Parallel Sessions

Panel 5

Gender, Religion and Migration

Chair: Alessandro Gusman (Università di Torino)

- **Francesca Scrinzi (University of Glasgow):** Women and gender in a Latin American migrant Evangelical church (Italy)
- **Alison Halford (Coventry University):** Does the movement 'Ordain Women' represent the voice of Mormon Women? American exceptionalism and contested territory in European Mormon Feminism.
- **Carlo Nardella (University of Milan):** The sacralization of differences. Gender and Sexuality in a Filipino Catholic celebration
- **Daniela Calvo (Università di Rio de Janeiro)** Women's role in Candomblé's history and ritual

Panel 6 - Roundtable

Mā: exploring and expanding (the multifarious aspects of) an archetypal role

Chair: Gianni Pellegrini (Università di Torino)

- **Daniela Bevilacqua (University of SOAS):** The *Motherization* of Hindu female ascetics
- **Carola Erika Lorea (International Institute of Asian Studies Leiden):** Pregnant males, barren mothers and religious transvestism: transcending one's gender in Bengali heterodox lineages
- **Romina Rossi (University of Rome Sapienza):** A Psychoanalytical Perspective on the Institutionalization of Maternity in Hindu India
- **Paolo E. Rosati (University of Rome Sapienza):** The worship of Kamakhya: Cross-Cultural Implications in a Mother Goddess Cult
- **Letizia Trinco, (University of Rome Sapienza):** On "failure-at-motherhood", vengeful spirits and shrines: some folk Hinduism strategies to cope with inauspiciousness
- **Consuelo Pintus (University of Milan):** Silence or struggle? A new interpretation of *Dalit* women's identity through the role of the mother.

16.00 -16.30 Coffee break

16.30 -18.30 | IARG meeting

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9.00 – 11.00 | Parallel Sessions

Panel 7

Womanhood and Manhood in Religions

Chair: Luca Ozzano (University of Turin)

- **Maria Caterina Mortillaro (University of Milano-Bicocca)** Women and the Sacred Dance. Hindu and Christian Perspectives on the female dancing body

- **Daan Oostven (University of Amsterdam):** Multiple religious belonging and hybrid religiosity from the perspective of gender and post-colonial studies
- **Darai Saddik (Sidi Mohamed Ben Abdellah University) and Mohamed Bouazzi (University of Casablanca):** The impact of cultural factors on men's and women's religiosity: Moroccan university students as a case study
- **Katarzyna Leszczyńska (University of Kraków):** Womanhood as a normative ideal and womanhood as social practice. Strategies of being women in the Roman Catholic Church organizations in various cultural and institutional contexts

Panel 8

Changing roles of women in religious organizations

Chair: Alberta Giorgi (University of Coimbra)

- **Fran Handrik (University of Birmingham):** The Changing role of Amish Women
- **Stefanie Sinclair (The Open University):** Gender, religion and historiography: Regina Jonas, 'almost-forgotten' first female rabbi
- **Dominika Gruzziel (The European University Institute):** The alteration of the XIX century Catholic female laity's religious expression – an investigation of laywomen's involvement in pious associations
- **Sara Bonfanti (University of Bergamo):** Jostling a priestly office? The ambivalence of religious ministry for South Asian diaspora women in Italy

11:00-11:30 Break

11.30 – 13.00

Panel 9

Religion and Female Sexuality

Chair: Lia Zola (University of Turin)

- **Nella Van der Brandt (Utrecht University)** Rethinking Emancipation and Religious Traditions
- **Sylwia Urbańska (University of Warsaw):** The forgotten connection: Religion, women's global migration, and gender revolution
- **Jelle Wiereng (University of Groningen):** There is a Sexular Body: Introducing a Material Approach to The Secular
- **Line Nyhagen (University of Loughborough):** Gender Equality, Women's Movements and Feminism as Contested Categories: A Case Study of Christian and Muslim women in Europe

13:00-13:30

Concluding remarks and publication plans

Chair: Alberta Giorgi (University of Coimbra)