CEMFOR CONFERENCE ON RACISM AND RELIGION 2019 November 6-8



CALL FOR PAPERS

The histories of racism and religion are entangled. To understand how processes of racism, nationalism, and exclusion come about in different forms we need to view these developments as intertwined with religion and ideas of religion and religiosity.

The rise of islamophobia and antisemitism, discrimination and violent persecution of minorities in the name of religion or secularism, and controversies around the visibility of religious practices in public space, all point to the need for a deeper understanding of in what ways religion historically and in the present plays a central role in producing and upholding racism and colonial practices/structures.

Religion has also played a central role in counter movements such as civil rights, indigenous rights, anti-colonial and, anti-apartheid movements. An additional aspect to explore is religious symbols and representations that have been part of anti-racist art and music and the place of spiritualism in artistic resistance to racism. What role has and does religion play in developing and upholding racist and nationalist structures? In what ways are different entangled forms of racism and religion being manifested? How can we for example understand antisemitism and islamophobia on a global and local scale? What does it mean to be living in a supposedly post-racial, post-secular world? What role does religion and/or spirituality play in antiracist struggles and movements?

The Center for Multidisciplinary Research on Racism (CEMFOR) invites scholars to send in abstracts for paper presentations and/or session proposals.

KEY CONCEPTS

Racism, Religion, Secularism, Post secularism, Intersectionality, Spirituality, Colonialism, Cast, Race, Racialization, Class, Gender, Antisemitism, Islamophobia, Antiracism, Fascism,

Interreligious activism, Activism, Oppression, Minority persecution, Globalization, Tradition, Nationalism, Modernity.

Abstracts and/or session proposals can (but are not restricted to) include the following themes:

- Antisemitism
- Islamophobia
- Racism, colonialism, and religion
- Secularism & racism
- Gendered racisms and religion
- Intersectional perspectives on religion
- Religion and antiblack racism
- Resistance and religion
- Indigenous spiritualties
- Race, class, cast, inequality
- Interreligious activism
- Conspiracy theory, racism and religion
- Racist theologies

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Please use our form for the submission of the abstract: <u>http://doit.medfarm.uu.se/kurt13423</u>

- Submission of abstracts: **30 April** (200 words)
- The session proposal: **30** April (400 words)
- Biography (150 words)
- Decision on acceptance: 15 May
- Registration opens: 1 September
- Registration closes: **30 September**
- Conference fees: Regular 1 500 SEK. PhD Student 1 000 SEK

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