



Call For Papers

Religion and Society Research Cluster (RSRC),
Western Sydney University
Australasian Pentecostal Studies Centre,
Alphacrucis College

Symposium: Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity and Migration

Convenors

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Prof Mark Hutchinson (Alphacrucis College)
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Keynote Speaker

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Where

Level 9, Parramatta City campus, WSU
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Abstracts Due

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Queries and Submissions

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Over the past few decades, Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity (PCC) has exploded in the Global South and grown considerably in the Global North. Much of this growth is fuelled by networks of megachurches, the mobility of community leaders across diasporic networks, migration, and (mass and digital) media. While (traditionally) missionaries would travel in a North-to-South direction, more recently megachurches from the Global South have moved horizontally, across to other developing countries, and also made inroads into the Global North in efforts of reverse missionisation. Such attempts to missionise to locals in the Global North have been largely (though not wholly) unsuccessful and churches have turned their focus to migrants from the Global South. Many studies have shown that migrants, who were not attached to PCCs before migration, join churches in the diaspora as they offer them a home away from home. Meanwhile, diasporic churches also face difficulties keeping these (as well as second generation) migrants, since they may prefer local churches in an effort to integrate. In this symposium we probe these themes and are seeking papers on the following topics:

- Historical developments
- Missionary activities and migration
- Translocal and transnational PCC networks
- Translocal and transnational families and PCC
- Young migrants and PCC
- Second generation migrants and PCC
- Gender, PCC and migration
- City infrastructures and diasporic churches
- Theological themes and migration
- Cultural translation, negotiation, adaptation of migrant churches
- PCC, media, music, information communication Technologies and migration
- Material culture and migrants' lived experiences in PCC churches
- Aesthetics and embodied practices
- Immobility, borders and PCC