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Keynotes

Mia Lövheim
Uppsala University
Religious identity in digital media: from disembodied surfers to emergent and co-affected performances of self

Christoph Günther
Johannes Gutenberg University Mainz
Creating and Challenging Identities through Audiovisuality

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Thursday, 25.03.

11:30-13:30  Religious Media Settlers in Times of Deep Mediatization
Opening address and project presentation by Łukasz Fajfer, Dorota Hall, Marta Kołodziejska and Kerstin Radde-Antweiler

13:30-15:00  Lunch

15:00-16:30  Panel I:
Community and Social Networks
Chair: Marta Kołodziejska

Xenia Zeiler
Reinforcing Identity and Community Ties through Social Media Photo and Selfie Sharing in Indian Festival Cultures

Nakhi Mishol-Shauli
Negotiations and Representations of Religious Identity by Religious Enclave Members on Online Social Networks

Radosław Sierocki
Religion, Internet and Social Networks Analysis

Panel II:
Making the Media
Chair: Kerstin Radde-Antweiler

Alireza Taherifard
Revolutionary Insta-spaces: the online jihad of Iranian clergies

Oren Golan and Michele Martini
Sacred Sites for Fragmented Publics: Legitimizing Catholic Live-streaming and Online Videos for Religious Practice

Gladys Ganiel
Christian Identities and Religion Online during the Covid-19 Pandemic in Ireland: New Opportunities in a Secularising Society?
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16:30-17:00  Coffee break

17:00-18:30

**Panel III:**
Gender
Chair: Dorota Hall

_Dorota Hall, Alberta Giorgi and Arianna Mainardi_

*Building a collective intersectional identity: Religion and feminism in the digital environment*

_Monise Martinez_

*‘My Body, the Rules of Him’: Media, Female Power and Anti-feminism in the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God*

_Anna Szwed_

*A space of their own. Digital media and religious women’s agency*

**Panel IV:**
Practices
Chair: Łukasz Fajfer

_Daria Shemetova_

*The transformation of religious practices and categories due to the pandemic*

_Lisa Kienzl_

*Do it yourself!? (Digital) practices in Roman Catholic communities in Austria during Covid-19*

_Velta Skolmeistere_

*Church during pandemic: Use of social media by different denominations in Latvia*
Friday, 26.03.

09:00-10:30

Panel V: Ritual
Chair: Kerstin Radde-Antweiler

Arkaprava Chattopadhyay

Francesco Galofaro
Online ceremonies: a semiotic study on the conflict between liturgical and broadcast grammar

Ann-Katrin Gässlein
“Communion without community?” – Lockdown-time as a catalyst for digital mediation of Catholic liturgical co-presence and alternative forms of worship

Panel VI: Making Religious Communities
Chair: Łukasz Fajfer

Sawsan Kheir
Online Religious Engagement and Religious Identity Construction among Young Adult Muslims in Israel and Turkey: Exploring Issues of Trust and Religious Authority

Vinit Kumar Jha Utpal
Identity Construction of Tablighi Religious Group in the Time of Corona Pandemic

Anna Vancsó
The interpretations of solidarity as part of religious identity on the Hungarian online media during the Covid-19 pandemic

10:30-11:00 Coffee break
**Friday, 26.03.**

**11:00-12:30**

Panel VII: Print Media

Chair: Marta Kołodziejska

Bartholomew Konechni

“Le professeur martyr”: The Construction of Samuel Paty’s Murder

Gintarė Pocė


Irena Borowik

Religion and Identity of Catholic communities in debates on abortion, IVF and homosexuality in Poland

Panel VIII: Miracles and Supernaturals

Chair: Dorota Hall

Omoye Akhagba

e-Religious Programmes and Cyber Miracles during COVID-19 Lockdown in Nigeria

Aurelio D’Amore

Luna Nera, O Escolhido, Jinn. Netflix and the narratives of supernatural between local seriality and global imaginary

Edward Wright

Transcendental Reflection as the Foundation of Spiritual Intelligence and Identity: Nurturing the Conative Domain in Religious Education through the Creative Media

**12:30-13:30** Lunch
Friday, 26.03.

13:30-15:30  Panel IX: Literacy  
        Chair: Marta Kołodziejska

Zsuzsanna Demeter-Karaszi and Gabriella Pusztai  
The Identity of Religious Higher Education Institutions in the Social Media

Mahmoud Farhadi  
Media literacy and the tendency toward secularism among Iranian

Sarit Okun and Galit Nimrod  
Online religious communities and well-being in later life

Funmi Alakija  

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Mia Lövheim  
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19:00  Reception
Saturday, 27.03.

09:00-10:30  Panel X: Authority  
Chair: Łukasz Fajfer

Geetanjali Atri
Gurus and Media: Creating a New Hierarchy

Rita Marchetti, Anna Stanziano, Susanna Pagiotti and Nicola Righetti
Performing religious identity: the debate on Salvini’s use of religious symbols on Facebook

Verónica Israel Turim, Josep-Lluís Micó and Miriam Diez
Are Catholics alone? Analyzing Religious Leadership through social connections on Twitter

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