

## ***The Impact of Religion Challenges for Society, Law and Democracy***

**An interdisciplinary conference at Uppsala University, Uppsala, Sweden, 24-26 April 2018**  
*Preconference for Doctoral students 23-24 April*

**Conference venue:** Uppsala University Main building (at the of crossing Övre Slottsgatan/St. Olofsgatan)

### **Tuesday April 24**

11.00 Registration open

13.15 *Opening of conference*

13.30-15.00 *Plenary 1*

#### **Challenging the Secular-Religious Divide**

##### ***- Secular and Sacred? The Scandinavian Case***

José Casanova, Professor of Sociology of Religion, Departments of Sociology and Theology at Georgetown University, and Senior Fellow at the Berkley Center for Religion, Peace and World Affairs, Georgetown University, USA

##### ***- Human rights and Religion – Ambiguities of Freedom***

Pamela Slotte, Research Fellow of Academy of Finland, and Associate professor in Minority Studies, Åbo Akademi University, Turku, Finland

##### ***- Secular Versus Religious Pluralism in Europe: The Challenge of Peaceful Coexistence***

Marie-Claire Foblets, Professor of Legal Anthropology, Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, and Director of Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle, Germany

Chair: Anna-Sara Lind, Deputy Director of the Impact of Religion Research Programme, Uppsala University

15.00 Coffee

15.30-17.30 *Paper session 1*

17.45 *Reception*

**Wednesday April 25**

09.15-10.45 *Plenary 2*

***Summing up 10 Years Research and Sketching a New Research Agenda***

Mia Lövheim, Professor of Sociology of Religion, Research Leader IMPACT Theme 1

Mattias Gardell, Professor of Comparative Religion, Research Leader IMPACT Theme 2

Mosa Sayed, Associate Professor in Law and Conflicting Values, Research Leader IMPACT Theme 3

Valerie DeMarinis, Professor of Psychology of Religion and Public Mental Health, Research Leader IMPACT Theme 4

Martha Middlemiss Lé Mon, PhD in Sociology of Religion, Research Leader IMPACT Theme 5

Mikael Stenmark, Professor of Philosophy of Religion, Research Leader IMPACT Theme 6

***Response:***

- Lori Beaman, Professor, Department of Classics and Religious Studies, University of Ottawa, Canada

- Ian Leigh, Professor of Law, Faculty of Law, University of Durham, Director of Durham Human Rights Centre, UK

Panel discussion

Announcement of Uppsala Religion and Society Research Centre (CRS) plans for the coming 10 years

Chair: Grace Davie, Professor of Sociology, University of Exeter, UK

10.45 Coffee

11.15-12.45 *Paper session 2*

12.45 Lunch

14.00-16.00 *Paper session 3*

16.00 Coffee

16.30-18.00 *Plenary 3*

**The Impact of Religion – Key Challenges for Society and Research**

***- Religion and Science - Complex and Challenging Relationships***

Elaine Howard Ecklund, Professor of Sociology and Director of Religion and Public Life Program in the Social Sciences Research Institute, Rice University, USA

***- Europe's Changing Religious Landscape, Demography and Diversity: What do we Know?***

Michaela Potančoková and Marcin Stonawski, European Commission, Joint Research Centre, Centre for Advanced Studies, Ispra, Italy

***- Religious Literacy, Workplaces and Civil Society***

Adam Dinham, Professor of Faith & Public Policy, and Director of the Faiths and Civil Society Unit, Goldsmiths, University of London, UK

***- Forming the Future of Religion: Youth and Education***

Solange Lefebvre, Chair on cultural and religious diversity, Institute of religious studies, University of Montreal, Canada

Questions and comments

Chair: Mattias Martinson, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Uppsala University

19.15 Conference Dinner

(Place: Norrlands nation, Västra Ågatan 14)

**Thursday April 26 – see next page**

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09.15-10.15 *Plenary 4*

**The Impact of Religion: Challenging the Public-Private Divide**

**- Religion and Mental Health**

Grace Chang, Professor of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, USA

**- Freedom of Expression, Religion and Women's Rights**

Maarit Jänträ-Jareborg, Professor of Private International Law and International Civil Procedure, Uppsala University, Sweden

Questions and comments

Chair: Katharina Boele-Woelki, Professor of Private International Law, Comparative Law and Family Law, Bucerius Law School, Hamburg, Germany

10.15 Coffee

10.30-12.00 *Paper session 4*

12.15-13.15 *Plenary 5*

**Prophecy and Prognosis: The Power of the Sacred and the Future of Religion**

Hans Joas, Professor of sociology, Humboldt University, Berlin, and University of Chicago

Questions and comments

Chair: Martha Middlemiss LéMon, Director of Uppsala Religion and Society Research Centre (CRS), Uppsala University

*Closing / Thanks*

Per Pettersson, Director of the IMPACT programme, Uppsala University

13.00 Lunch

14.00 End of conference