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 Potančková 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
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 Jänterä-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