



Upcoming Events: Spring – Summer 2021

CCCW Silver Jubilee Lectures

Theme: *Transfiguring World Christianity*

2021 marks the Silver Jubilee of The Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide and 140 years of the Henry Martyn Trust that runs CCCW. To celebrate, the Centre is organising five Silver Jubilee lectures through this year on the theme *Transfiguring World Christianity*.

The transfiguration of Jesus Christ is a key event in his mission and ministry. Confirmed once again by God that he is the one to be listened to, Jesus comes down from the mountain of transfiguration ready to move into suffering and glory. Jesus' disciples participate in this divine event by attempting to *figure out* and interpret it. The disciples' continued participation in figuring out Christ and interpreting to others – connecting the event and its interpretations – has been central to Christianity's relevance.

Today, transfiguring Christianity is an ongoing event which has led to what we call 'World Christianity', with its centre of gravity shifted to the global South and East. How Christians participate in transfiguring World Christianity is key to its relevance. Ongoing interpretation is needed to make sense of the new shape of the Church in our current contexts.

To register for the Lectures, please email:

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Lecture 1

'Solidarity: Figuring out World Christianity and the Pandemic'

Prof. Joanildo Burity

Lead Researcher and Professor at the Joaquim Nabuco Foundation and the Federal University of Pernambuco, Recife, Brazil

Wednesday, 28th April 2021, 4-6 pm British Summer Time (BST), Online

Lecture 2

'Engagement: Figuring out Christian Mission in Societies'

Dr. R. David Muir

Head of Whitelands College, and Senior Lecturer, School of Humanities, University of Roehampton, UK

Wednesday, 26th May 2021, 4-6 pm British Summer Time (BST), Online

Lecture 3

'Science: Figuring out World Christianity and Nature'

Prof. Kuruvilla Pandikattu SJ

Professor of Physics, Philosophy and Religion at the Institute of Philosophy and Theology, Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth, Pune, India

Wednesday, 23rd June 2021, 4-6 pm British Summer Time (BST), Online

Lecture 4

'Ecumenism: Figuring out Interconnecting Christianities'

Revd. Dr. Susan Durber

Moderator, Faith and Order, World Council of Churches

Thursday, 14th October 2021, 4-6 pm BST, Westminster College or Online (TBC)

Followed by a reception for the launch of a new publication, *From Henry Martyn to Global Christianity: The Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide*.

Lecture 5

'Reconciliation: Figuring out World Christianity amidst Conflicts'

Dr. Irini Thabet

Assistant Professor, Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt, and Member of the Egyptian Senate

Wednesday, 24th November 2021, 4-6 pm GMT, Online



Easter Term Seminars

Our seminar programme is held in conjunction with the Faculty of Divinity, University of Cambridge. Seminar recordings can be found on our Youtube channel.

'Fraternal Communion and the Missionary Identity of the Church'

Prof. Sandra Mazzolini, Professor of Ecclesiology and Dean of Faculty of Missiology, Pontifical Urbaniana University, Rome

Wednesday, 12th May 2021, 4-5.30 pm British Summer Time (BST), Online:

'Interfaith Cooperation in Medieval Times'

Prof. Ulrich Berner, Professor Emeritus, Religious Studies, University of Bayreuth, Germany

Wednesday, 9th June 2021, 4-5.30 pm British Summer Time (BST), Online:

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Upcoming CCCW Publications

As part of our Silver Jubilee celebrations, we are publishing two volumes: one reflecting on CCCW's history and future direction, and one world Christianity and mission today.

From Henry Martyn to Global Christianity: The Cambridge Centre for Christianity Worldwide

By Ian Randall, Graham Kings, Muthuraj Swamy

This book offers a brief history of the Centre – beginning with the missionary work of Henry Martyn and his impact on generations of young Christians who went to different parts of the world as missionaries. The founding of the Henry Martyn Trust in 1881 was seen as a strategic way to continue to carry out Martyn's work, particularly to influence the University of Cambridge students to get involved in world mission. This book also captures the significant transitions in Christian mission



and world Christianity during the last few decades and the way that these have shaped the Centre's vision, direction and work. Towards the end, some of the future directions are reflected upon by the current director.

Connecting Christianities: World Christianity and Mission in the 21st Century

Edited by Muthuraj Swamy and Jenny Leith

Written by leading scholars and practitioners, who have shaped the work of the Cambridge Centre for Christianity worldwide and whose work has been shaped by themes focused at the Centre, twenty-five essays in this volume focus on different aspects of Christian mission and the connections within these. Many expressions in Christianity which need to be connected in ecumenical relations, building openness and harmonious relationships between Christianity and different religious traditions, and Christian public engagement in society – these are some of the main themes in this volume. Reflecting the diversity of the fields of world Christianity and mission studies, this volume is aimed as a resource for scholars, students, and mission practitioners in both the Global North and South.

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