



13th Conference

of the

The European Research Network
on Global Pentecostalism

Pentecostalism and Socio-Cultural Change

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Conference Organisers:

Jörg Haustein, Faculty of Divinity

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Conference Theme

Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity is often seen as a catalyst for social and cultural change. This chimes with how Pentecostals and Charismatics tend to portray their own religion – as transformative, modern, and on the cutting edge of socio-cultural developments. Yet this view tends to de-contextualise Pentecostalism from the wider cultural and social fabric within which these transformations take place. This conference seeks to recover a more inter-connected perspective that not only asks how Pentecostal movements have effected socio-cultural changes, but also to what extent they have rather themselves been influenced and driven by larger transformations in World Christianity and society at large. The goal of the conference is to place Pentecostalism firmly within the recent history and contemporary expression of World Christianity.

The conference features 45 papers in parallel panels and keynotes by:

- [David Maxwell](#), University of Cambridge
- [Girish Daswani](#), University of Toronto
- [Karen Lauterbach](#), University of Copenhagen

The conference is held in a hybrid format with some presenters and participants joining online.

Registration and Conference Fee

Register **before 20 March 2022** by using our [registration form](#).

Conference fee, payable by 25 March 2022:

- In-person, standard rate: £75
- In-person, reduced rate: £45
(available to students / PhD students and subscribers of *PentecoStudies*)
- Online only: £20

A payment link will be sent after registration has been confirmed.

The conference fee (in-person) includes refreshments (subject to COVID regulations), conference materials, three-course conference dinner on 1 April, and buffet lunch on 2 April.

Travel and Accommodation

Plenaries and parallel panels will be hosted in the Faculty of Divinity, West Rd, Cambridge CB3 9BS.

Guests are invited to book a room at Selwyn College (single, en-suite) for a special conference rate of £62.16 per night (breakfast included).

Book at: <https://www.sel.cam.ac.uk/conferences/accommodation-booking>, using the promotion code issued with conference registration.

Conference Programme

Friday, 1 April

11.30–12.30 Arrival & Registration

12.30–14.00 Welcome and Plenary 1

Religious Entanglements. Central African Pentecostalism, the creation of cultural knowledge, and the making of the Luba Katanga

David Maxwell, University of Cambridge

14.00–14.30 Break/Refreshments

14.30–17.00 Parallel Panels 1

1 Pentecostalism and Development

Pentecostal Promises and Economic Development: The Nexus and Impact

Henerieta Mgovu & Elias. G. Konyana, Great Zimbabwe University, Masvingo, Zimbabwe

The Redeemed Christian Church of God and their Involvement in the Rehabilitation of Male Juvenile Delinquents in Southwest Nigeria

Rotimi Alaba Oti, RCCG Bible College [online]

African Initiated Churches and Ecological Sustainability in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Empirical Exploration

Juliane Stork, Marie-Luise Frost, Philipp Öhlmann, HU Berlin [partially online]

Pentecostalism and Nigerian Social Change: The RCCG as Religious Symptom of Nigeria's Turbulent Postcolonial History

Christopher Wadibia, University of Oxford

Societal Involvement and Theological Changes in Swedish Pentecostal Churches in the 21st Century

Fredrik Wenell /Ulrik Josefsson,, Academy for Leadership and Theology, Sweden

2 Pentecostalism and Migration

Religious Spaces of Care in the Postsecular City: Nigerian Pentecostals and Civic Engagement in London

Richard Burgess, University of Roehampton [online]

Between the Market and the Bible: Translingual Marketing Strategies in an African Pentecostal Church in Madrid

Michele Cunico, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

Digitized Faith in a Digitalized World? A Case Study of Transnational Migrant Pentecostalism in Norway

Stian Sørli Eriksen, VID Stavanger

Rebuilding Social Relationships in Contexts of Refuge: Spiritual Kinship in Congolese Pentecostal Churches in Kampala (Uganda)

Alessandro Gusman, University of Turin [online]

From Actual Migration to Imagined Migration: A Case of Ghanaian Pentecostalism
James Kwateng-Yeboah, Queen's University Canada [online]

3 Pentecostalism and Politics

Political Pentecostalism in the Global South: A Comparative Attempt
Leandro Luis Bedin Fontana, IGCM Frankfurt

Presidents, Priests, and Prophets: Covenantal Christian Nationalism and the Challenge of Biblical Analogy
Naomi Haynes, University of Edinburgh

Pentecostalism and the Amended CAMA 2020 Law in Nigeria
Grace Nwamah, University of Leeds

The Characteristics of Political Participation by Pentecostal Churches
Sangil Song, BU School of Theology, alumnus [online]

Electoral Prophecies: What Can They Offer Ghana's democracy?
Gideon Tetteh, University of Eastern Finland [online]

4 Pentecostalism and Gender

The Involvement of Women in the Formation and Development of Nascent British Pentecostalism
Jan Hocking, University of Birmingham [online]

Perception of Women's Leadership in Neo-Charismatic Churches on the Example of "The Word Of Life" Church
Tatiana M. Krihtova, Saint Tichon Orthodox University [online]

Women and Prophetism in Neo-Pentecostal Christianity in Kenya
Philomena Njeri Mwaura, Kenyatta University, Kenya

Cultural Hierarchies and Freedom of the Spirit: Reimagining of Pentecostal Women in Nigeria
Donatus Pius Ukpong, University of Uyo, Nigeria

Atonement for Sexual Abuse Survivors: A Feminist-Informed Pentecostal Somatology
Faith Van Horne, University of Birmingham

17.00–17.30 Break/Refreshments

17.30–19.00 Plenary 2

Decolonizing "Christian Love" in Pentecostal Ghana
Girish Daswani, University of Toronto

19.30 Conference Dinner

Selwyn College, dining hall

Saturday, 2 April

9.00–10.30 Parallel Panels

5 Pentecostalism and Global African Identities

Pentecostalism and/as Blackness – A Diasporic Conversation

Marlon Millner, Northwestern University

A Pentecostal Paradox: The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada's Evangelical Efforts in a Transitioning Trinidadian Society 1920-1962

Aakeil Murray, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine [likely online]

African Literature and the Socio-Cultural Critique of Pentecostalism: Okey Ndibe's Foreign Gods, Inc.

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds

6 Pentecostal Boundaries

The 'Presbycostalisation' of the Church in Cameroon: The Influence of Pentecostalism on the Worship and practice of Presbyterian Church in Cameroon.

Felix Kang Esoh, Presbyterian Theological Seminary Kumba, Cameroon

On "Sheep-Stealing" and Community-Building: Changing Local Christianity in Eastern India

Sophia Schäfer, University of Heidelberg [online]

Navigating Between "Evangelical", "Charismatic" and "Sect": Constructing Belonging in a Church in Switzerland

Rahel Weber, University of Basel

7 Pentecostalism, Commodification and Consumption

Time, Technology and Theology: The Neo-Pentecostal consumerist ethos of the 'more'

Miranda Klaver, VU Amsterdam

Producing and Consuming Experiences: The Megachurch as a place of world-building and self-making

Katja Rakow, University of Utrecht

The Aesthetics of Class Distinction in Brazilian Pentecostalism

Christina Rocha, Paris IAS

10.30–12.00 Plenary 3

Prosperity Gospel and Prosperity Politics: Building a National Cathedral in Ghana

Karen Lauterbach, University of Copenhagen

12.00–13.30 Lunch

13.30–15.30 Parallel Panels 3

8 Pentecostal History in Context

The Wrong Sort of Secularization: Pentecostalism and Socio-cultural Change in Copenhagen, 1907-1912

Nikolaj Christensen, Oxford

Indigenization Among Pentecostals in Russia

David Lewis, University of Cambridge

North American Pentecostalism and the Legacy of the 1960s Counterculture

Joseph Williams, Rutgers University

The Role of Emerging Neo-Charismatic Faith in South Korea: Rethinking Korean Christianity from the 1980s to the Present

SuYeon Yoon, Presbyterian pastor, formerly Fuller TS [online]

9 Pentecostalism and Faith Healing

Inner Healing and the Therapeutic Transformation of Charismatic Christianity

Peter Althouse, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa [online]

Medical Pluralism and Commodification of Healing by Pentecostal Pastor-Prophets in Ghana

Francis Benyah, Abo Akademi University

Divine Healing and Pentecostal Theology in the Era of Covid-19 Pandemic

Lord Elorm Donkor, Birmingham Christian College

Economies of Affect in a South Africa-Based, Zimbabwean Transnational Pentecostal Church

Admire Thonje, University of Witwatersrand

10 Pentecostal Theologies

Union With Christ: A Missing Link in Pentecostal Eucharistic Theology

Geoffrey Butler, Wycliffe College, Toronto [online]

Translating Prosperity in Germany: A Theological Evaluation

Frank Liesen, Southwestern Baptist TS

Christology and the Concept of Okra: Reimagining New Christological Possibilities in Africa

Samuel Sarpaning, University of Basel

Bridging the Distance: A Microcosm of Filipino Classical Pentecostal Identity

Lora Angeline Embudo Timenia, Oral Roberts University [online]

Conversucation – On the complex Role of Learning and Education in Pentecostal Conversion Narratives

Stefan van der Hoek, University of Jena

11 Pentecostalism and Modernity

Churches-in-process and Unachieved Future: Pentecostal Constructions in Rural Southern Benin

Bertin Carla, EHESS Paris

Neo-Pentecostalism and Uganda's Socio-economic Context: Unveiling the Rhetoric of Pastor Robert Kayanja

Fred Jenga, Tangaza University College, Nairobi

Narratives of Modernity and Narratives of Pentecostalism: A Foray into the Relations of Two Massive Aggregations

L. William Oliverio, Northwest University [online]

Megachurches as Locales of Religious Individualization

James Ponniah, University of Madras

15.30–16.00 Plenary 4: Conference close