

Religion, Identity and Conflict
Consortium for Asian and African Studies Inaugural International Conference
Leiden University, 26-28 August, 2009.

PROGRAM

Night Tue 25th August – Informal Welcome Drink
8pm~10pm Restaurant Grand Cafe La Gare, Stationsweg 7-9, Leiden.

DAY ONE: Wed 26th August (Venue: Gravensteen 111)

10:00-10:30 Coffee

Session One. Introductory Remarks and Key-Note Speech

10:30-12:00 Prof Peter van der Veer (Max Planck Institute for Religious and Ethical Diversity)
The Value of Comparison: India and China

12:00-14:00 Lunch

Session Two. Religion, Community and National Identity

14:00-14:30 Dr Asghar Seyed-Gohrab (Leiden, Institute for Area Studies)
No Reward – Martyrdom as Piety, mysticism and national icon in Iran

14:30-15:00 Dr Anne Caising (INALCO)
The Idea of the Nation: Hindi Poetry in the 1930's

15:00-15:30 Prof Keiko Sakai (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)
Political mobilization of communal networks in contemporary Iraq:
religion as an ideology, or social service?

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Discussion: Prof Judith Pollmann (Leiden, Institute for History)

DAY TWO. Thursday 27th August (Venue: Gravensteen 111)

Session Three: Categorizing Religions and Polities

9:00-9:30 Prof Prasenjit Duara (National University of Singapore)
Religion and the State in China and the non-Abrahamic traditions of Asia

9:30-10:00 Prof Abdellah Bounfour (INALCO)
What is meant by "Radical Islam"?

10:00-10:30 Prof Oscar Salemink (VU Amsterdam)
Secularization, Sacralization and the Profane: The categories of religion and
sacred in post-secular Vietnam

10:30-11:00 Coffee Break

11:00-12:00 Discussion: Prof Heleen Murre van den Berg (Leiden, Institute for Religious Studies)

12:00 – 13:30 Lunch

Session Four. Church and State in East Asia

13:30-14:00 Prof Izumi Niwa (Tokyo University of Foreign Studies)
The Yasukuni Controversy – from the perspective of separation of church and state.

14:00-14:30 Dr Ya-pei Kuo (International Institute for Asian Studies)
A Confucian argument for the Separation of Church and State (late 19th century China)

14:30-15:00 Prof Boudewijn Walraven (Leiden, Institute for Area Studies)
Ultimate Concerns: Religion, State and Nation in Late 19th and 20th Century Korea.

15:00-15:30 Dr Kiri Paramore (Leiden, Institute for Area Studies)
Religion as the Core of the Modern Western Nation: 19th century Japanese analyses of the role of religion in modern Western empire.

15:30-16:00 Coffee Break

16:00-17:00 Discussion: Prof Rebecca Nedostup (Boston College)

18:30~ CONFERENCE DINNER (Venue to be announced)

DAY THREE. Friday 28th August

POSTGRADUATE WORKSHOP (2 separate locations in the same building – concurrent, but with slightly different break times – see below)

LOCATION I (Gravensteen 111)

9:00-10:45 Minorities, Diaspora and Religion

- Ms. Kusu Nakajima (TUFS)
Social cohesion policy and education for minority ethnic children in the UK: A case study of Turkish-Kurds' community in London
- Ms. Shiho Sawai (TUFS)
Ambivalent Marginality: Literary Activities of Indonesian Muslim Domestic Workers in Hong Kong
- Ms. Priya Swamy (Leiden)
Who Defines What: Living Hinduisms in Practice in India and its Diaspora

Discussant: Dr Guita Winkel (Leiden), Prof Tak-wing Ngo (Leiden and Erasmus Rotterdam)

10:45-11:15 Coffee Break

11:15-12:45 Philosophy, Religion and Politics in the Early 20th Century

- Ms Chie Warashina (TUFS)
Das Heilige in the context of the beginning of the 20th century in Germany
- Mr. Dermott Walsh (Leiden)
The politics of meditation in Nishida Kitaro
- Mr. Aike Rots (SOAS)
Christian Millenarianism and Nationalism in Prewar Japan: Nakada Juuji's Politics of Identity

Discussion: T.B.A. and Prof Ab de Jong (Religion, Leiden)

13:00 Lunch and Close of Conference (Camino, Doelensteeg 8, Leiden)

LOCATION II (Gravensteen 011)

9:00-11:00 Contemporary Religions and Nations

- Ms Aya Kokaki (TUFS)
Developments of Faith-based movements during and after the February 28 process in Turkey
- Mr Scott Dalby (VU, Amsterdam)
Falun Gong cultivation in Hong Kong, Taiwan and New York
- Ms Tam Ngo (VU, Amsterdam)
Conversion, Conflicts, and Contestation: Christianity and the Hmong in Vietnam
- Ms Edyta Roszko (Max Planck Institute, Halle)
In defence of local gods: negotiation over religious space between the state and the village, Central Vietnam

Discussants: Prof Barend ter Haar (LIAS, Leiden) and Dr Hennie van de Veere (LIAS, Leiden)

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30–12:30 Religion and Identity in Literature

- Mr Enrico Giulia (Leiden)
Power, Legitimization and Shinbutsu Shugo
- Ms. Jung-Shim Lee (Leiden)
Han Yongun's novelette *Death* (1924): A Korean monk's fictionalized nation-building project in question.
- T.B.A.

Discussion: Prof Ivo Smits (LIAS, Leiden), Dr. Anne Caising (INALCO)

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