

CONFERENCE ANNOUNCEMENT AND CALL FOR PAPERS

The Politics of Living Religion/Spirituality and Gender/Sexuality in Everyday Context

Tuesday 24 May 2011, 09:30-18:00, London, UK (more details to follow)

Organisers:

Prof. Peter Nynäs, Åbo Akademi University, Finland

<http://www.abo.fi/student/Content/Document/document/20010>

Dr. Andrew Kam-Tuck Yip, University of Nottingham, UK.

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Aims:

This conference aims to bring together scholars who are doing cutting-edge theoretical and/or empirical research on the intersection of religion/spirituality and gender/sexuality in contemporary society. The conference will explore the multi-facetedness of this intersection with a particular focus on the everyday context:

- characterised by its messiness, fluidity, 'taken-for-grantedness', limits, and contentiousness;
- constituted by identities, subjectivities, experiences, emotions, bodies and desires;
- played out on individual and collective levels of spaces and politics.

By religion/spirituality we refer to all kinds of religious and spiritual cultures, movements, traditions and groups.

This deliberately small-scale conference, involving no more than 12 participants, will provide a platform for in-depth and productive dialogue. The organisers are in the process of securing a contract to produce an edited volume based on the accepted papers.

Refreshments and lunch will be provided on the day.

Abstract Submission:

Please submit, by 31 January 2011, an abstract of no more than 250 words, alongside a brief biographical note (max. 150 words) to Prof.

Nynäs (peter.nynas@abo.fi) and Dr. Yip

(andrew.yip@nottingham.ac.uk).

Preparation for Conference:

All participants must submit a fairly developed paper to the organisers by 22 April, which will be distributed among participants in advance of the conference to facilitate in-depth discussion of the day. More guidelines will follow.

Following the conference, fully developed papers must be submitted to the organisers by 15 July, to facilitate the preparation of the edited volume.

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