**Annual Conference, 7-9 July, 2021**

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Day 1: Wednesday, 7th July

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| **9:00-10:15: Panel Session 1** |
| **Science, Belief, and** **Health: Ethics and Activism** Issa Nduku Etemesi,  University of Kabianga, Kenya ***Medical Experimentation: A Question of Ethics and Human Rights Concerns***Saida Barkat Daoud  Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Science Sociales, France  ***"Adopt a clitoris", Raëlian media campaign: Religion, Science, Sex & Race***Konosoang Sobane  Human Sciences Research Council, South Africa ***The role of religion in influencing access to and use of Sexual reproductive health services by the youth: Implications on policy action***Sarah-Jane Page and Pam Lowe Aston University, UK***“Pro-life because the Embryology Textbook says so”: The Use of Science-like Arguments within Religiously-Identifying Anti-Abortion Activism Campaigns*** | **Topics in Science and Belief in Society (1)**Hossein Masigol, Salman Hameed, Ebrahim Azadegan and Seyedeh Roksana TaheriSharif University of Technology, Iran***Remarkable Acceptance and Understanding of Evolution in Iran***Nathan BossohUniversity College London, UK***Protestants and Atheists of the West, and the ‘religions of the East’: Contextualising the Ancient Origins of the Conflict Narrative***Carlos Nazario Mora Duro  Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany  ***Religion, Conspiracy, and Quasi-science: Re-enchantment of the World in Times of******Pandemic*** | **Science, Belief, and Covid-19 (1)**Siri Hettige, Nedha de Silva and Veranga WickramasingheUniversity of Colombo, Sri Lanka ***State, Religion and Science: A case study of religiosity amidst the Covid-19 pandemic in Sri Lanka.***Siri Hettige, Veranga Wickramasinghe and Nedha de Silva University of Colombo, Sri Lanka ***Science, Religion and Ethno Religious tensions in Sri Lanka: A case study on Sinhala Muslim ethno religious tension during Covid-19 pandemic***Zara Thokozani Kamwendo St John’s College, Durham University, UK  ***Resistance to a narrative of the COVID-19 pandemic as divine action***Anna Halafoff, Enqi Weng and Emily MarriottDeakin University, Australia***(Con)spirituality, science and the COVID-19 pandemic in Australia: Preliminary findings*** |
| **10:15-10:45: Overflow or Break** |
| **10:45-12:00: Panel Session 2** |
| **Science, Belief, and Health in Africa**Adam K. arap Chepkwony  University of Kabianga, Kenya  ***Facing the challenges of modern medical healthcare: Human health dangling between science and belief***Gladys MosonikUniversity of Kabianga, Kenya ***Facing the challenges of modern medical healthcare: Resistance to antibiotics by pathogens causing urinary tract infection***Jude Likori  University of Kabianga, Kenya  ***Facing the challenges of modern medical healthcare: Are religious beliefs and attitudes still relevant?***Samuel Uwem UmohUniversity of Kwazulu-Natl, South Africa***Child Bewitchment and Illness in Nigeria, Trajectory of Nigeria - Myth and Reality*** | **Science and Non-Belief**Carola Leicht  University of Kent, Canterbury, UK  ***Cooperation, Cohesion and Leadership in (new) atheism: using “science vs religion” narratives as an adaptive tool for meaning making***Joanna Malone  University of Kent, UK***Scientific Narratives Amongst Non-Believing Older Adults***Amy Unsworth  University College London, UK ***Science and belief among the non-religious working-class in England***Will Mason-WilkesUniversity of Birmingham, UK***Atheist and non-religious publics’ engagement with media representations of science: science as ‘cultural identity’?*** | **Science, Belief, and Covid-19 (2)**Natalia Zarzeczna (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands), Paul H.P. Hanel, Bastiaan T. Rutjens, Suzanna Bono, Yi-Hua Chen, and Geoffrey Haddock***Source impacts trust in and intentions to comply with health advice independently of religious beliefs across cultures***Carmen Callizo-Romero University of Granada, Spain ***The influence of the Covid-19 pandemic on the religiosity and both traditional and progressive values in Spaniards***Anna Clot-Garrell (Universitat de Barcelona, Spain) and Rafael Cazarin (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain)***The truth behind it all’: exploring conspiracy beliefs around coronavirus in Spain*** |
| **12:00-12:30: Overflow or Break** |
| **12:30-13:45: Social/Networking Session** |
| **Early Career Researcher meet-up** | **PhD student meet-up** | **Coffee/social hour** |
| **13:45-15:00: Break** |
| **15:00-16:15: Plenary Session 1** |
| **Intersectional Approaches to Diversity in STEMM: Belief, Culture, and Inclusion**Stephen JonesCarissa SharpLiz BarnesLucy AvraamidouRam Ramaswamy |
| **16:45-18:00: Panel Session 3** |
| **Science, Belief, and Education (1)**Alandeom W. Oliveira  State University of New York at Albany, USA ***Environmental Education: Science or Religion?***Jordan P. LaBouffUniversity of Maine, USA***Conflict, Compatibility, and Identity in Science, Religion, and Education***M. Elizabeth Barnes Middle Tennessee State University, USA***Are scientists in the United States biased against Christians? Exploring real and perceived bias against Christians in academic biology*** | **Topics in Science and Belief in Society (2)**Yiftach Fehige University of Toronto, Canada ***STEMM, Wisdom, and Pluralism*** Zaheeda Alibhai University of Ottawa, Canada ***Science on the Wings of Religion: From History of Co-operation to Ideologies of Conflict*** Çağdaş DedeoğluYorkville University, Canada***Belief bias as a security issue: A framework for the study of socio-technical and ecological systems*** Vivian DzokotoVirginia Commonwealth University, USA***Viruses and vectors, genes and germs, deities and demons: Making sense of Illness in West Africa*** | **Science, Belief, and Covid-19 (3)**Heather Mellquist LehtoArizona State University, USA***Beyond Shincheonji: South Korean Megachurches during the Covid-19 Pandemic***Shiri Noy Denison University, USA ***"Kindness During Unsettled Times: Religion, Science, and COVID-19”***Emily Tippins, Renate Ysseldyk, Claire Peneycad, and Hymie AnismanCarleton University, Canada ***Believing in science: Linking religious identity with vaccination intentions and trust in science during a global pandemic.***Rebecca CattoKent State University, USA***Science, Covid, and Religion: A Regional Study***  |
| **18:00-18:30: Overflow or End** |

Day 2: Thursday, 8th July

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| **9:00-10:15: Plenary Session 2** |
| ***Science, Belief, and Society in the COVID-19 pandemic***Tom AechtnerBankole FaladeAnna Halofoff |
| **10:15-10:45: Overflow or Break** |
| **10:45-12:00: Professional Development Sessions 1** |
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| **Writing a funding proposal** | **Academic publishing in Science, Belief, and Society** | **Public engagement/communication** |

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| **12:00-12:30: Overflow and/or Break** |
| **12:30-1:45: Panel Session 4** |
| **Science and Belief across Multiple Contexts or Traditions**Bastiaan Rutjens University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands ***"Science skepticism across 24 countries”***Richard C. GroveUniversity of Birmingham, UK***(Non)Religious Identification and Perceptions of the Relationship between Science and Religion Across Four Countries***Paul Hanel University of Essex, UK ***The Illusory Moral Clash: High similarities between religious and non-religious individuals***  | **Forming identity and meaning**Reynaldo Rivera University Austral (Argentina) and InterMedia Social Innovation NGO (Italy) ***God, Science and Trust. Analyzing the relationships between Religion, Understanding of Science and Trust among Millennials***Rachael Shillitoe University of Birmingham, UK ***The formation of belief and science identity in childhood***Roman Palitsky Brown University, USA ***Dynamics of Science and Religiosity in the Context of Meditation-Related Challenges: Processes of Meaning-Making among Practitioners of Buddhist Meditation in the West*** | **Science and Belief in Popular Discourse and Media**Tom Kaden, Max Gropper, and Michelle EppsUniversity of Bayreuth, Germany ***Science, Religion and the Problem of Reality: A phenomenological approach to current public science-and-religion discourse*** Cecília Delgado-Molina, Rafael Cazarín, and Mar GrieraUniversitat Autònoma de Barcelona, Spain ***What does a controversy look like? Science, religion and politics in contemporary Spain*** Dr. Marina Jaciuk Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany ***Mysterious science? Approaching science from the “journalism of mystery" in Spain***Gabriela Irrazábal CEIL CONICET, Argentina***Science and religion in dialogue. Perspectives from Argentina*** |
| **13:45-15:00: Overflow or Break** |
| **15:00-16:15: Panel Session 5** |
| **Nationhood and Discourses about Science and Religion (1)**Kostas Tampakis  National Hellenic Research Foundation, Greece  ***Darwin’s Greekness: Evolution, communism and nationalism in Greece (1880-1940)***Michał Wagner  University of Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, Poland  ***Constructing Darwinism. How 19th century Polish Socialists and clergymen used theory of natural selection to push their political agenda.***James C. Ungureanu   University of Wisconsin-Madison (USA) and University of Queensland (Australia)  ***John William Draper and Thoughts on the Civil Policy of America***Katarzyna Jarosz  International University of Logistics, Poland  ***Soviet scientific atheism seen through the lens of museums in the former Soviet Union.*** | **Belief, Evolution and Education**Kerryn Warren, Robyn Humphreys, Lindsay Hunter, Silindokuhle Mavuso, Kimberleigh Tommy, John Parkington, and Rebecca R Ackermann   University of Cape Town, South Africa***Evolving evolutionary pedagogy: a learner-centred approach***David E. Long Morehead State University, USA***Creationists learning to be biology teachers: problems of identity, intent, and self-evaluation***Rachel Schulder Abrams Pear and Nigmeh Abu Toameh KadanUniversity of Haifa, Israel  ***New Research on Science and Religion Education in Israel*** | **Science Opposition and Religious Movements**Chafik Graiguer  Hassan II University (Morocco) and Vanderbilt university (USA)***The Flat Earth Theory as Anti-Colonial Ideology: The case of Muslim flat earthers*** Edward Guimont   University of Connecticut, USA***Breaking the Firmament: The Flat Earth Theory as Anti-Colonial Ideology***Stuart Mathieson Dublin City University, Ireland ***Creationism, science communication, and religious politics: Northern Ireland as a case study*** |
| **16:15-16:45: Overflow or Break** |
| **16:45-18:00: Panel Session 6** |
| **[Please note: This panel is longer than standard, and will conclude at 19:00pm]****Nationhood and Discourses about Science and Religion (2)****16:45-17:45**Jeffrey T. Zalar  University of Cincinnati, USA ***Catholics, Natural Science, and the Trials of National Belonging in Germany, 1830-1914***Abraham Flipse Vrije  Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands***Science and religion in a pluralistic society: the debate about the Christianization of science in the Netherlands around 1900***Jaume Navarro  University of the Basque Country, Spain***Building a nation. Science-and-religion and engineering institutions in Spain******[within-session break: 15 minutes]*****18:00-19:00**Juan Manuel Rodriguez-Caso  UNAM, Mexico  ***Nineteenth-century Mexican nationalism, between liberalism and conservatism: towards a historiographical reinterpretation of the relationships between science and religion***Neil Tarrant University of York, UK***Science in Utopia: Tommaso Campanella’s City of the Sun in the thought of Luigi Firpo***Ignacio Silva Universidad Austral, Argentina***Late Nineteenth-Century Argentine Positivism on Science and Theology Relations Pedro Scalabrini and the Education of a Nation***  | **Representations of Science**Anthony K Nairn York University, Canada   ***The Grand Cosmic Perspective: The Presentation of Science in Popular Culture as a Post-Theological Secular Means of Re-Enchantment***Chris Toumey  University of South Carolina, USA   ***If You Say that Your Program Is Scientific, Then What Do You Mean by "Science"?***Jessica van Horssen  Leeds Beckett University, UK ***The Book of Carson: Silent Spring as a Secular Parable***Yunus Doğan Telliel Worcester Polytechnic Institute, USA ***The Varieties of Evidence and Belief***  | **Topics on Science and Belief in Latin America**Lucas Miranda  Federal University of Juiz de Fora, MG, Brazil ***Science and religion in high school: how do Brazilian textbooks address their relationships?***Tiago Garros TeachBeyond Brazil, Brazil***A Survey on Science and Religion Perspectives among Evangelicals in Brazil: Humanities versus Natural Sciences***Arturo Fitz Herbert, Frank Ketelhohn and Reynaldo Rivera Universidad Austral, Argentina ***Narratives of conflict, the stereotype of atheist scientists and its effects on religious scientists: strategies of presentation of religiosity in the Argentine scientific field.***Gonzalo Peñaloza JiménezCINVESTAV - Unidad Monterrey, México***Views of nature: An exploratory case study among Colombian biology teachers*** |
| **18:00 – 18:30: Overflow**  |
| **21.00-22:15: Plenary Session 3** |
| **The Global History of Science and Religion in the Long Nineteenth Century**Bernard LightmanYork University, Canada***Scientific Naturalism in Britain and Eastern Religion***Meira GoldYork University, Canada***Yusuf Hekekyan’s astrogeology: Human Antiquity and Religion in semi-colonial Egypt***John StenhouseUniversity of Otago, New Zealand***Evolution, religion, politics and race in nineteenth century New Zealand***Joel BarnesUniversity of Queensland, Australia***Evolution in colonial Australia: institutional development and cultural authority*** |

Day 3: Friday, 9th July

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| **09:00 – 10:15: Social/Networking Session** |

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| **10:15 – 10:45: Overflow or Break** |
| **10:45-12:00: Panel Session 7** |

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| **Science and Belief in Africa**Tabitha NaisikoMakerere University, Uganda***Expounding on The Pillars of African Culture as a Basis for STEMM and African Development***Ganiyat Tijani-AdenleLagos State University, Nigeria***Phantom Wealth: Nigerian press reportage of money-making rituals and its implications for ritual killings/violence in the country***Bankole FaladeStellenbosch University, South Africa***Beliefs, social groups and the social space of science: comparing Nigeria and South Africa***Augustus Mutebesi BillyUniversity of Kabianga, Kenya***The representation dynamics and rules of engagement between science, religion and traditional beliefs in the African context*** | **Influential Figures in Science and Belief**Joseph Satish Vedanayagam University of Hyderabad, India***Finding God in all things: The spirituality of the Jesuit priest-scientist in post-colonial India***Alexandra Roginski Deakin University, Australia ***The Science of Layered Authority: Phrenology, Preaching, and Pastor Abbott’s Free Christian Assembly***Pete Jordan University of Oxford, UK ***The political and economic roots of John Templeton’s understanding of religion and science*** | **Science, Belief, and Education (2)** Adekunle Olusola Otunla (Lead City University, Nigeria), Samuel Olufemi Adeniyi (University of Lagos, Nigeria), and Ismaila Temitayo Sanusi (University of Eastern Finland)***The Nigerian Baptist Convention’ Christian Education Programmes and Interventions towards Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET) Policy Implementation in Nigeria***Elizabeth Oyewo Adetola University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa***Maze of Spiritual Preparation of Teachers: Cosmic Tales and Fables ‘God with No Hand’***Nasser Mansour  University of Exeter, UK   ***The consistency and inconsistency between scientific evidence in STEM, diversity and dialogic pedagogy in the science classroom*** |

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| **12:00-12:30: Overflow or Break** |
| **12:30 – 13:45: Plenary Session 4** |

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| **Future Directions in the Field**Chair: Fern Elsdon-Baker |

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| **1:45-3:00: Overflow or Break** |
| **15:00 – 16:15: Panel Session 8** |
| **Evolution and Religion in Popular Media: Global and Historical Perspectives**Alexander Hall and Will Mason-WilkesUniversity of Birmingham, UK***From Science and Humanism to Science as Religion: the emerging representation of science as a worldview in BBC blue-chip documentaries from Bronowski to Cox***Clara FlorensaEscola Universities Gimbernat, Spain***The Intellectual Conversations of Poblet (1959-1967): discussions about how to build a Catholic version of evolution for the general public in Franco's Spain***Myrna Perez-Sheldon Ohio University, USA***Abortion, God, and Sociobiology***David Kirby California Polytechnic University, USA***Hollywood Stories of Human Origins: The Interactions Between Evolution, Religion and American Film*** | **Topics in Science and Belief in Society (3)**Randle Villanueva and Job Chen Clemson University, USA***Religiosity and Analytical thinking***Cameron D. Mackey Ohio University, USA ***Christianity-Science Compatibility Beliefs Increase Nonreligious Individuals’ Perceptions of Christians’ Intelligence and Scientific Abilit*y**Nicole Kaufman Ohio University, USA ***The “Evidence-based” and “Faith-based” Mandates in Community Corrections*** Stella ButlerUniversity College London, UK***Collecting, Connecting and Challenging: Could and should libraries be spaces for talking about STEMM?*** | **Philosophical and Historical Topics in Science and Belief in Society**Aaron Lepp University of Toronto, Canada ***Analytic Metaphysics: Putnam and van Fraassen on Science and Religion***M. Alper Yalcinkaya Ohio Wesleyan University, USA ***Materialism and suicide: The making of an Ottoman narrative about science and religion***Badrinath RaoKettering University, USA***Religion, Rationality, and Science in India: Insights from the Past and the Present*** |
| **16:15 – 16:45: Overflow or Break** |
| **16:45-18:00: Professional Development Sessions 2** |
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| **18:00-18:45: Overflow or Break** |
| **18:45-20:00: Social/Networking Session** |
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