**VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**

# Religion in Latin America and the Caribbean: Past, Present and Possible Futures

**Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS)**

**in collaboration with** the **Centre for Religion, Conflict and Globalization (CRCG), University of Groningen.**

Wednesday 12 January 2021, 12.00 - 19.00 GMT
Thursday 13 January 2021, 12.00 – 19:00 GMT

## DAY ONE: Wednesday 12 January

**Welcome Address: 12.00 – 12.15**

**Ainhoa Montoya**, Director of the Centre for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS)
**Manoela Carpenedo**, Postdoctoral Researcher, Centre for Religion, Conflict and Globalization (CRCG), University of Groningen.

**Panel 1: 12.15 - 13.45** **Religion and Political Mobilization**
**(Plenary session)**
***Chair:*** **Joanildo Burity** (Fundação Joaquim Nabuco)

**Gerson Leite de Moraes** & **Daniel Francisco Nagao Menezes** (University Presbiteriana Mackenzie, Brazil): The Approximation between Militia Power and Religious Fundamentalism in Brazil: the current Crises of the Brazilian Republic.
**Johanna Perez Gomez** (University College London, UK): The Spiritual War: Paramilitaries, Sorcery and the Rising of Pentecostalism in Colombia
**Luciana Chamorro Elizondo** (University of Michigan, US): Theo-politics and the Economy of Hate in Post-Revolutionary Nicaragua

*BREAK 13.45 – 14.00*

**Panel 2a: 14.00 - 15.30** **Afro-Diasporic Religions in Latin America and the Caribbean.**
**(parallel session)**
***Chair:*** **Katerina Hatzikidi** (University of Tuebingen)

**Guilherme Dantas Nogueira** (University of Brasília, Brazil): Traditional Afro-Religiosity and Its Historic Adaptation to Brazil
**Alastair Lockhart** (University of Cambridge, UK): Innovation and Individualism in Mid-Twentieth Century Jamaican Religion: Responses to a British New Religious Export
**Vítor Queiroz** (Rio Grande do Sul Federal University, Brazil): The Agency of Eshu
**Doreen Gordon** (University of the West Indies, Jamaica) "O Dia dos Santos (The Day of the Saints): The Black Evangelical Movement and Anti-Racist Mobilization in Brazil."

**Panel 2b: 14.00 - 15.30** **Religious Change, Mobilization and Imagination**
**(parallel session)**
***Chair:*** **Joseph Florez** (California State University)

**Gema Kloppe-Santamaría** (Loyola University, Chicago, USA) A Crusade to Defend Mexico's "Authentic" Religion: Catholic Mobilization and Anti-Protestant Violence in Mid-Twentieth Century Mexico
**Pedro Feitoza** (Brazilian Centre of Analysis and Planning, São Paulo, Brazil):
The Dynamics of Religious Change: Conversion and the Brazilian Evangelical Imagination, 1860-1940
**David Nogueira** (Contemporary Political History, Universidade de Brasília, Brazil): Southern Baptist Missions in Brazil
**Lani Anaya** (Bonn University, Germany): Ecumenism in Latin America: Conceptual and Academic Horizons.

*BREAK 15.30 – 15.45*

**Panel 3: 15.45 - 17.15** **Religion and Environment**
**(Plenary session)**
***Chair:*** **Niall Geraghty** (University College London)

**Ainhoa Montoya** (School of Advanced Study, University of London, UK): The Earth as a Common Home: Political History and Eco-theology in Central America
**Kasia Mika** (Queen Mary University London, UK): Crafting Hopeful Futures in the Meantime: Environmental Crises and the Caribbean Beyond a Tropical Apocalypse
**Adriano Godoy** (Brazilian Centre for Analysis and Planning, Brazil): Ethnoecological Architecture in the Catholic Amazon
**Amy R. Whitehead** (Massey University, New Zealand) & **Gabriel Bayarri** (Complutense University of Madrid, Spain and Macquarie University, Australia): Decolonising Mary: A Material Approach to Social and Environmental Justice in Latin America

*BREAK 17.15 - 17.30*

**Keynote: 17.30 - 18.30** **Professor Virginia Garrard** (University of Texas at Austin)

**Restoring the Kingdom: Authoritarianism and Christian Nationalism in the Americas**

**End of day one.**

**DAY TWO: Thursday 13 January**

**Panel 4: 12.00 - 13.30** **Media and Religion**
**(Plenary session)**
***Chair:*** **Laiqah Osman** (University of Cardiff)

**Carolina Falcão** (Federal University of Pernambuco, Brazil): Neither Conservative Nor Broadcasting: Non-Hegemonic Christianity and the Religious Protagonism in Brazil
**Lorena Mochel** (National Museum, Brazil): A Ministry on WhatsApp: Digital Media and the Changing Pentecostal Women Lives in Rio de Janeiro Peripheral Zones
**Kim Beecheno** (Uppsala University, Sweden): Pentecostalism and Social Media in Brazil: Faith, Gender, Race and Class among Social Media Users of the Universal Church of the Kingdom of God (UCKG).
**Giovanna Miralles Terán de Wilkin** (Canterbury Christ Church University, UK): Digitising the Sacred: Maya Women's Cosmovision Online

*BREAK: 13.30 - 13.45*

**Panel 5a: 13.45 - 15.15** **The Rise of Evangelicals: Plurality, the City and Everyday Politics**
**(parallel session)**
***Chair:*** **David Lehmann** (University of Cambridge)

**Alvaro Espinoza** (University of Groningen, Netherlands): Analysis of the Relationship between Urban Design and Pentecostal Growth in the City of Managua, Nicaragua.
**Rocío G. Bravo Salazar** (University of Tubingen, Germany): Churches in Town: An Analysis of Conflicts Associated to Religion in Indigenous Municipalities of Oaxaca, Mexico
**Isabel Castillo** (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Chile): Chilean Evangelicals in Electoral Politics: Failed Representation amid Politicization
**Andrew Paxman** (Centre for Research and Teaching in Economics, Mexico): Conversion, Literacy, and the Summer Institute of Linguistics: Evidence from the Mexican Censuses of 1940 through to 1970

**Panel 5b: 13.45 - 15.15** **Religious Conversion: Historical and Philosophical Perspectives**
**(parallel session)**
***Chair:*** **Pedro Feitoza** (Brazilian Centre of Analysis and Planning)

**Yael Maba** (Ben Gurion University, Israel): Religious Conversion as a form of Political Protest: Some Observations from the Andes
**Marco Ambrosi De la Cadena** (Università Vita-Salute San Raffaele in Milano, Italy): Lascasian Peaceful Conversion in Guatemala: An Aristotelian Scheme?
**Maria Regina Lins Brandão Veas** (State University of Minas Gerais, Brazil): The Popular Readings of the 'Congregation of the Mission' in Brazil

*BREAK: 15.15 – 15.30*

**Panel 6a: 15.30 – 17.00** **The Transnationalisation of Religion**
**(parallel session)**
***Chair:*** **Roos Dorsman** (Université libre de Bruxelles)

**Deborah E. Kanter** (Albion College, USA): "Thanks to San Juan de los Lagos": The Evolution of la Fé Sanjuanera in Chicago
**Tatiana Golfetto** (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy): The Transnationalization of Afro-Brazilian Religions: An Italian Case Study
**Hilde Capparella** (The Open University, UK): Decolonisation, Ontology and Authenticity in Rastafari Languaging
**Eduardo Ángel Cruz** (Università degli Studi di Teramo Italy and KU Leuven, Belgium): **'**Here, Money Gets Things Done': Politics, Alms and Mediation in the Canonization of Isidro. Spain, New Spain and Peru, 1561-1622

**Panel 6b: 15.30 – 17.00** **Gender, Sexuality and Religion**
**(parallel session)**
***Chair:*** **Katie Gaddini** (University College London)

**Beatriz Santos Barreto** (University of Cambridge, UK): LGBTQ+ Christians in Brazil: Activism, Identities, and Futurities
**Olga Ocampo** (Los Andes University, Colombia): Pious Mother Mobilizing against Violence in Colombia: the Case of the Mothers of Candelaria
**Cris Serra** (University of the State of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil): LGBTQI+ Christians and Christian Feminists in Evangelical Brazil: Pluralism and the Boundaries of Religion
**Manoela Carpenedo** (University of Groningen, Netherlands): Sexuality and Moral Torment among Judaizing Evangelical Women Brazil

*BREAK: 17.00 - 17.15*

**Panel 7: 17.15 – 18.45** **Religion and Decolonial Perspectives**
**(Plenary session)**
***Chair:*** **Valentina Napolitano** (University of Toronto)

**Patrick Brock** (University of Oslo, Norway): Epistemological Spirituality in Brazilian Afrofuturism
**Davie A. Dunkley** (University of Missouri in Columbia, USA): Edna Fisher and the Politics of Early Rastafari
**Alejandro Escalante** (King's College London, UK): Madness: Puerto Rico's Religious Futures and Decolonial Imagination
**Fernando Gómez Herrero** (University of Manchester, UK): On Enrique Dussel's Political Theology

**18.45 – 19.00** **Closing Remarks**
**(Plenary session)**

**Manoela Carpenedo**, Postdoctoral Researcher, (Centre for Religion, Conflict and Globalization (CRCG), University of Groningen)