

Comparative Perspectives on the Formatting of Religion in Modern Society

*An Exploratory Workshop under the
Good Protestant, Bad Religion? Research Project*

Venue: Domus Theologica, Blindernveien 9, Blindern Campus
University of Oslo

Thursday December 3rd (in room 214)

- 08:30 Coffee and Fruit
- 09:00 Welcome, Aud Tønnessen (Dean of the Faculty of Theology) and Tarald Rasmussen (Director of the GOBA Project)
- 09:15 Keynote: Elizabeth Shakman Hurd: *The New Global Politics of Religion* (open lecture).
Response: Kari Telle
- 10:45 Markus Dressler: *Religion-Making: Problems and Prospects*
- 12:00 Lunch
- 13:00 Bjørn Ola Tafjord: *Religious studies, religiologies, imagined religiographies, reification, and resistance*
- 14:15 Coffee break
- 14:45 Anthony Good: *The use of Country of Origin Information in the assessment of conversion claims in the asylum process*
- 15:45 Case Study I: Helge Årsheim, *Practicing Essentialism? Religion-based Asylum Claims and the use of Country of Origin Information in Norway and Canada*
Response: Erin Wilson
- 16:45 Summary Conversation
- 17:15 End
- 20:15 Conference Dinner at Håndverkerstuene, Rosenkrantzgate 7

Friday December 4th (in auditorium U40)

- 08:45 Coffee and Fruit
- 09:15 Keynote, Lori Beaman: *Strategies of Exemption: The Many Faces of Religion* (open lecture).
Response: Inger Furseth
- 10:45 David Herbert: *Remaking religion in consumer societies*
- 11:45 Lunch
- 12:30 Amélie Barras: *Disciplining the secular narrative in [un]usual places: from circumcision to yoga*
- 13:30 Erin Wilson: *Understandings of the Freedom of Religion or Belief in cross-cultural contexts*
- 14:30 Coffee Break
- 14:45 Summary Conversation
- 15:15 End