

The 2013 International Conference

# Changing Religious Movements in a Changing World

Falun (Sweden), 21–24 June 2013  
Dalarna University, Högskelegatan 2, Falun

## PROGRAMME



The 2013 CESNUR Conference co-organized by:  
Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR)  
International Society for the Study of New Religions (ISSNR)  
Institute for Studies of Religion, Baylor University  
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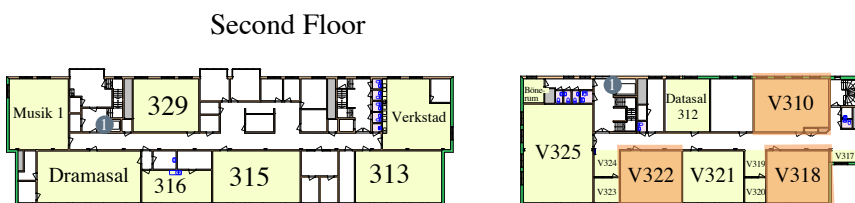
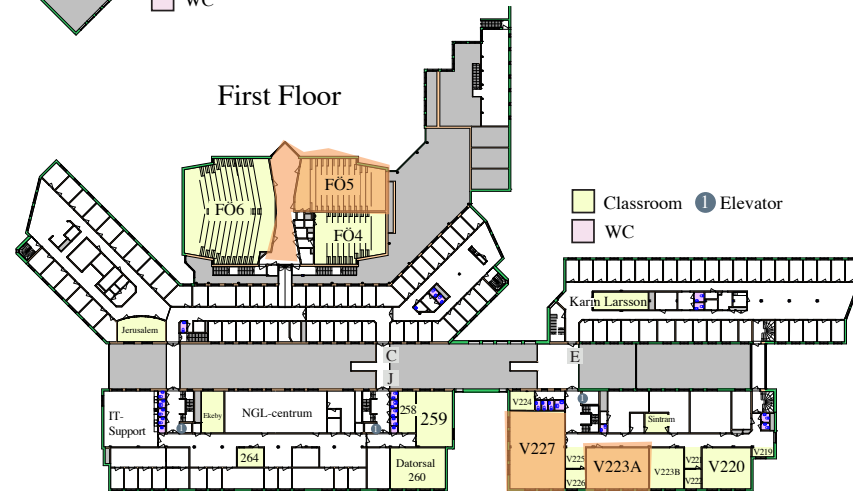
# Conference Area Map

The orange marked areas are relevant for the conference.

# Friday June 21, 2013

## 8,45 / Field Trip

Participants with the "full registration" package will congregate for a departure at 8,45 a.m. in Stockholm, Klarabergsviadukten (just above the Central Train Station: from the station take the escalator upwards to Klarabergsviadukten; after the escalator, go out through the doors to the right and board the bus for the field trip to culturally significant locations throughout the Swedish region of Dalarna. The bus will leave at 9 a.m. Dalarna is famous for its small and picturesque villages, beautiful nature, traditional culture and handicraft. We will first visit Falun's World Heritage Site and the 17th century part of the town. At that time, Falun was one of the most important towns in Sweden because of its copper mine. Then we will continue to the old traditional villages around Lake Siljan, stopping on our way at some other places of traditional and cultural importance. The journey will culminate with a traditional Swedish Midsummer Feast in the village of Leksand, before our arrival in Falun late that evening.



# Saturday June 22, 2013

9-11 / Session 1 – Plenary – Fö5

## Is the World of Religions Really Changing?

Welcome by Academic Authorities  
Presiding and Introducing: Massimo INTROVIGNE

*Fluctuations, Transformations and New World Orders: Changing Religious Movements in a Changing World*  
Eileen BARKER (London School of Economics)

*From Sectarianism to Universalism: Responses to Religious Pluralism in the United States*  
Constance A. JONES (California Institute of Integral Studies, San Francisco)

*Texas Pentecostalism: A Test Case for the Definition of New Religions*  
J. Gordon MELTON (Baylor University, Waco)

11-11,30 / Coffee Break

11,30-13 / Parallel Sessions

11,30-13 / Session 2 – V223a

## Contemporary Socio-Religious Movements of Russian Origin in Post-Soviet and Western Societies

Chair: Milda ALISAUSKIENE

*The Anastasia Movement: From Russia to the West*  
Rasa PRANSKEVICIUTE (Uppsala University)

*Cosmocentrism and the Idea of the Social and Religious Activities of Fedorov's Religious-Philosophic Movement in Contemporary Russia*  
Elean KONSTANTINOVA (The Institute of World Literature, Moscow)

*"New Cosmic Religion" and the Ancient Cult of the White Old Man Interpreted Anew: Communities of Ritual Healers in Post-Soviet Kalmykia*  
Valeriya GAZIZOVA (University of Oslo)

*The Transformations of Russian New Age Movement "Anastasia"*  
Julia ANDREEVA (European University, St. Petersburg)

11,30-13 / Session 3 – V227

## Old New Religions and Changing Attitudes to Ecumenism

Chair: Dyron DAUGHRITY

*The Watch Tower's Changing Hymnody: How Music Reflects Change among Jehovah's Witnesses*  
George D. CHRYSSIDES (University of Birmingham)

*Christian Science in Ecumenical Dialogue: Signs of Change*  
Shirley PAULSON (University of Birmingham)

*Unorthodox Orthodoxy in Britain*  
Margaret Z. WILKINS (Independent Scholar and Researcher, UK)

11,30-13 / Session 4 – V310

## The Changing New Age

Chair: Jean-François MAYER

*New Age, Spiritual or Religious? Self-designations within the New Age Movement*  
Knut MELVAER - Margrethe LØØV (University of Bergen)

*"Lielvarde Belt": Folk Tradition, the New Age Religion and Nationalism in Latvia*  
Agita MISANE (University of Latvia)

*Textual Lives and New Age Spirituality*  
Lisbeth MIKAELSSON (University of Bergen)

*Is It Really only "Love and Light"? The Belief in Evil Spirits within New Age*  
Sara DUPPILS (Åbo Akademi University, Turku)

11,30-13 / Session 5 – V322

## Changing Jewish and Israeli Perspectives

Chair: Constance A. JONES

*The Mutable Nature of the Common Enemy. The Changing Reaction of the Israeli Government to New Religious Movements*  
Adam KLIN-ORON (Hebrew University, Jerusalem) - Marianna RUAH-MIDBAR (Zefat Academic College)

*Shifting Feminisms in the Jewish Renewal Movement*  
Chava WEISSLER (Lehigh University, Bethlehem)

*Is There a Real Difference Between Business Consultancy and Channeling?*  
Nurit Z Aidman (Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Beer-Sheva)

13-14,15 / Lunch (Scandic Hotel)

14,30-18 / Parallel Sessions  
[Each session will have a coffee break between 16,15 and 16,30]

14,30-18 / Session 6 – V223a

### Changing Religion in Scandinavia

Chair: Liselotte FRISK

*The Case of Aarhus, Denmark. Changes in the Field of New Religious Movements from 2002 to 2012*  
Lars AHLIN (University of Aarhus)

*A Buyer's Market: The Commodification of Religion in Sweden*  
Gwendolyn ALEXIS (Monmouth University, West Long Branch)

*Strategies Among Young Jehovah's Witnesses in Secondary School in Sweden*  
Pernilla LIEDGREN DOBRONRAVOFF (Dalarna University, Falun)

*Nigerian Pentecostalism in Sweden: The Case of Redeemed Christian Church of God*  
Nils MALMSTRÖM (Lund University)

14,30-18 / Session 7 – V227

### Changing Movements: Case Studies - I

Chair: Philippe MURILLO

*The Anzac Spirit: A Civil Religious Movement*  
Zoe ALDERTON (University of Sydney)

*The Spiritist Revival. The Raising Voice of Popular Religion?*  
Anne KALVIG (University of Bergen)

*From Children of God to Children of Members: Changing Views on Children in TFI 1988-2013*  
Sanja NILSSON (Dalarna University, Falun)

*The Movement for the Spiritual Integration into the Absolute. Facets of an Identity: Minority of Conscience, Minority of Sexual Practice, and Minority Born of Repression*  
Gabriel ANDREESCU (National School for Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest)

14,30-18 / Session 8 – V310

### Changing Local/Glocal Religious Landscapes - I

Chair: Agita MISANE

*Analysis of the Religious Pluralism in Spain*  
Sonia BARTOL SÁNCHEZ (International University of La Rioja)

*"We Are no Longer Able to Hear God!": A Consideration of Christianity's Fall from Grace in Western Europe*  
Dyron DAUGHRITY (Pepperdine University, Malibu)

*Global Hindu Religious Movements and Their Return Home*  
Ferdinando SARDELLA (Uppsala University)

*Challenges for Religious Diversity in Lithuania*  
Milda ALISAUSKIENE (Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas)

*Religions in Italy 2013*  
PierLuigi ZOCCATELLI (CESNUR, Turin)

*The Phenomenon of Philippine Homegrown Religious Movements That Have Attracted Global Following*  
Maria Lourdes B. GONZALEZ (University of Asia and the Pacific, Pasig City)

14,30-18 / Session 9 – V318

### Gender and New Religions

Chair: Susan J. PALMER

*A Quantitative Perspective on Gender and New Religions*  
James R. LEWIS - Inga B. TØLLEFSEN (University of Tromsø)

*Every Man and Every Woman Is a Star: The Social Construction of Gender in Contemporary Ordo Templi Orientis*  
Manon HEDENBORG-WHITE (Stockholm University)

*"God Giving Birth". Monica Sjoo's Role as a Bridge Between Radical and Spiritual Feminism and British Wiccan-derived Paganism, c. 1970 - c. 1990*  
Shai FERARO (Tel-Aviv University)

*Part Feminine, Part Masculine, All Divine: Israeli Channeling as Solving Conflicting Gender Roles*  
Adam KLIN-ORON (Hebrew University, Jerusalem)

*A Feminine Psychology/Philosophy in NRMs: On the Problem of Empathy*  
Marzia COLTRI (AEREC - Accademia Europea per le Relazioni Economiche e Culturali, Roma)

14,30-18 / Session 10 – V322

### Changing Islam

Chair: Jane WILLIAMS-HOGAN

*Religious Ethnic Minorities: The Case of Muslim Roma in Bulgaria*  
Alessandro AMICARELLI (Roma Nation Embassy, London)

*The Gulen Movement and Its Contributions: New Social Movement Perspective*  
Yu-Cheng LIU (National Chiao Tung University, Taiwan)

*Christian-Moslem Relations in Southeast Asia: Towards Peace and Harmony*  
Elizabeth T. URGEL (University of Asia and the Pacific, Pasig City)

18-19 / Business Meeting for the members of the International Society for the Study of New Religions (ISSNR) – V227

19,15 / Reception (Dalarna University)

## Sunday June 23, 2013

8,30-9,45 / Session 11 – Plenary – Fö5

### The Occult, Prophecy, and the End of the World

Chair: J. Gordon MELTON

*From Occultism and Spiritualism to Idealism and Mysticism, American Metaphysical Religion in the Making: Theosophy and New Thought*  
Philippe MURILLO (University of Toulouse)

*Why the World Did not End and the New Age Exists after all: Maya Calendar, December 2012, Believers and the Media*  
Jean-François MAYER (Relioscope, Fribourg)

9,45-10 / Coffee Break

10-13 / Session 12 – Plenary – Fö 5

### A Drama in Sweden: Murder in the Knutby Philadelphia Pentecostal Church

Chair: Eileen BARKER

*The 2004 Murder (movie)*

*Knutby Philadelphia Church: An Inside Perspective*  
Pastor Peter GEMBÄCK (Knutby Philadelphia Church)

*Sweden's "Bride of Christ", Åsa Waldau: A Study of Feminine Mysticism and Prophecy*  
Susan J. PALMER (Concordia University, Montreal)

*The Life Story of Helge Fossmo: An Interpretation of Personal Narrative*  
Liselotte FRISK (Dalarna University, Falun)

13,15-14,45 / Lunch (Scandic Hotel)

15-18,30 / Parallel Sessions

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15-18,30 / Session 13 – V223a

**Esotericism and New Religions** [Session organized in co-operation with ContERN (Contemporary Esotericism Research Network)]

Chair: PierLuigi ZOCCATELLI

*Discursive Complexes as a Tool to Systematize the Study of Contemporary Esotericism*  
Kennet GRANHOLM (Stockholm University)

*Twenty-First Century Templars: The Evolution of the Ordo Templi Orientis under Hymenaeus Beta (1985-)*  
Christian GIUDICE (University of Gothenburg)

*“Unveiling the Number 19”: Secrecy, Concealment and Revelation in the Religious Thought of Mother Tynnetta Muhammad*  
Justine BAKKER (University of Amsterdam)

*From Goddess to Cyborg: The Pagan and the Posthuman in the Digital Age*  
Venetia ROBERTSON (University of Sydney)

*Neo-Pagans On-Line: An Example of Third Space*  
Giulia EVOLVI (Ph.D. Candidate, University of Colorado, Boulder)

15-18,30 / Session 14 – V227

**Changing Local/Glocal Religious Landscapes - II**

Chair: Ferdinando SARDELLA

*Travel and New Religions*  
Alex NORMAN (University of Sydney)

*Two Forms of Religious Pluralism: Monistic and Pluralistic*  
Jae-Hyun PARK (Daejin University)

*East Asia's Circular Theology and Deconstructive Theology: A Comparison*  
Nam-Sik KO (Daejin University)

15-18,30 / Session 15 – V310

**Alternative Archaeology and New Religiosity in the Twilight Zone of Science**

Presiding and Introducing: Pia ANDERSSON (Stockholm University) - *Alternative Archaeology: A Brief Introduction*

*Archaeology and the Authority of Sacred History*  
James R. LEWIS (University of Tromsø)

*God, Gods and Spacemen: Ancient Astronaut Narratives and Re-readings of the Bible*  
Erik A. W. ÖSTLING (Stockholm University)

*Semiotic Arousal in Millenarian Representations of the Megalithic Past: Alternative Archaeologies in the 2012 Phenomenon*  
Kevin WHITESIDES (University of Edinburgh)

*Alternative Archaeology, Has It Happened?: Paganism and Archaeology in Twenty-first Century in Britain*  
Robert WALLIS (Richmond University, London) - Jenny BLAIN (Sheffield Hallam University)

*Mainstream Archaeology and Alternative Archaeology in Scandinavia*  
Stig WELINDER (Mid Sweden University, Härnösand)

15-18,30 / Session 16 – V318

**“American” Movements: Changes and Controversies**

Chair: Alessandro AMICARELLI

*The Controversy around the LDS Paris Temple Project*  
Bernadette RIGAL-CELLARD (University of Bordeaux)

*The Love Never Dies: 25 Years of “Charisma” as a Tool for NRM Studies*  
Christopher HARTNEY (University of Sydney)

*“The Mormon Moment”: When Did It Begin and Has It Really Ended?*  
Michael W. HOMER (Utah State Historical Society)

*Health Dissent in Conservative American Subcultures*  
Holly FOLK (Western Washington University)

19,30 / Banquet (Scandic Hotel)

# Monday June 24, 2013

8,30-10,45 / Parallel Sessions

8,30-10,45 / Session 17 – V223a

## Changing Movements and Perspectives from Korea

Chair: Christopher HARTNEY

*Return of Korean Messiahs in the Crisis of Christianity: A Comparative Study of Unification Church, WMS Church of God, Jesus' Morning Star Movement and Shinchonji*

Shin AHN (Pai Chai University, Daejeon)

*The Changing Concept of "New Religions" from a Religio-typological Context*

Kim CHONGSUH (Seoul National University)

*The Ultimate Aim of New Religion Movements and the New Rule and the Social Structure of the New World (Centering the Rule of Heaven and the Culture of Neo-Human)*

Gang-Hyen HAN (Mejiro University, Saitama)

8,30-10,45 / Session 18 – V227

## Changing Movements: Case Studies - II

Chair: George D. CHRYSIDES

*Converting to Soka Gakkai in Cuba: Individual Motivations and Organizational Strategies*

Girardo Rodriguez PLASENCIA (Ritsumeikan Asia Pacific University, Beppu)

*A Case Study on Taiwan Contemporary New Religions in Terms of Changing Religious Movements in a Changing Society. Focused on Taiwan I Kuan Dao*

Gyung-Won LEE (Daejin University)

*The Death of Rev. Sun Myung Moon and What It Portends for the Unification Church*

Dan FEFERMAN (International Coalition for Religious Freedom, Washington DC)

*An Update on Religious Freedom Issues Relating to the Unification Church in Japan*

Shunsuke UOTANI (Universal Peace Federation, Tokyo)

8,30-10,45 / Session 19 – V310

## Changing Controversies

Chair: James R. LEWIS

*Addressing the Issue of Interaction Between New Spiritual Movements and Society from the Perspective of Conflict Theory*

Natalia SHELARU (Soteria International, Copenhagen)

*Squeezing into Uncomfortable Spaces: Scholarly Objectivity and Strong Opinions*

David WEBSTER (University of Gloucestershire, Cheltenham)

*The Reluctant Player: Negotiating Tensions in the Study of New Religious Movements*

Cimminnee HOLT (Concordia University, Montreal)

*Jesus' Wife: A New Controversy in the Study of Christian Faith*

David W. KIM (Seoul National University)

8,30-10,45 / Session 20 – V318

## Swedenborgianism in a Changing World

Chair: Marzia COLTRI

*From "Ed" to "Web": The Changing Audience of Swedenborgianism*

Jane WILLIAMS-HOGAN (Bryn Athyn College)

*Science, Modernity, and Individuations of Belief: Swedenborg and the Roots of American Religious Pluralism*

Devin ZUBER (Swedenborg House of Studies of the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley)

*"Times They Are a-Changin'": Faith Conversations in 2013*

Göran APPELGREN (Swedenborgian Pastor, Stockholm)

*Smuggling Religion: Swedenborgianism and Literary Fiction*

Sylvia MONTGOMERY SHAW (Writer, Boston)

10,45-11 / Coffee Break

11-12,45 / Session 21 – Plenary – Fö 5

## **Changing Movements in a Changing Society: A Local Story with a Global Meaning**

Chair: Jean-François MAYER

*Pyramid of Merkiné: New Age or Popular Catholicism?*  
Milda ALISAUSKIENE (Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas)

*Lithuanian Occulture and the Magic of Druskininkai: From Ciurlionis to Povilas Zekas*  
Massimo INTROVIGNE (CESNUR, Turin)

### *13 / Departures and Field Trip*

For those registered for the field trips, buses will leave the university from Höskolan Dalarna at 13 p.m. (box lunches will be provided), taking participants either directly to Arlanda Airport (arrival: 16 p.m.) near Stockholm or to a visit to Kalle Runnistare, a neo-Pagan rune-carver on an island outside Stockholm. This island, Adelsö, is a World Heritage Site with historical importance, where the kings lived in the Viking era. The journey ends in Stockholm in the late evening.





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