



CALL FOR PAPERS
THE FUTURE OF PENTECOSTALISM



Call for Papers for the GloPent Conference 2018 to be held on February 9 and 10 at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam.

Keynote speakers: **Jon Bialecki, Kim Knibbe and Damaris S. Parsitau**

With its growth, global impact, and reach, Pentecostalism has developed into a diverse and established movement of denominations, independent churches, mega-churches, and ministries. Within mainline Christianity, Pentecostal beliefs and practices are now more accepted and are described by some as the 'Pentecostalization' of Christianity. This is observed in the acceptance of key practices and beliefs concerning the gifts of the Holy Spirit like divine healing, deliverance, and prophecy. However, Pentecostalism in the context of (late) modernity is more than a success story.

In spite of its missionary zeal, Pentecostalism is not immune of decline and apostasy of the second or third generation Pentecostals. Furthermore, science and shifting morals in societies challenge Pentecostal beliefs more broadly which calls for response and engagement with the surrounding context. And due to new media, scandals concerning Pentecostal leaders can no longer be hidden.

Together these trends raise a number of questions with regard to the future of Pentecostalism, which will be the overall theme of the GloPent conference 2018 in Amsterdam.

The conference theme the 'Future of Pentecostalism' will be organized among 3 themes and we especially invite contributions to the following topics:

1. *Future of Pentecostal Beliefs and Practices*
 - Routinization of signs and wonders
 - Authenticating healing, miracles and prophecy
 - Prosperity gospel and modernity
 - Apostasy and deconversion
 - Deliverance practices
 - Pentecostalism and theology
 - Pentecostalism and science
 - Pentecostalism and homosexuality

2. *Future of Pentecostal Networks and Churches*
 - Pentecostal identity and megachurches
 - Decline of denominational Pentecostalism
 - Second generation Pentecostals
 - Conference sites and the local church
 - Pentecostalization of mainline Christianity
 - Pentecostal identity and global Christianity

3. *Future of Pentecostal Authority and Gender*
 - Pentecostal leadership and celebrity culture
 - Fivefold leadership and the apostolic reformation movement
 - Pentecostalism and feminism
 - Leadership couples and gender relations
 - Corruption, fraud and new media

Other panels or contributions are welcome, please contact the conference coordinator.

Keynote Speakers:

Dr. Jon Bialecki, University of Edinburgh: (theme 1) *Miracles, in the Future Imperfect Tense?*

Dr. Kim Knibbe, University of Groningen: (theme 2) *Conflicting futures, entangled pasts: Nigerian missionaries in a post-secular Europe.*

Dr. Damaris S. Parsitau, Egerton University: (theme 3) *The Future Kingdom of Holy Women and Pure Girls: Tensions, Trends and Raptures in Pentecostal Gender and Family Relations in Kenya*

Conference Coordinator: dr. Miranda Klaver (m.klaver@vu.nl)

Abstracts: abstracts of no more than 150 words and panel proposals should be sent to Miranda van Holland: crvanholland@gmail.com before October 10, 2017.

Conference dates: 9-10 February 2018

Conference Fee: to be announced.

Location: Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, The Netherlands, see <https://www.vu.nl/en/>

Practical information regarding hotels and other travel arrangements will follow soon.

Please see <http://www.glopent.net/Members/webmaster/amsterdam-2018> for updated information.