

**9th International and Interdisciplinary
GloPent-Conference**

Pentecostalism and Its Encounters with Other Religions

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Uppsala University, Sweden

Conveners: Prof. Jan-Åke Alvarsson, Prof. Kajsa Ahlstrand and Prof. Sven-Erik Brodd.

Conference Theme

Pentecostalism has been described as a religion made to travel. Faster than any other Christian movement it has spread around the world with a particularly strong impulse on missions. As Pentecostals have reached out to people of other religions, the integration of various cultural elements in Pentecostal cosmology has created new contextual forms of Christianity, but also conflict and tension. The subsequent growth of Pentecostal and Charismatic movements into a highly visible and at times dominant expression of Christianity has intensified these encounters in everyday life and in institutional and theological contexts.

The conference will explore these various spaces of negotiation and confrontation in the encounter between Pentecostal movements and other religious traditions, especially in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Offering four keynotes from the vantage points of sociology, the study of religion, and theology, we invite scholars to contribute additional papers from different disciplinary perspectives and regions – enabling a broad and thorough discussion of our conference theme.

Keynotes

Prof Chad Bauman, *Pentecostals and Interreligious Conflict in India: Proselytization, Marginalization, and Anti-Christian Violence*

Chad Bauman is Associate Professor of Religion at Butler University, USA. He specializes in religion in society in India and has particularly focused his research on religious identity, Hindu-Christian relations and anti-Christian violence. In his latest book (2015) he explores reasons why, in comparison to other Christian communities, Indian Pentecostals are disproportionately targeted by violent attacks from radical Hindu nationalists and brings new perspectives to this sensitive subject matter.

Prof Kirsteen Kim, *The Korean Holy Spirit Movement and Shamanism*

Kirsteen Kim is Professor of Theology and World Christianity at Leeds Trinity University, UK. She has written widely on theology and mission and World Christianity, and has a special interest in pneumatology. Her many years of experience and research on Christianity in South Korea – and its relation to the Korean society, Buddhism and Shamanism – have made her an expert in the area.

Prof Martin Lindhardt, *The Pentecostal Engagement with African Traditional Religion: Struggle and Convergence*

Martin Lindhardt is Associate Professor of Cultural Sociology at the University of Southern Denmark. His research and writing have focused on Pentecostalism in Chile and Tanzania from various perspectives, addressing matters such as Pentecostal life worlds, gender issues, youth culture, conversion, economic issues, and witchcraft. His work on witchcraft especially highlights how different interpretations of shared beliefs in occult forces lead to power struggles and social positioning.

Dr Asonzeh Ukah, *God's Country or the Devil's Battleground? Pentecostal Perspectives on Islam and Muslims in Nigeria*

Asonzeh Ukah is Senior Lecturer at the Department of Religious Studies at University of Cape Town and is also associated with the University of Bayreuth, Germany. His main research interests are African Pentecostalism, transnational religion, religion and media, and religion and popular culture. Asonzeh Ukah has done extensive research on Pentecostalism in Nigeria, including its relations with Islam.

Call for Papers

We especially invite papers that address the conference theme from various disciplinary perspectives and subject angles. However, the conference will also provide panels for presenting ongoing research on Pentecostal and Charismatic movements in other areas.

The papers will be grouped in parallel panels according to their topical focus and with special interest in interdisciplinary ex-change. Should you wish to organize a full panel, please contact the conference organizer before submitting abstracts.

**Please send your title and a 150-200 word abstract to julia.kuhlin@teol.uu.se by Friday, 15 January 2016.
Selections will be confirmed latest by 15 February.**

For questions concerning the conference, please contact the conference organizer, Julia Kuhlin, at julia.kuhlin@teol.uu.se using “GloPent” in the subject line.