

Implicit Religion, Race, and Representation

UK – 2020 Implicit Religion Conference

Lincoln, UK, 15-17 May 2020

Call for Papers Deadline: 31st March 2020

Call for Papers

This conference takes place against the backdrop of increased political authoritarianism and a noticeable rise in racial and religious intolerance across the world. Yet we increasingly find 'race' being dismissed or diminished as a category of oppression within wider social problems, dynamics, and understandings such as class, and at the expense of understanding the lives, cultures, and histories of people of color (Bhambra, Fields & Fields, Gilroy, Hill Collins, and Heng) To understand how assertions of identity function at the same time as racism, nationalism, and exclusion we need to view these developments as intertwined with religion and in the development of definitions of religion and religiosity (Long, Weisenfeld, Nye, Baker, and Moultrie.) The burning of the Amazon, attempts to lay pipelines in North Dakota, or conduct scientific experiments on indigenous sacred lands and responses to other acts of neo-colonialism might be productively analyzed in terms of race, religion, and implicit religion.

Respectability politics has a significant role in the interaction between race and religion and so must be brought into analysis with those categories (Pitcan) For centuries people of colour, Jews, Muslims, Indigenous peoples, and Black Atlantic Religions have been denied the status of respectability whilst simultaneously having to continue to conform to white, Christian norms in attempts to attain that status (Long, Rafiq, and Eddo-Lodge.) How can we acknowledge these problematic lenses but also move beyond them? Can we productively talk about how race functions (or has functioned) in societies in terms of commitment, integrating foci, and intensive concerns with extensive effects, [the three axioms of Implicit Religion?](#)

Implicit Religion was founded in the UK and as such is shaped by the social history of it, which includes colonising lands and peoples, the slave trade, selling arms and having a punitive relationship with immigration. As such then it is important that we consider how race and racism has influenced, shaped, and interacted with Implicit Religion. It is also important that we ask ourselves what role the axioms of Implicit Religion can play in future analyses with race and representation, be that in academia or public life.

Presenters are invited to submit abstracts for consideration on the theme of “Implicit Religion, Race, and Representation”. These might include, but are not limited to:

- Presence, absence, and resistance in representations of race
- New social movements, resistance, and counter movements (civil rights, indigenous rights, anti-apartheid movements, Black Lives Matter, Say Her Name etc.)
- Womanist analysis, thinking, being, and doing
- Agency and social otherness
- Embodying and embracing difference
- Technologies (visual, material, and sound) and racial categories in culture
- Memory and the formation of identity
- Racialisation of religion and religious racism
- Methodologies for decolonising teaching and curricula in the study of religion
- Political and religious authoritarianism: past, present, and future

Proposal Submission Instructions

[The submission form is now available.](#) You will be asked to indicate if you are submitting a paper or scratch session, and to provide an abstract (with references to secondary literature and sources) and other information as specified below, and what we need to know in order to accommodate your participation if your proposal is accepted.

Please note while you can edit and format your entries before you select the submit button, the form does not allow the submission to be saved and edited later. We suggest looking at the form for context and then composing the abstract and the notes regarding accommodating your participation in a word processing document and then cutting and pasting these elements of the proposal into the form.

PAPERS

Please select the option “Paper” on the form. Those submitting papers are asked to submit an abstract of no more than 400 words.

SCRATCH SESSIONS

There will be a dedicated panel for undergraduates, MA and early stage PhD students to present at – called a scratch session. These will be shorter papers and rather than the usual practise of asking questions of the presenters, the audience will make suggestions for further reading, pathways for improvement, scholars to explore etc. If you

wish to apply for the scratch session, please select that option on the submission form and submit a 250 – 300 word abstract.

WITH REGARD TO VISAS AND FUNDING

If you are impacted by issues associated with travel to the UK, or if you wish to avoid traveling to the UK as a means of protesting it, we understand that attending an academic conference is not worth the risks of being denied entry or return, being detained or deported, or losing immigration status. We respect stances of conscience. You are valued, wanted, and welcome and so we will work with you to ensure you can present via digital means.

Please note we are a small organisation and as such are not in a position to provide bursaries, travel grants, or funds for visa applications. We can provide you with an official letter of invite and a subsequent letter of participation if your university or funding body requires it or if it is necessary for travel or visa requirements.

More Information

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