

# REWIRING THE HOUSE OF GOD

## Religious Self-World Relations in the Digital Environment

Online Workshop | 15 – 16 September 2021  
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### Guest speakers and panel discussants:

- Prof. Gary R. Bunt (University of Wales, UK)
- Dr. Christoph Günther (University of Mainz, Germany)
- Dr. Tim Hutchings (University of Nottingham UK)
- Prof. Mia Lövheim (Uppsala University, Sweden)

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Hier steht eine Event-Beschreibung als Fließtext oder Aufzählung von Rednern oder Vorträgen: Zwei flinke Boxer jagen die quirlige Eva und ihren Mops durch Sylt. Franz jagt im komplett verwehrlosten Taxi quer durch Bayern. Zwölf Box- kämpfer jagen Viktor quer über den großen Sylter Deich. Vogel Quax zwickt.

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### Day 1 (Wed. 15 September 2021)

09:30 – 11:00

[introduction and welcome](#)

11:00 – 11:30

[networking break](#)

11:30 – 13:00

**Panel I** *Good Firewalls Make Good Neighbors: Communities of faith in the digital environment*

- Discussant: Gary Bunt

**Sanam Roohi**

*Somatic Nationalism in Covid Times: Infodemic and news forms of online religious boundary making in India*

**Ho Wai Yip**

*How Chinese-Speaking Muslim Netizens Speak and Muted? Sinicizing Islam, Sino-iMuslims and Securitized Internet*

**Dragoş Şamşudean**

*Online Platforms as Chapels. Explaining Priests' Attitudes Towards Prayer Online*

13:00 – 14:30

**lunch + networking break**

[ [coffee corner](#) ] [ [lounge](#) ]

14:30 – 16:30

**Panel II** *Digital Serialities: Influencers, e-Preachers, and the digital audiovisualities of religion*

- Discussant: Christoph Günther

**Gabriel Malli**

*Instructing the Pious Self: Moral Femininity and Affect in Salafi YouTube videos*

**Zachary Sheldon**

*Christian Influence on Social Media: Legitimacy, Authenticity, and the Famous Faithful*

**Agana-Nsiire Agana**

*Digital Feminism and the Reshaping of Female Subjectivity in Ghana*

**Aurelio D'Amore**

*Luna Nera, O Escolhido, Jinn. Netflix and the narratives of supernatural between local seriality and global imaginary*

16:30 – 17:00

[Conclusion of day 1 and informal networking](#)

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### Day 2 (Thu. 16 September 2021)

10:30 – 12:30

**Panel III** *Haunted Technologies: The sacred and otherworldly dimensions of the digital environment*

- Discussant: Tim Hutchings

**Fouad Gehad Marei & Stefan Williamson Fa**

*Rendering the Imam: VR Technologies and Muslim Encounters with the Sacred*

**Arkaprava Chattopadhyay**

*Virtual Reality as a Sacred Space. A Study of the 'Puja App 8.0' in India*

**Khyati Tripathi**

*'Negotiating the Boundaries': Purity and Impurity in Online Witnessing of a Hindu Brahminic Funeral*

**Lionel Obadia**

*Hunting the haunting: searching for Orbs, spectres and other ghostly creatures through digital technologies*

12:30 – 14:00

**lunch + networking break**

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14:00 – 15:30

**Panel IV** *Faithful Netizens: The online making of the pious subject*

- Discussant: Mia Lövheim

**Kathrin Trattner**

*(Re)doing gendered religion online? Catholic women on social media and shifting systems of accountability*

**Sofya Ragozina**

*'I'll make you a successful Muslim': online-coaching in Russia and building 'new' Islamic piety*

**Andrea Stanton**

*'Best Mosques Near Me': American Muslims' Use of Mosque-Finding and Mosque-Reviewing Websites and Apps*

15:30 – 16:00

**[networking break](#)**

16:00 – 17:00

**[workshop wrap-up](#)** *iFaith: Summary, moving forward and publication plan*

17:00 –

**Informal networking**

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