

Conference

The growing evidence of Pentecostal public engagement has attracted academic attention, especially, but not exclusively in arenas of the Global South. Recent explorations of the global “Charismatic city”, the notion of an African “Pentecostal republic”, or assertions about “property Christianity” in China point to peculiar Pentecostal taxonomies in the public realm. Pentecostal politics of public prayer, ‘spiritual warfare’ or ‘crusades’ seek to transform religious landscapes, while ‘Dominionist’ theologies claim to transcend narrow Pentecostal interests in order to advocate the common good. Megachurches establish networks to access political, economic and cultural elites. Prosperity theologies also target social transformations and partly enable structural innovations in economic life. The Pentecostal media revolution with its constitutive elements of religious broadcasting and publishing interferes in local public discourses; professionalized e-church performances disseminate transcultural strategies to impact a given political culture. Whether Pentecostal migrant communities in the Global North are pursuing a strategic ‘reverse mission’ to ‘conquer secular nations for Christ’ remains open to debate.

Keynotes / respondents

Ilana van Wyk
University of Stellenbosch
Sibusiso Masondo
University of Kwazulu-Natal
Heinrich Schäfer
University of Bielefeld
Heike Walz
Augustana Neuendettelsau
Cao Nanlai
Remnin University/Beijing
Mika Vähäkangas
University of Lund
Allan Anderson
University of Birmingham
Jan-Åke Alvarsson
University of Uppsala
Philomena Mwaura
Kenyatta University

Location and registration

University Basel
Kollegienhaus,
Peterplatz 1
4051 Basel



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December 31, 2019**
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Conference fee:
Standard 80 CHF / reduced: 50 CHF
(includes lunch, refreshments,
conference kit)

Optional:
Conference dinner (Friday): 35 CHF
(please indicate with online
registration)



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11th GloPent Conference

Pentecostal Strategies of Public Engagement

Basel, 14th – 15th February 2020

Friday, 14 February

From 9:00 Registration

10-12:00 Plenary Session 1

10-10:15
Opening address **Dean Faculty of Theology, Reinhold Bernhardt and Andreas Heuser**

10:15-11:00
Keynote 1 **Heinrich W. Schäfer:**
Pentecostal political agendas in Latin America

11-11:15 Response: Heike Walz

11:15-12 Discussion

12-14:00 *Lunch break*

14-15:30 Parallel Panels
Parallel Session 1

15:30 *Coffee and tea*

16-17:30 Plenary Session 2

16:00
Keynote 2 **Ilana van Wyk:**
Crooked prophets and ungodly politicians:
Popular Christian engagements in South Africa

16:45 Response Sibusiso Masondo

17:00 Discussion

17:30-18:15 *Snacks and refreshments: Launch of Brill's
Encyclopedia of Global Pentecostalism Online*

18:15-19:15
Forum **Alan Anderson and Jan-Åke Alvarsson,**
interviewed by Philomena N. Mwaura:
„GloPent“ – Trajectories, Dynamics and
Perspectives of a Research Network.

19:30 *Conference dinner (see registration)*

Saturday, 15 February

9-10:30 Parallel Panels
Parallel Session 2

10:30 *Coffee and tea*

11-12:30 Parallel Panels
Parallel Session 3

12:30-13:30 *Lunch break*

13:30-15:00 Plenary Session 3

13:30
Keynote 3 **Nanlai Cao:**
Pentecostal Strategies in China and Chinese
Diaspora

14:15 Response: Mika Vähäkangas

14:30 Discussion

15:00-15:30 **Conference summary and farewell**