



13th Conference

of the

The European Research Network
on Global Pentecostalism

Pentecostalism and Socio-Cultural Change

Cambridge, 1–2 April 2022



Conference Organisers:

Jörg Haustein, Faculty of Divinity

David Maxwell, Faculty of History

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Conference Theme

Pentecostal and Charismatic Christianity is often seen as a catalyst for social and cultural change. This chimes with how Pentecostals and Charismatics tend to portray their own religion – as transformative, modern, and on the cutting edge of socio-cultural developments. Yet this view tends to de-contextualise Pentecostalism from the wider cultural and social fabric within which these transformations take place. This conference seeks to recover a more inter-connected perspective that not only asks how Pentecostal movements have effected socio-cultural changes, but also to what extent they have rather themselves been influenced and driven by larger transformations in World Christianity and society at large. The goal of the conference is to place Pentecostalism firmly within the recent history and contemporary expression of World Christianity.

The conference features 45 papers in parallel panels and keynotes by:

- [David Maxwell](#), University of Cambridge
- [Naomi Haynes](#), University of Edinburgh
- [Karen Lauterbach](#), University of Copenhagen

Location

The conference is held in a hybrid format with some presenters and participants joining online. All conference sessions take place at the **Faculty of Divinity**, West Road, Cambridge CB3 9BS. The Friday night conference dinner as well Saturday lunch and refreshments are served at **Selwyn College**, Grange Road, Cambridge CB3 9DQ.



Conference Programme

Friday, 1 April

11.30–12.30 Arrival & Registration

12.30–14.00 Welcome and Plenary 1

Chair: Jörg Haustein

Religious Entanglements. Central African Pentecostalism, the creation of cultural knowledge, and the making of the Luba Katanga

David Maxwell, University of Cambridge

Response

Tomas Sundnes Drønen, VID Specialised University, Stavanger

14.00–14.30 Refreshments

14.30–17.00 Parallel Panels 1

1 Pentecostalism and Migration

Chair: Miranda Klaver

Religious Spaces of Care in the Postsecular City: Nigerian Pentecostals and Civic Engagement in London
Richard Burgess, University of Roehampton [online]

Between the Market and the Bible: Translingual Marketing Strategies in an African Pentecostal Church in Madrid

Michele Cunico, Universidad Autónoma de Madrid

Digitized Faith in a Digitalized World? A Case Study of Transnational Migrant Pentecostalism in Norway

Stian Sørli Eriksen, VID Stavanger

Rebuilding Social Relationships in Contexts of Refuge: Spiritual Kinship in Congolese Pentecostal Churches in Kampala (Uganda)

Alessandro Gusman, University of Turin [online]

From Actual Migration to Imagined Migration: A Case of Ghanaian Pentecostalism

James Kwateng-Yeboah, Queen's University Canada [online]

2 Pentecostalism and Politics

Chair: David Maxwell

Political Pentecostalism in the Global South: A Comparative Attempt

Leandro Luis Bedin Fontana, IGCM Frankfurt

Societal Involvement and Theological Changes in Swedish Pentecostal Churches in the 21st Century

Fredrik Wenell /Ulrik Josefsson, Academy for Leadership and Theology, Sweden

Pentecostalism and the Amended CAMA 2020 Law in Nigeria

Grace Nwamah, University of Leeds

The Characteristics of Political Participation by Pentecostal Churches

Sangil Song, BU School of Theology, alumnus [online]

Electoral Prophecies: What Can They Offer Ghana's democracy?

Gideon Tetteh, University of Eastern Finland [online]

3 Pentecostalism and Gender

Chair: Michael Bergunder

The Involvement of Women in the Formation and Development of Nascent British Pentecostalism
Jan Hocking, University of Birmingham [online]

Perception of Women's Leadership in Neo-Charismatic Churches on the Example of "The Word Of Life"
Church

Tatiana M. Krihtova, Saint Tichon Orthodox University [online]

Women and Prophetism in Neo-Pentecostal Christianity in Kenya
Philomena Njeri Mwaura, Kenyatta University, Kenya [online]

Cultural Hierarchies and Freedom of the Spirit: Reimagining of Pentecostal Women in Nigeria
Donatus Pius Ukpong, University of Uyo, Nigeria

Atonement for Sexual Abuse Survivors: A Feminist-Informed Pentecostal Somatology
Faith Van Horne, University of Birmingham

4 Pentecostalism and Healing

Chair: Andreas Heuser

Inner Healing and the Therapeutic Transformation of Charismatic Christianity
Peter Althouse, Oral Roberts University, Tulsa [online]

Medical Pluralism and Commodification of Healing by Pentecostal Pastor-Prophets in Ghana
Francis Benyah, Abo Akademi University

Divine Healing and Pentecostal Theology in the Era of Covid-19 Pandemic
Lord Elorm Donkor, Birmingham Christian College

Economies of Affect in a South Africa-Based, Zimbabwean Transnational Pentecostal Church
Admire Thonje, University of Witwatersrand [online]

Pentecostalism and Nigerian Social Change: The RCCG as Religious Symptom of Nigeria's Turbulent Post-colonial History
Christopher Wadibia, University of Oxford [online]

17.00–17.30 Refreshments

17.30–19.00 Plenary 2

Chair: David Maxwell

Presidents, Priests, and Prophets: Covenantal Christian Nationalism and the Challenge of Biblical Analogy

Naomi Haynes, University of Edinburgh

Response

Joel Robbins, University of Cambridge [online]

19.30 Conference Dinner

Selwyn College, dining hall

Saturday, 2 April

9.00–10.30 Parallel Panels

5 Pentecostalism and Global African Identities

Chair: Jörg Haustein

Pentecostalism and/as Blackness – A Diasporic Conversation

Marlon Millner, Northwestern University

A Pentecostal Paradox: The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada's Evangelical Efforts in a Transitioning Trinidadian Society 1920-1962

Aakeil Murray, University of the West Indies, St. Augustine [online]

African Literature and the Socio-Cultural Critique of Pentecostalism: Okey Ndibe's Foreign Gods, Inc.

Adriaan van Klinken, University of Leeds

6 Pentecostal Boundaries

Chair: Michael Bergunder

The 'Presbycostalisation' of the Church in Cameroon: The Influence of Pentecostalism on the Worship and practice of Presbyterian Church in Cameroon.

Felix Kang Esoh, Presbyterian Theological Seminary Kumba, Cameroon

On "Sheep-Stealing" and Community-Building: Changing Local Christianity in Eastern India

Sophia Schäfer, Humboldt University of Berlin [online]

Navigating Between "Evangelical", "Charismatic" and "Sect": Constructing Belonging in a Church in Switzerland

Rahel Weber, University of Basel

7 Pentecostalism, Commodification and Consumption

Chair: David Maxwell

Time, Technology and Theology: The Neo-Pentecostal consumerist ethos of the 'more'

Miranda Klaver, VU Amsterdam

Producing and Consuming Experiences: The Megachurch as a Place of World-building and Self-making

Katja Rakow, University of Utrecht

The Aesthetics of Class Distinction in Brazilian Pentecostalism

Cristina Rocha, Western Sydney University

10.30–11.00 Refreshments

Selwyn College, Chadwick Room (below the Dining Hall)

11.00–12.30 Plenary 3

Prosperity Gospel and Prosperity Politics: Building a National Cathedral in Ghana

Karen Lauterbach, University of Copenhagen

Response

Leanne Williams Green, University of Cambridge

12.30–13.30 Lunch

Selwyn College, Dining Hall (lunch tickets provided in conference packs)

13.30–15.30 Parallel Panels 3

8 Pentecostal History in Context

Chair: David Maxwell

The Wrong Sort of Secularization: Pentecostalism and Socio-cultural Change in Copenhagen, 1907-1912
Nikolaj Christensen, Diocese of Oxford

Indigenization Among Pentecostals in Russia
David Lewis, University of Cambridge

North American Pentecostalism and the Legacy of the 1960s Counterculture
Joseph Williams, Rutgers University

The Role of Emerging Neo-Charismatic Faith in South Korea: Rethinking Korean Christianity from the 1980s to the Present
SuYeon Yoon, Boston University & Indiana Wesleyan University [online]

9 African Christianity and Development

Chair: Andreas Heuser

Pentecostal Promises and Economic Development: The Nexus and Impact
Henerieta Mgovu & Elias. G. Konyana, Great Zimbabwe University, Masvingo, Zimbabwe [online]

The Redeemed Christian Church of God and their Involvement in the Rehabilitation of Male Juvenile Delinquents in Southwest Nigeria
Rotimi Alaba Oti, RCCG Bible College [online]

Christology and the Concept of Okra: Reimagining New Christological Possibilities in Africa
Samuel Sarpaning, University of Basel

African Initiated Churches and Ecological Sustainability in Sub-Saharan Africa: An Empirical Exploration
Juliane Stork, Marie-Luise Frost, Philipp Öhlmann, HU Berlin [partially online]

10 Pentecostal Theologies

Chair: Miranda Klaver

Union With Christ: A Missing Link in Pentecostal Eucharistic Theology
Geoffrey Butler, Wycliffe College, Toronto [online]

Translating Prosperity in Germany: A Theological Evaluation
Frank Liesen, Southwestern Baptist TS

Bridging the Distance: A Microcosm of Filipino Classical Pentecostal Identity
Lora Angeline Embudo Timenia, Oral Roberts University [online]

Conversucation – On the complex Role of Learning and Education in Pentecostal Conversion Narratives
Stefan van der Hoek, University of Jena

11 Pentecostalism and Aspirations of Modernity

Chair: Wolfgang Vondey

Churches-in-process and Unachieved Future: Pentecostal Constructions in Rural Southern Benin
Bertin Carla, EHESS Paris

Neo-Pentecostalism and Uganda's Socio-economic Context: Unveiling the Rhetoric of Pastor Robert Kayanja
Fred Jenga, Tangaza University College, Nairobi

Narratives of Modernity and Narratives of Pentecostalism: A Foray into the Relations of Two Massive Aggregations
L. William Oliverio, Northwest University [online]

Megachurches as Locales of Religious Individualization
James Ponniah, University of Madras [online]

15.30–16.00 Plenary 4: Conference close