



– Call for Papers –

**13<sup>th</sup> GloPent Conference:  
Pentecostalism and Socio-Cultural Change**

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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.

**Keynote presenters are:**

- Joel Cabrita, Stanford University
- Girish Daswani, University of Toronto
- Karen Lauterbach, University of Copenhagen

We invite contributions to our parallel panels, with a particular interest in papers that address the conference theme. This includes questions such as: How did Pentecostalism interact with broader political and socio-economic forces in the Twentieth Century: Empire and colonialism; decolonisation and nationalism; the Cold War and Neo-Liberalism? How has the proliferation of Pentecostal movements and churches participated in the modern fragmentation of Protestant Christianity? In what ways did Pentecostal forms of spirituality coalesce with the pluralisation of Christian cultural expressions in post-colonial World Christianity? To what extent can the Pentecostal promises of health, deliverance, and prosperity be seen as an expression of a wider commodification of religion and the proliferation of self-help cultures? How has the rise of political and cultural movements impacted the formation and fraying of Pentecostal denominational identities?

Submission pertaining to other topics will be considered as well, as long as they present ongoing or recently completed research. Proposals for entire panels are also welcome, but please contact the conference organisers before preparing your submission.

**COVID advice:** We are planning for a hybrid conference with the aim of welcoming as many participants in Cambridge as travel restrictions and safety considerations allow. We will closely monitor the public health situation and will move to an online-only conference should it become necessary.

**Please submit your abstracts by 30 November 2021 to Jörg Haustein (jh2227@cam.ac.uk).**

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