

Interdisciplinary Symposium

Religion and urban transformations:

perspectives from the global South and beyond

3 September 2024, 09:00 – 17:00

Cartesium/Rotunde, Universität Bremen

For attendance via Zoom, please pre-register
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by 12 pm on 2 September

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Programme

08:45 – 09:15 – registration and welcome coffee/tea

09:15 – 09:30 – opening remarks (Dr Iliyana Angelova, University of Bremen), welcome address (Prof Dr Gritt Klinkhammer, University of Bremen)

Co-chairs: Dr Iliyana Angelova (University of Bremen), Dr Thorsten Wettich (University of Bremen)

Session 1

09:30 – 10:00 On superdiversity and religious choice in the mega-city: the experiences of minority Christian migrants in New Delhi

Dr Iliyana Angelova (University of Bremen)

10:00 – 10:30 Sacralizing urban space: the urban religious aspiration of Chinese Protestant house-churches

Dr Jie Kang (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity)

10:30 – 11:00 Creating and contesting the “Israel complex”: religious transformations and urban imaginations in Rio de Janeiro’s favelas

Jolien van Veen (Utrecht University)

11:00 – 11:30 - coffee break

Session 2 – online presentations

11:30 – 12:00 Navigating bishwas: Christianity, neighbourhood and creation of a new urban environment

Dr Abhijit Dasgupta (Vellore Institute of Technology, India)

12:00 – 12:30 Modalities of urban religion: making of the Polish city

Dr Natalia Zawiejska (Jagiellonian University, Krakow) and **Dr Łukasz Stypuła** (“Grodzka Gate – NN Theatre” Centre, Lublin)

12:30 – 13:00 The Cyborg conservative

Dr Aryo Danusiri (University of Indonesia)

13:00 – 14:00 – lunch break (self-paid)

Session 3

14:00 – 14:30 Church inside a mall: a response to the modern lifestyle of the youth

Katherine Pia Magsajo Cabatbat (De La Salle University, Manila)

14:30 – 15:00 Desecularization of an urbanscape: Buddhism and shamanism in reshaping the city of Ulan-Ude (online)

Dr Wojciech Cendrowski (independent scholar)

15:00 – 15:30 Reconfiguring urban neighbourhood and religiosities: practicing Hinduism in urban India (online)

Dr Smytta Yadav (University of Sussex)

15:30 – 16:00 A tale of three shrines: on spirit possession, occult economies, and ontological doubt in Nepal

Dr Ina Zharkevich (King’s College, London)

16:00 – 16:30 General discussion and closing remarks