

Exploring Religious Activism in Southern Africa

Workshop, 21 - 22 September 2017

Venue: Room 2-67 in the Graduate Center, University of Pretoria

Program

21st September

12:00 – 13:30

Informal gathering and joint lunch

13:30 – 14:00

Official welcome

Stephan Mühr (University of Pretoria)

Introduction to the workshop and organizational matters

Franziska Duarte dos Santos, Thomas Kirsch, Kim Molenaar and Rijk van Dijk

Chair: Thomas Kirsch

14:00 – 14:20

"Re-reading the interface of gender, sexuality, religion and politics in Southern Africa"

Kezia Batisai (University of Johannesburg)

14:20 – 14:40

"From resistance to insistence: Insisting as a new form of religious polemics"

Rijk van Dijk (African Studies Centre Leiden and University of Amsterdam)

14:40 – 15:20

Discussion of the papers by Batisai and van Dijk

15:20 – 15:50

Coffee break

Chair: Franziska Duarte dos Santos

15:50 – 16:10

"Religion and/as political activism: The case of Agallia Ministries"

Jimmy Pieterse (University of Pretoria)

16:10 – 16:30

"Sexuality, the church, and the media: an analysis"

Kim Molenaar (Leiden University, University of Konstanz)

16:30 – 17:10

Discussion of the papers by Pieterse and Molenaar

18:30

Dinner

22nd September

Chair: Kim Molenaar

09:00 – 09:20

"The role of religious political activism in the outcomes of Botswana's 2014 general elections: Lessons for 2019 elections"

Sethunya T. Mosime (University of Botswana)

09:20 – 09:40

"New media and socio-religious acceleration of prophetic activism in Botswana"

Gabriel Faimau (University of Botswana)

09:40 – 10:20

Discussion of the papers by Mosime and Faimau

10:20 – 10:50

Coffee break

Chair: Rijk van Dijk

10:50 – 11:10

"(Re-)forming men. Activism in the field of gender-based violence in South Africa"

Franziska Duarte dos Santos (University of Konstanz)

11:10 – 11:30

"Volunteers, activism and anti-politics in faith-based organizations in Zambia"

Thomas Kirsch (University of Konstanz)

11:30 – 12:10

Discussion of the papers by Duarte dos Santos and Kirsch

12:10 – 13:00

Final discussion of workshop

13:00

Joint lunch