

Religion, Poverty, Politics

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Place: **Bergen Resource Centre for International Development/CMI**
Address: **Jekteviksbakken 31 (Juss II)**

Thursday February 21

Session 1, Bergen Resource Centre for International Development

- 1000-1015 Opening of the workshop
Cecilie Vindal **Ødegaard** (UiB) and Arne **Tostensen** (CMI)
- 1015-1100 *Response-able scientific approaches for the study and eradication of poverty*
Asuncion **Lera St. Clair**, Center for International Climate and
Environmental Research (CICERO), Norway and Member of CROP
Scientific Committee
- 1100-1110 Break
- 1110-1155 *Interfaces between religion, poverty and politics*
Hans Geir **Aasmundsen**,
Södertörn University College, Sweden and CROP/UoB-Global
- 1155-1240 *Religion and development in the South: Searching for Max Weber
below the Equator*
Trad **Nogueira-Godsey**, University of Johannesburg, South Africa
- 1240-1330 Lunch

Session 2, Just Faaland's room (CMI)

- 1330-1400 *The influx of pentecostalism and the gospel of prosperity: the Zimbabwean
case*
Tapiwa Praise **Mapuranga**, University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe
- 1400-1445 *Religious leaders – a magic bullet in addressing gender-sensitive issues? The
case of 'female genital mutilation' and Muslim leaders in Ethiopia*
Marit Tolo **Østebø**, University of Bergen, Norway
- 1445-1500 Break
- 1500-1545 *Cynics, servants, or saints? Discourses on poverty in Mexican and Kenyan
Christian rap*
Aaron Louis **Rosenberg**, El Colegio de México, México

1545-1630 *On 'othering' and opportunism brought about by religion and poverty: Examples from Talamanca, Costa Rica*
Bjørn Ola **Tafjord**, University of Tromsø, Norway

1630-1715 Discussion/Summing up

Dinner

Friday February 22

Session 3, Bergen Resource Centre for International Development

1000-1045 *Ethnic, Religious or Class-based identities? Reflections on the Evangelical Indigenous Movement in Ecuador.*
Rickard **Lalander**, University of Stockholm, Sweden

1045-1130 *Ori and Eleda in poverty conceptualization in traditional African (Yoruba) religion*
Abosede Omowumi **Babatunde**, University of Ilorin, Nigeria

1130-1140 Break

1140-1225 *Conceptions of poverty in the Islamic tradition: private Islamic charity and approaches to poverty reduction in Pakistan*
Kaja **Borchgrevink**, Peace Research Institute and University of Life Sciences, Norway

1225-1315 Lunch

Session 4, Just Faaland's room (CMI)

1315-1400 *Dr. Ambedkar, a symbolic type and the Dalit movement in India*
Dag Erik **Berg**, University of Essex, UK and UiB Global

1400-1445 *Religious ritual and poverty in the contemporary Andes: the case of an indigenous Quechua-speaking group of the Northern Peru*
Juan Javier **Rivera Andía**, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Peru and Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany

1445-1500 Break

1500-1545 *Highest virtue vs. worst vice: divergent views on poverty and contemporary debates on foreign aid and homosexuality in Ethiopia*
Kindeneh Endeg **Mihretie**, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

1545-1630 *Poverty as a crime against humanity: religious and secular approaches to poverty and inequality as manifestations of state, structural and systemic violence and/or structural sin in the Global South*
Camilo **Perez Bustillo**, Universidad Autónoma de la Ciudad de México, México

1630-1700 Discussion and concluding remarks