# AASR 2019 ANNUAL CONFERENCE TIMETABLE

**WEDNESDAY 4 December
Pre-Conference Meetings**

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|  |  | **Room** | **Chair** |
| 10am – 12.30pm | Masterclass: Critical Religion & Research with Naomi Goldenberg | X-301 | Kath McPhillips  |
| 2.00 – 5.00pm | HDR Symposium – AASR Postgrads | X-301  | Tara Smith |
| 9.00am – 5.00pm | The Australian Church & the Australian Settlement | X-402  | Marion Maddox |
| 5.30 – 7.00pm | Special Panel on Youth, Meaning and SpiritualityYouth Studies Conference and AASR Joint Panel | X-502 | Kath McPhillips & David Farrugia |

# THURSDAY 5 December

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| 8.00amRegistration | **X-101** |
| 8.30 – 9.00amWelcomeAcknowledgement of Country | **X-101** | Kath McPhillipsJessica DeburrPhilip Dwyer |
| 9.00 – 10.00amKeynote Lecture | **X-101** | Naomi Goldenberg, University of Ottawa, CA*Reflections on* Deuteronomy 20: 16-18: *Understanding “Religion” as both Solution and License for Violence* |
| 10.00 – 10.30amMorning Tea  | **X-502** |
|  | **X-201** | **X-202** | **X-204** | **X-207** |
| 10.30am – 1.00pmCONCURRENT SESSION 1 | **New Religions & Violence**Chair:Douglas Pratt David G RobertsonThe Open University, Aus*New Age to New World Order: Red Ice Radio*Steven SutcliffeUniversity of Edinburgh, UK*Life Reform and the Alleviation of Animal Suffering: Religious vs Humanitarian Motives in the Early Vegan Society*Carole M. CusackUniversity of Sydney, Aus*Violence and the Demise of New Religions: Raids, Suicide, Genocide and Murder* | **Institutional Religious Violence**Chair:Ruth PowellSarah-Jane PageAston University, UK*The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) and the Church of England: Denials, Apologies and Accountability in a Sacred Institution* Jodi DeathQUT, Aus*Mapping Historical Paedophile Networks in the Christian Brothers Western Australia*Peter GogartyUniversity of Newcastle, Aus*Pawns Take Bishop. Advocacy, Activism and Self-actualisation in the Hunter Valley*Kathleen McPhillipsUniversity of Newcastle, Aus*Survivor Stigma and the Impacts of Institutional Violence* | **Online Religion & Violence**Chair:Zoe AldertonRaymond RadfordUniversity of Sydney, Aus*From Atheism plus to far-right: The “Rational Skeptic” Community, the Internet, and the Real World*Tara BM SmithUniversity of Sydney, Aus*The Lizard Prophet: Religious Charisma and Attracting the alt-right in the Performances of Conspiracy Theorist David Icke* Benjamin Jozef BanasikUniversity of Sydney, Aus*Caught in the Crossfire: The Misuse of Online Culture, Memes, Religion and Gaming in the Christchurch Massacre*Geraldine SmithUniversity of Tasmania, Aus‘*Funeral for Coal’: How Multifaith Organisations are Going Online* | **Political Spaces & Religious Discourse**Chair:Chris HartneyKatja StrehleWestern Sydney University, Aus*Harassment of Women in Humanist /Atheist Spaces and the Response of the Community*Mersina PapantoniouUNSW, Aus*Why is the ‘M’ word – Multiculturalism, the Problem?*Rosemary HancockUniversity of Notre Dame, Aus*Urban Politics and Religious Communities* |
| 12.00 – 1.00pmLunch | **X-502** AASR WOMEN’S CAUCUS MEETING |

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| 1.00 – 2.30pmCONCURRENT SESSION 2 | **Publishing Roundtable***Publishing in the Study of Religion*Cristina Rocha (Chair)Western Sydney University, AusSteven SutcliffeUniversity of Edinburgh, UKCarole CusackUniversity of Sydney, AusAlex NormanWestern Sydney University, Aus | **Rene Girard: Religion & Violence**Chair:Di RaysonChris FlemingWestern Sydney University, Aus*René Girard on Violence and Religion*Joel HodgeAustralian Catholic University, Aus*Violence in the Name of God: The Militant Jihadist Response to Modernity*Susan Connelly RSJ Australian Catholic University, Aus*Scapegoating on the Australian Doorstep: East Timor and the Case of Monsignor da Costa Lopes* Suvarna VariyarUniversity of Sydney, Aus*Redefining Violence in Scapegoating: Sacral Cleansing and Social Exclusion in the Ramayana*  | **Intimate Partner Violence & Faith Communities**Chair:Kath McPhillipsMiriam Pepper and Ruth Powell NCLS Research/CSU, Aus*The Response of Churches to Those with Experiences of Domestic and Family Violence: Church Attender and Clergy Attitudes and Actions*Ruth Powell and Miriam PepperNCLS Research/CSU, Aus*The National Anglican Family Violence Project: A Work in Progress*Nafi GhafourniaUniversity of Newcastle, Aus*Muslim Women and Domestic Violence: Developing a Framework for Social Work Practice*Erin SessionsAustralian College of Theology, Aus*Watching the Watchmen: How does Song of Songs speak to Australia’s Problem with Gender-based Violence?* | **Culture, Religion & Violence**Chair:Gary BoumaDavid TroolinUniversity of Adelaide, Aus*Two Sides of the Same Coin: Pursuing Reconciliation by Initiating Violence in Papua New Guinea*Emma QuiltyUniversity of Newcastle, Aus*The Embodied Researcher: Violence and Tenderness in the Field*Anna LutkajtisUniversity of Sydney, Aus*Lost Saints: Desacralisation, Spiritual Abuse and Magic Mushrooms* |
| 2.30 – 3.00pmAfternoon Tea  | **X-502** |

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| 3.00 – 4.30pmCONCURRENT SESSION 3 | **Religious Utopianism & Violence**Chair:Tracy McEwanTamara ProsicMonash University, Aus*Religious Utopianism and Violence*Alex NormanWestern Sydney University, Aus*The Mindfulness Movement as a Function of Resilience and Productivity Discourse* Damcho *The Heritage of Idolising Violence as a Supreme Method in Tibetan Buddhism*Sneh BhardwajFederation University, Aus*An Epistemological Exploratory Study of the Origin of Religious Fanaticism in Islam, Christianity and Hinduism* | **Imagine There is No Religion**Chair:Kath McPhillips*Imagine No Religion: Future Implications of the Radical Deconstruction of Religion and Related Categories* Naomi GoldenbergUniversity of Ottawa, CATimothy FitzgeraldUniversity of Queensland, AusDavid RobertsonThe Open University, UK | **Christchurch & Terrorism**Chair: Rosemary HancockCatherine RiveraMassey University, NZ‘*Muslim brothers’ and ‘those people’; Christian Discourse and Embodied Responses to the Christchurch Mosque Shootings in Aotearoa New Zealand*Douglas PrattUniversity of Auckland, NZ*Threads of Terror; Signs of Hope*William HoverdMassey University, NZ*The Christchurch Terror Attacks: Where is the Discussion About Religion and Religious Diversity?*LynFay ShapiroUniversity of Sydney“*In New Zealand we will give him nothing, not even his name”. The Risks of Spotlighting the Christchurch Shooter’s Manifesto and the Benefits of an Authoethnographic Approach* | **Literature & Religious Violence**  Chair:Enqi WengShukra Raj AdhikariTribhuvan University, Nepal*Social Structure and the Construction of Religion: A Sociological Inquiry of the Mahabharata*Christopher van der KrogtMassey University, NZ*“The sun of jihad has risen”: Jihad Doctrine in Dabiq*Mohamed Ahmed Hamed MohamedUniversity of Newcastle, Aus*Jihad: Islamic Theology or Political Discourse? A Critical Literature Review*Christopher HartneyUniversity of Sydney*From Poetic Drinking Sessions to Cosmic War: The Rise of Caodaism through the Imagination of Phạm Công Tắc (1890-1959)* |
| 4.30 – 5.30pmPenny Magee Memorial Lecture  | **X-101** | Morny Joy, Calgary University, CA*Vulnerability, Violence, Precarity and their Contemporary Modifications* |
| 7.00 – 11.00pmConference Dinner | **Customs House** |

**FRIDAY 6 December**

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| 8.30amRegistration  | **X-205** |
| 9.00 – 10.00amCharles Strong Lecture | **X-205** | Norm Habel, Flinders University, Australia*The Terra Australis Statement of the Heart (Principles for Promoting Peace on Earth)* |

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| 10.00 – 10.30amMorning Tea | **X-502** |
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| 10.30am – 12.00pmCONCURRENT SESSION 4 | **Historical Perspectives**Chair:Angela CocoAdam SmithUniversity of Sydney, Aus*After the Soul: Capital and the New Gods*Alex DeagonQueensland University of Technology, Aus*Back to the Future: ‘Pagan’ Violence and Augustinian Peace*Amir MoghadamUniversity of Newcastle, Aus*The Phenomenon of “Other” in the Sectarian Weltanschauung*Marianne RozarioUniversity of Notre Dame, Aus*Catholic Anti-slavery Initiatives: Moral Foundations and Resources of Religious Action* | **Islam: From Extremism to Peace**Chair:Douglas PrattHalim RaneGriffith University, Aus*Cogent Religious Instruction: Critical-Analytical, Evidence-Based Education in Response to Islamist and Anti-Islam Extremism*Mehrnosh Lajevardi FatemiWestern Sydney University, Aus*The Role of Leaders in Religious Movements for Peace and Social Cohesion*Samuel D BlanchAustralian National University, Aus*Contemporary Aesthetic Form and Technology and their Contribution to Muslim Social Cohesion* | **Gender & Harm in Christianity**Chair:Ruth PowellRosie Shorter Western Sydney University, Aus*Complementarian Constructions: Gender and Evangelism in the Sydney Anglican Diocese*Tracy McEwanUniversity of Newcastle, Aus*Gen X Catholic Women: Narratives of Harm Around Reproductive and Sexual Health*Tanya RichesHillsong College Sydney, Aus*Personal and Political: Ending Theological Silence on Violence Against Women*Lauren McGrow Charles Sturt University, Aus*‘Sweet Charity – Love is what it’s all about’: Exploring the Ethical Dissonance Between Sex Worker Activists and Religious Campaigners on Sex Industry Law* | **The Politics of Othering & Belonging**Chair:Cristina RochaAukje MullerUniversity of Groningen & Macquarie University, Aus*Exclusive Inclusion: Structural Violence, Cultural Fundamentalism and Religious Difference in the Politics of Belonging*Charitha Dissanayake & Melathi SaldinDeakin University, Aus*Hate Speech, Religious Violence in Post-war Sri Lanka: A Sri Lankan Perspective Before and After the Easter Bombing*Kim LamDeakin University, Aus*The Cosmopolitan Irony of Belonging in Multicultural Australia*Louise KatzUniversity of Sydney, Aus*Violence, Religion, and Propaganda in Israel-Palestine* |
| 12.00 – 1.00pmLunch | **X-502**  | Centre for Excellence Meeting |

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| 1.00 – 2.30pmCONCURRENT SESSION 5 | **Appropriating Religious Discourse**Chair:Emma QuiltyBritt SpryUniversity of Sydney, Aus“*My Torturer Became My Remedy”: Beyonce’s Appropriation of African Spiritualities in Healing Cultural and Personal Trauma*Monica Alice QuirkUniversity of Sydney, Aus*Spiritual Espionage: Covert Conversion, Dishonest Spirituality, and Religious Freedom in Australia*Venetia RobertsonSydney University, Aus*Horror, Evil, and the Home-bound Mother* | **Morality & Religious Violence**Chair:Nafi GhafourniaBreann FallonThe Sydney Jewish Museum and the University of Sydney, Aus*The Fetishization Effect: Using Religious Studies Methodologies in Comprehending Perpetrator Motivations in the Rwandan Genocide*Di RaysonUniversity of Newcastle, Aus*From Pacifism to Tyrannicide: Bonhoeffer’s Ethics for the Anthropocene*Juliet BeattieGriffith University, Aus*Incorporating Intercultural Understanding Capability in Christian Studies Through Service-learning* | **Politics & New Religious Movements**Chair:Carole CusackAlexa BlonnerIndependent scholar*New Religious Movements and Peace: Help or Hindrance? A Case Study – the Universal Peace Federation of the Unification Faith*Bernard DohertyCharles Sturt University, Aus*Anticipating an Antipodean Apocalypse: Millennial Fears in Australia 1993 – 2001*Sophie RoeUniversity of Sydney, Aus*Pagan Fears: NeoFolk and the Rise of Nationalist Violence* | **Media & Digital Hate**Chair:Tara SmithEmily MarriottDeakin University, Aus*Media Representations and of Terrorism: the 2017 and 2018 Bourke Street Attacks and the Changing Taxonomy of Terror*Enqi WengDeakin University, Aus*Countering Digital Hate: A Media Religious Literacy Response*Zoe AldertonSydney University*“She doesn’t exist and the curse is gone”: Towards a Balanced Appraisal of the Momo Challenge* |
| 3.00 – 3.30pmAfternoon Tea | **X-502** |
| 3.00 – 4.30pmAASR AGMAll welcome | **X-202**  |
| 4.30pmConference Close |