# 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 Spirituality  Youth Studies Conference and AASR Joint Panel | X-502 | Kath McPhillips & David Farrugia |

# THURSDAY 5 December

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| 8.00am Registration | **X-101** | | | |
| 8.30 – 9.00am Welcome  Acknowledgement of Country | **X-101** | Kath McPhillips  Jessica Deburr  Philip Dwyer | | |
| 9.00 – 10.00am Keynote 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 – 10.30am Morning Tea | **X-502** | | | |
|  | **X-201** | **X-202** | **X-204** | **X-207** |
| 10.30am – 1.00pm  CONCURRENT SESSION 1 | **New Religions & Violence**  Chair:  Douglas Pratt  David G Robertson  The Open University, Aus  *New Age to New World Order: Red Ice Radio*  Steven Sutcliffe  University of Edinburgh, UK  *Life Reform and the Alleviation of Animal Suffering: Religious vs Humanitarian Motives in the Early Vegan Society*  Carole M. Cusack  University of Sydney, Aus  *Violence and the Demise of New Religions: Raids, Suicide, Genocide and Murder* | **Institutional Religious Violence**  Chair:  Ruth Powell  Sarah-Jane Page  Aston University, UK  *The Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA) and the Church of England: Denials, Apologies and Accountability in a Sacred Institution*  Jodi Death  QUT, Aus  *Mapping Historical Paedophile Networks in the Christian Brothers Western Australia*  Peter Gogarty  University of Newcastle, Aus  *Pawns Take Bishop. Advocacy, Activism and Self-actualisation in the Hunter Valley*  Kathleen McPhillips  University of Newcastle, Aus  *Survivor Stigma and the Impacts of Institutional Violence* | **Online Religion & Violence**  Chair:  Zoe Alderton  Raymond Radford  University of Sydney, Aus  *From Atheism plus to far-right: The “Rational Skeptic” Community, the Internet, and the Real World*  Tara BM Smith  University of Sydney, Aus  *The Lizard Prophet: Religious Charisma and Attracting the alt-right in the Performances of Conspiracy Theorist David Icke*  Benjamin Jozef Banasik  University of Sydney, Aus  *Caught in the Crossfire: The Misuse of Online Culture, Memes, Religion and Gaming in the Christchurch Massacre*  Geraldine Smith  University of Tasmania, Aus  ‘*Funeral for Coal’: How Multifaith Organisations are Going Online* | **Political Spaces & Religious Discourse**  Chair:  Chris Hartney  Katja Strehle  Western Sydney University, Aus  *Harassment of Women in Humanist /Atheist Spaces and the Response of the Community*  Mersina Papantoniou  UNSW, Aus  *Why is the ‘M’ word – Multiculturalism, the Problem?*  Rosemary Hancock  University of Notre Dame, Aus  *Urban Politics and Religious Communities* |
| 12.00 – 1.00pm Lunch | **X-502** AASR WOMEN’S CAUCUS MEETING | | | |

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| 1.00 – 2.30pm  CONCURRENT SESSION 2 | | **Publishing Roundtable**  *Publishing in the Study of Religion*  Cristina Rocha (Chair)  Western Sydney University, Aus  Steven Sutcliffe  University of Edinburgh, UK  Carole Cusack  University of Sydney, Aus  Alex Norman  Western Sydney University, Aus | **Rene Girard: Religion & Violence**  Chair:  Di Rayson  Chris Fleming  Western Sydney University, Aus  *René Girard on Violence and Religion*  Joel Hodge  Australian 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 Variyar  University of Sydney, Aus  *Redefining Violence in Scapegoating: Sacral Cleansing and Social Exclusion in the Ramayana* | **Intimate Partner Violence & Faith Communities**  Chair:  Kath McPhillips  Miriam 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 Pepper  NCLS Research/CSU, Aus  *The National Anglican Family Violence Project: A Work in Progress*  Nafi Ghafournia  University of Newcastle, Aus  *Muslim Women and Domestic Violence: Developing a Framework for Social Work Practice*  Erin Sessions  Australian 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 Bouma  David Troolin  University of Adelaide, Aus  *Two Sides of the Same Coin: Pursuing Reconciliation by Initiating Violence in Papua New Guinea*  Emma Quilty  University of Newcastle, Aus  *The Embodied Researcher: Violence and Tenderness in the Field*  Anna Lutkajtis  University of Sydney, Aus  *Lost Saints: Desacralisation, Spiritual Abuse and Magic Mushrooms* | |
| 2.30 – 3.00pm Afternoon Tea | **X-502** | | | | |

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| 3.00 – 4.30pm  CONCURRENT SESSION 3 | **Religious Utopianism & Violence**  Chair:  Tracy McEwan  Tamara Prosic  Monash University, Aus  *Religious Utopianism and Violence*  Alex Norman  Western 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 Bhardwaj  Federation 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 Goldenberg  University of Ottawa, CA  Timothy Fitzgerald  University of Queensland, Aus  David Robertson  The Open University, UK | **Christchurch & Terrorism**  Chair:  Rosemary Hancock  Catherine Rivera  Massey University, NZ  ‘*Muslim brothers’ and ‘those people’; Christian Discourse and Embodied Responses to the Christchurch Mosque Shootings in Aotearoa New Zealand*  Douglas Pratt  University of Auckland, NZ  *Threads of Terror; Signs of Hope*  William Hoverd  Massey University, NZ  *The Christchurch Terror Attacks: Where is the Discussion About Religion and Religious Diversity?*  LynFay Shapiro  University 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 Weng  Shukra Raj Adhikari  Tribhuvan University, Nepal  *Social Structure and the Construction of Religion: A Sociological Inquiry of the Mahabharata*  Christopher van der Krogt  Massey University, NZ  *“The sun of jihad has risen”: Jihad Doctrine in Dabiq*  Mohamed Ahmed Hamed Mohamed  University of Newcastle, Aus  *Jihad: Islamic Theology or Political Discourse? A Critical Literature Review*  Christopher Hartney  University of Sydney  *From Poetic Drinking Sessions to Cosmic War: The Rise of Caodaism through the Imagination of Phạm Công Tắc (1890-1959)* |
| 4.30 – 5.30pm  Penny Magee Memorial Lecture | **X-101** | Morny Joy, Calgary University, CA  *Vulnerability, Violence, Precarity and their Contemporary Modifications* | | |
| 7.00 – 11.00pm  Conference Dinner | **Customs House** | | | |

**FRIDAY 6 December**

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| 8.30am Registration | **X-205** | |
| 9.00 – 10.00am  Charles 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 – 10.30am  Morning Tea | **X-502** | | | | |
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| 10.30am – 12.00pm  CONCURRENT SESSION 4 | **Historical Perspectives**  Chair:  Angela Coco  Adam Smith  University of Sydney, Aus  *After the Soul: Capital and the New Gods*  Alex Deagon  Queensland University of Technology, Aus  *Back to the Future: ‘Pagan’ Violence and Augustinian Peace*  Amir Moghadam  University of Newcastle, Aus  *The Phenomenon of “Other” in the Sectarian Weltanschauung*  Marianne Rozario  University of Notre Dame, Aus  *Catholic Anti-slavery Initiatives: Moral Foundations and Resources of Religious Action* | **Islam: From Extremism to Peace**  Chair:  Douglas Pratt  Halim Rane  Griffith University, Aus  *Cogent Religious Instruction: Critical-Analytical, Evidence-Based Education in Response to Islamist and Anti-Islam Extremism*  Mehrnosh Lajevardi Fatemi  Western Sydney University, Aus  *The Role of Leaders in Religious Movements for Peace and Social Cohesion*  Samuel D Blanch Australian National University, Aus  *Contemporary Aesthetic Form and Technology and their Contribution to Muslim Social Cohesion* | | **Gender & Harm in Christianity**  Chair:  Ruth Powell  Rosie Shorter  Western Sydney University, Aus  *Complementarian Constructions: Gender and Evangelism in the Sydney Anglican Diocese*  Tracy McEwan  University of Newcastle, Aus  *Gen X Catholic Women: Narratives of Harm Around Reproductive and Sexual Health*  Tanya Riches  Hillsong 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 Rocha  Aukje Muller  University of Groningen & Macquarie University, Aus  *Exclusive Inclusion: Structural Violence, Cultural Fundamentalism and Religious Difference in the Politics of Belonging*  Charitha Dissanayake & Melathi Saldin  Deakin University, Aus  *Hate Speech, Religious Violence in Post-war Sri Lanka: A Sri Lankan Perspective Before and After the Easter Bombing*  Kim Lam  Deakin University, Aus  *The Cosmopolitan Irony of Belonging in Multicultural Australia*  Louise Katz  University of Sydney, Aus  *Violence, Religion, and Propaganda in Israel-Palestine* |
| 12.00 – 1.00pm Lunch | **X-502** | | Centre for Excellence Meeting | | |

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| 1.00 – 2.30pm  CONCURRENT SESSION 5 | **Appropriating Religious Discourse**  Chair:  Emma Quilty  Britt Spry  University of Sydney, Aus  “*My Torturer Became My Remedy”: Beyonce’s Appropriation of African Spiritualities in Healing Cultural and Personal Trauma*  Monica Alice Quirk  University of Sydney, Aus  *Spiritual Espionage: Covert Conversion, Dishonest Spirituality, and Religious Freedom in Australia*  Venetia Robertson  Sydney University, Aus  *Horror, Evil, and the Home-bound Mother* | **Morality & Religious Violence**  Chair:  Nafi Ghafournia  Breann Fallon The 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 Rayson  University of Newcastle, Aus  *From Pacifism to Tyrannicide: Bonhoeffer’s Ethics for the Anthropocene*  Juliet Beattie  Griffith University, Aus  *Incorporating Intercultural Understanding Capability in Christian Studies Through Service-learning* | **Politics & New Religious Movements**  Chair:  Carole Cusack  Alexa Blonner  Independent scholar  *New Religious Movements and Peace: Help or Hindrance? A Case Study – the Universal Peace Federation of the Unification Faith*  Bernard Doherty  Charles Sturt University, Aus  *Anticipating an Antipodean Apocalypse: Millennial Fears in Australia 1993 – 2001*  Sophie Roe  University of Sydney, Aus  *Pagan Fears: NeoFolk and the Rise of Nationalist Violence* | **Media & Digital Hate**  Chair:  Tara Smith  Emily Marriott  Deakin University, Aus  *Media Representations and of Terrorism: the 2017 and 2018 Bourke Street Attacks and the Changing Taxonomy of Terror*  Enqi Weng  Deakin University, Aus  *Countering Digital Hate: A Media Religious Literacy Response*  Zoe Alderton  Sydney University  *“She doesn’t exist and the curse is gone”: Towards a Balanced Appraisal of the Momo Challenge* |
| 3.00 – 3.30pm  Afternoon Tea | **X-502** | | | |
| 3.00 – 4.30pm  AASR AGM  All welcome | **X-202** | | | |
| 4.30pm  Conference Close | | | | |