

RELIGION AND CLIMATE CHANGE IN CROSS-REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

A capstone workshop organized by American University's Center for Latin American and Latino Studies (CLALS) with generous support from the Henry Luce Foundation
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WORKSHOP AGENDA

May 10: 6:30pm Dinner for Workshop Participants

We have made reservations for workshop participants at Casolare, in the Kimpton Glover Park Hotel, where you will be staying. We will rendezvous there at 6:30pm.

May 11: 8:15am Depart Hotel (Shuttle Service Provided)

Leaving from the Kimpton Glover Park Hotel
2505 Wisconsin Ave NW, Washington, DC 20007
(meet in hotel lobby)

8:30am-9:00am Coffee and Refreshments

Workshop location: American University's main campus, Mary Graydon Center, Room 245 (2nd floor)

9:00am-9:15am Welcomes and Introductions

Eric Hershberg

9:15am-10:00pm Session 1: How We Got Here: Revisiting our Project Goals

Topic: From the perspective of the two volume editors, a brief review of the project, and project goals, how these have been approached through the two volumes, and ways they complement one another.

Evan Berry and David Haberman lead the discussion

10:00pm-11:15pm Session 2: Religion and Climate Change: Politics, Policies and States

Topic: Discussion of a cluster of chapters concerned with India (Kelly Alley), the Philippines (David Buckley), and Trinidad (Brent Crosson), which explore intersections of religion or cosmology with politics and public policies, often at the level of the state.

Eric Hershberg and Mabel Gergan lead the discussion

11:15am-11:30am Break

11:30pm-12:45pm Session 3: Landscapes, Mountains and Ontologies of the Sacred

Topic: Consideration of a cluster of chapters from the Indian Himalayas (Drew) and Peruvian Andes (Bacigalupo, Salas Carreño), which differently engage relationships between mountains (and glaciers) and/or sacred landscapes, the non-human, and collective identity, in the response to climate change.

Rob Albro and Amanda Bertana lead the discussion

12:45pm-2:00pm Catered Lunch

To be served in our meeting room.

2:00pm-3:15pm Session 4: Islands, Climate Events, and Religious Responses

Topic: Discussion of a cluster of chapters concerned with islands, in this case Fiji (Bertana) and the Cook Islands (Rubow) in the Pacific, and Puerto Rico (Thompson) in the Caribbean, in the context of the religious response to climate change, including sea level rise, coastal erosion and destructive weather events.

Mariella Bacigalupo and Brent Crosson lead the discussion

3:15pm-4:30pm Session 5: Environmental change, Social Anxiety, Religious Change

Topic: Consideration of a cluster of chapters from Peru (Paerregaard), and different parts of the Himalayas (Gergan and Gagné), concerned with expressions of collective anxiety, loss, types of religious response, and changes in religious practice, as a result of climate change.

Marjo de Theije and Guillermo Salas lead the discussion

4:30pm-4:45pm Break

4:45pm-5:30pm Session 6: Emerging Themes, Concluding Chapters

Topic: From the perspective of the two scholars engaged in writing concluding chapters for each volume, a reflection on the day's discussion, with attention to emerging and cross-cutting themes and issues, and to how best to frame these collections as major contributions to the study of religion and climate change.

Ken Conca and Willis Jenkins lead the discussion

Note: Shuttle will be available to return you to the Kimpton Glover Park Hotel at 5:45pm.