

## ICA media and religion preconference

### Global Populism: Its roots in media and religion

The persistent power of religion to mobilize new populism has confounded expectations that religion would fade in significance as we moved further into the new century. Among the most vexing—and least understood—questions are those surrounding the role of religion in these developments and how media and systems of mediation—particularly digital mediation—make religion’s new participation possible. Scholars of media have a special interest and expertise in addressing phenomena such as this, yet the field often struggles to incorporate serious scholarship of religion into its work. This pre-conference is intended to begin a conversation about this lacuna even as it addresses its overall theme.

#### Schedule

##### 9-10:30 Plenary Panel:

John Jackson, the Annenberg School at the University of Pennsylvania; Robert Jones, the Public Religion Research Institute; Tom Perriello, former US Congressman (tentative); and Agnieszka Stepinska, Adam Mickiewicz University (Poland)

##### 10:30-12pm Panel: Imagined Histories and Post-truth Presents

Kathryn Montalbano, “Right-Wing Populism, Religion, and Reactionary News: Radicalizing United States Christianity“

Ashley Campbell, “The Heartland of Populism: Midwestern Agrarianism and Protestantism in New Populists’ Politics of Nostalgia“

Giulia Evolvi, “The ‘Anti-Gender Movement,’ Conservative Digital Populism, and the Rise of a New Public Catholicism“

Hannah Dick, “Rethinking America’s ‘First Freedom’“

##### 12-1 Lunch

##### 1-2:30 Panel: Feeling, Sentiments, Affect

Johanna Sumiala, Anu A. Harju and Emilia Palonen, “#TurkuAttack: A Critical Analysis of Islamophobia as Populism in the Digital Public Space“

Mona Abdel-Fadil, “The Green Scare: The Politics of Affect,”

Brian Hughes, “Odin, Lucifer, Warhammer 40k: Digital ‘Religionettes’ and Populist Paradox on the Far Right“

Laiza Fernanda dos Santos Hofmann and Flavio Salcedo Rodrigues Moreira, “Brazil above all, God above everything: media perceptions about the new elected, government of Brazil“

**2:45-4:15 Panel: Transnational Movements, National Contexts**

Kevan A. Feshami, "Life, Love, and White Nationalism, The Affective Content of White Nationalism's Theology of Race"

Eviane Cheng Leidig, "Transnational populist radical right discourse: The case of Hindutva, Brexit, and Trump"

Danielle Tomson, "Legitimizing and Sanitizing: Support for Israel in Nationalist Populism"

Rita Marchetti, Susanna Pagiotti and Anna Stanziano, "The legitimization of the Italian Catholic Church by media to intervene in the political debate"

Bilge Yesil "Populism Meets Political Islam: Role of Religious Subjectivities in Global Media and, Politics"

**4:15-5:00 Roundtable: "Media, Religion, Politics: New Avenues of Research and Theory"**

**Registration fee: \$75.00 (includes breaks and lunch)**

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