



Conference programme
Sexuality, AIDS and Religion: Transnational Dynamics in Africa
Venue: 64 Banbury Road, Oxford, OX2 6PN

Wednesday, 28 September 2011	
9.00-9.30	Registration
9.30-10.00	Welcome Introduction of conference participants
10.00-11.00	Main speaker 1: Professor Suzette Heald, LSE, United Kingdom Suspicion of the state: human rights, medicine and AIDS crisis in Botswana and Kenya Chair: Professor Hansjörg Dilger, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
11.00-11.15	Coffee break
11.15-13.00	Panel A: Negotiating Policies within Transnational Faith-Based Organisations Chair: Dr Alessandro Gusman, University of Riga, Latvia Discussant: Dr Ben Jones, University of East Anglia Paper presenters: 1) Professor Amy Patterson, USA, "Transnational religious networks encounter community realities: HIV prevention in Zambia" 2) Dr Mary Upton, UK, "Transnational advocacy networks: the changing role of faith-based organisations in HIV/AIDS policy and practice" 3) Rosemary Morgan, UK, "HIV/AIDS policy processes in faith based organisations in Tanzania" 4) Dr Louise Mubanda Rasmussen, Denmark, "Negotiating HIV prevention rationalisations in Catholic organisations in Uganda – in between professional identities, 'global AIDS treatment' and religious moralities"
13.00-13.30	Lunch

13.30-15.00	<p>Panel B: Diaspora and Transnational Collaboration Chair: Dr Nadine Beckmann, University of Oxford, UK Discussant: Dr Rijk van Dijk, African Studies Centre, the Netherlands Paper presenters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dr Brenda Bartelink and Erik Meinema, the Netherlands, "'Virginity is (not) a dignity': negotiating abstinence and condom use in a transnational network of faith based organisations" 2) Omowonuola Rukayat Tejumade, UK, "A Question of Faith? The role of religion in helping Africans living with HIV in the UK" 3) Dr Jonas Svensson, Sweden, "Namnloest: lets talk about sex – Negotiations of Islam and sexuality in Positive Muslims' 'Theology of compassion'"
15.00-15.30	Coffee break
15.30-16.30	<p>Main speaker 2: Professor Brooke Grundfest Schoepf, Harvard University, USA Chair: Professor Amy Patterson, Calvin College, USA</p>
16.30-18.15	<p>Panel C: Technology and Transnational Family Planning Chair: Dr Rijk van Dijk, African Studies Centre, the Netherlands Discussant: Professor Elisabeth Hsu, University of Oxford, UK</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dr Perpetual Crentsil, Finland, "Mobile telephones, sex, sin and HIV/AIDS in Ghana" 2) Fadhila Mazanderani, UK, "The ethics of intimacy: exploring online dating and viral-solidarity" 3) Dr Astrid Bochow, Germany, "Christianity, abstinence and HIV/AIDS: elite women and reproduction in Botswana"
Thursday, 29 September 2011	
9.30-10.30	<p>Main speaker 3: Professor Robert Thornton, Witwatersrand University, South Africa 'Sex', 'Networks' and Religion: Basic Concepts Concerning the Value of 'Sex' and Its Exchange Over 'Networks' Chair: Dr Nadine Beckmann, University of Oxford, UK</p>
10.30-11.00	Coffee break

11.00-13.00	<p>Panel D: Sexual Networks Chair: Dr Alessandro Gusman, University of Riga, Latvia Discussant: Professor Hansjörg Dilger, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dr Isak Niehaus, UK, "AIDS and the power of speech: notes from the South African Lowveld" 2) Dr Matthew Wilhelm-Solomon, South Africa "We used our condoms as firelighters': conflict, displacement and HIV/AIDS in northern Uganda" 3) Dr Christine Obbo, France, "Sponsored Sexual Virtue and AIDS Control in Uganda"
13.00-14.00	Lunch
14.00-15.00	<p>A Historical Perspective on the Transnational Aspects of Health and Religion in Africa Main speaker 4: Professor Terence Ranger, University of Oxford, United Kingdom Chair: Dr Rijk van Dijk, African Studies Centre, the Netherlands</p>
15.00-16.45	<p>Panel E: Homosexuality and Transgressive Sexualities Chair: Professor Amy Patterson, Calvin College, USA Discussant: Dr Marian Burchardt, University of Leipzig, Germany Paper presenters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dr Alex Mueller, South Africa, "How and why HIV prevention programs have undermines the rights of sexual minorities: the case of Uganda" 2) Casey Golomski, USA, "The pragmatics and politics of sexual orientation in Africanist ethnography on HIV/AIDS and religion" 3) Lindsay Ehrisman, USA, "Decadent imports, vile abominations: (under)developing discourses on male-male sex and the missionary position in Buganda, 1875-1910" 4) Dr Stella Nyanzi, Uganda, "Christian Hatred versus Christian love of homosexuals: Contrasting the two priests who presided over David Kato's Funeral" 5) Jack Ume Tocco, USA, "The mode of transmission that dare not speak its name: male homosexuality, Islam and HIV in northern Nigeria"
16.45-17.15	Coffee break
17.15-18.15	<p>Main speaker 5: Reverend Ijeoma Ajibade, St Philip's Church, Diocese of London, United Kingdom From an activist's point of view: Christian discourses around AIDS and sexuality in African migrant communities in the UK Chair: Dr Marian Burchardt, University of Leipzig, Germany</p>
19.30	Conference dinner (individual payment)

Friday 30 September 2011	
9.30-11.00	<p>Panel F: Creating Transnational Moralities through HIV Prevention? Chair: Dr Nadine Beckmann, University of Oxford, UK Discussant: Dr Ruth Prince, Cambridge University, UK Paper presenters:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Dr Joanna Sadgrove, UK, "Morality, sexuality and AIDS in transnational perspective: the case of Uganda" 2) Anais Bertrand-Dansereau, UK, "HIV prevention with young people in Malawi: paralyse and potentials in sexual education" 3) Tim Allen, UK, "Witchcraft, Sexuality and HIV/AIDS among the Azande of Sudan"
11.00-11.15	
11.15-12.15	<p>Panel Discussion: Transnational dynamics on Sexuality, AIDS and Religion in Africa Professor Terence Ranger Dr Rijk van Dijk Professor Hansjörg Dilger Reverend Ijeoma Ajibade Professor Suzette Heald Chair: Dr Catrine Christiansen</p>
12.15-12.30	<p>Concluding Remarks and Suggestions for Future Research Topics Dr Nadine Beckmann and Dr Alessandro Gusman</p>