



**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	<b>Main speaker 1: Professor Suzette Heald, LSE, United Kingdom</b> <b>Suspicion of the state: human rights, medicine and AIDS crisis in Botswana and Kenya</b> Chair: Professor Hansjörg Dilger, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany
11.00-11.15	Coffee break
11.15-13.00	<b>Panel A: Negotiating Policies within Transnational Faith-Based Organisations</b> 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><b>Panel B: Diaspora and Transnational Collaboration</b>  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"> <li>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"</li> <li>2) Omowonuola Rukayat Tejumade, UK, "A Question of Faith? The role of religion in helping Africans living with HIV in the UK"</li> <li>3) Dr Jonas Svensson, Sweden, "Namnloest: lets talk about sex – Negotiations of Islam and sexuality in Positive Muslims' 'Theology of compassion'"</li> </ol>
15.00-15.30	Coffee break
15.30-16.30	<p><b>Main speaker 2: Professor Brooke Grundfest Schoepf, Harvard University, USA</b>  Chair: Professor Amy Patterson, Calvin College, USA</p>
16.30-18.15	<p><b>Panel C: Technology and Transnational Family Planning</b>  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"> <li>1) Dr Perpetual Crentsil, Finland, "Mobile telephones, sex, sin and HIV/AIDS in Ghana"</li> <li>2) Fadhila Mazanderani, UK, "The ethics of intimacy: exploring online dating and viral-solidarity"</li> <li>3) Dr Astrid Bochow, Germany, "Christianity, abstinence and HIV/AIDS: elite women and reproduction in Botswana"</li> </ol>
Thursday, 29 September 2011	
9.30-10.30	<p><b>Main speaker 3: Professor Robert Thornton, Witwatersrand University, South Africa</b>  <b>'Sex', 'Networks' and Religion: Basic Concepts Concerning the Value of 'Sex' and Its Exchange Over 'Networks'</b>  Chair: Dr Nadine Beckmann, University of Oxford, UK</p>
10.30-11.00	Coffee break

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

<p>Friday 30 September 2011</p>	
<p>9.30-11.00</p>	<p><b>Panel F: Creating Transnational Moralities through HIV Prevention?</b>  Chair: Dr Nadine Beckmann, University of Oxford, UK  Discussant: Dr Ruth Prince, Cambridge University, UK  Paper presenters:  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"</p>
<p>11.00-11.15</p>	
<p>11.15-12.15</p>	<p><b>Panel Discussion: Transnational dynamics on Sexuality, AIDS and Religion in Africa</b>  Professor Terence Ranger  Dr Rijk van Dijk  Professor Hansjörg Dilger  Reverend Ijeoma Ajibade  Professor Suzette Heald  Chair: Dr Catrine Christiansen</p>
<p>12.15-12.30</p>	<p><b>Concluding Remarks and Suggestions for Future Research Topics</b>  Dr Nadine Beckmann and Dr Alessandro Gusman</p>