

Religion and IR Section Newsletter
August 2021



Note from our Chair

As the summer unfolds, I hope everyone is having a break from the rigours of academic life and managing to have a bit of me time. Yet, as Neil Young put it all those years ago: 'Rust Never Sleeps', and the work of REL continues. Soon autumn will be here and with it a resumption of our activities.

The ISA Midwest conference takes place between Friday 19 Nov 2021 and Sunday 21 Nov 2021. There's also the next annual ISA conference to look forward to, hopefully this time in person (Nashville, 30 March-2 April 2022).

For the Midwest conference, Jonathan Fox has put together an exciting programme, while REL Vice-chair, Jonathan Agensky, has done the same for the Nashville conference. I hope to see lots of REL members at both events.

Meanwhile, keep up with REL news and views via Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/336226026577855>) Twitter (@religion_ir), and the REL website (<https://religion-ir.org/>).

See you soon!

Jeff Haynes, chair, REL

Annual Religion and IR Section Business Meeting

The section held its Annual Section Business Meeting virtually on April 16, 2021. Catch up on the workings of the section and get to hear from some of your fellow members.

We've posted the video on our website. Check it out!

<https://religion-ir.org/videos>

ISA 2021 Annual Conference REL-sponsored Session Videos

Are there any REL-sponsored sessions you wish you'd had a chance to attend at the Annual Conference? Videos you just didn't get around to seeing? We have the option of making a selection of those videos available on our website. If there are specific sessions you'd like to see posted on the website, check them off on this form:

<https://forms.gle/PtRy4qjLLxJMmxsL8>

We'll post the most requested videos on religion-ir.org/videos.

Need to refresh your memory? Check out this document with the schedule and session descriptions for all REL-sponsored sessions:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1nkgyZpP1TQJtN0R8rrUkwrwEY4GrApjM/view?usp=sharing>

Upcoming Conferences

ISA Annual Conference 2022 (March 30-April 2, 2022 in Nashville, Tennessee): The REL program committee, under the leadership of Jonathan Agensky, is working to complete the program for REL-sponsored sessions. We received a healthy volume of high-quality submissions, so be sure to plan on attending!

ISA Midwest Annual Conference 2021 (November 19-21, 2021 in St. Louis, Missouri): REL member Jonathan Fox has put together several exciting panels. We're looking forward to sharing their acceptance soon!

Send Us Your Blogs!

The REL section has an active blog on our website: <https://religion-ir.org/blog>

The opportunity to author a blog post is now open to our members. If you've got something you want to "put out there" and it's too long for a Tweet, the Religion and IR blog could be a great vehicle for your voice. Optimal length for our blogs is 1,000-2,500 words.

If you are interested in posting a blog, send your blog idea to Blogs@religion-ir.org. Depending on demand, we may develop a schedule of blogs out into the future.

Tell Us Your News!

By publicizing section members' research, outreach, or other news, we hope to increase connections among members and help to grow our field. Tell us about your:

- Participation in or organisation of workshops and conferences
- New publications – Both academic and non-academic
- Awards, career moves, new initiatives
- Policy engagement activities
- Any other initiatives

We will include member news in our periodic newsletters.

If you also wish your news to be published on the religion-ir.org website, please note that in your email and submit news for the website according to these guidelines:

- Maximum 75-word announcement (60 words if you also submit an image and/or link)
- Link (optional)
- Image (optional)

We invite all members to submit their news to: News@religion-ir.org.

Member News

Durgesh Kasbekar

Article Series

Durgesh Kasbekar published a 4-part series “Buddhism in IR” in Buddhistdoor Global - a Hong Kong based online platform serving scholars/researchers of Buddhism and Buddhist practitioners around the world. “I chose to publish here rather than an academic journal as I want to reach out to non-academic audiences.”

Part I: Buddhist NGOs and monks/scholars

<https://teahouse.buddhistdoor.net/buddhism-in-international-relations-buddhist-ngos/>

Part II: Applied Dharma Concepts

<https://teahouse.buddhistdoor.net/buddhism-in-international-relations-applied-dharma-concepts/>

Part III: The Sino-Indian Relationship

<https://teahouse.buddhistdoor.net/buddhism-in-international-relations-the-sino-indian-relationship/>

Part IV: Socially Engaged Buddhism at the UN

<https://teahouse.buddhistdoor.net/buddhism-in-international-relations-socially-engaged-buddhism-at-the-un/>

Ahmet Erdi Öztürk

Articles

Conducting Research on Muslims (eds. Ahmet Erdi Ozturk and Deina Abdelkader) International Journal of Religion, Vol. 1. No. 2: <https://journals.tplondon.com/ijor/issue/view/98>

Populism, religion and family values policies in Israel, Italy and Turkey, in Mediterranean Politics (Published online 29 April), with (Guy Ben-Porat, Dani Filc, Ahmet Erdi Ozturk & Luca Ozzano: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13629395.2021.1901484?src=> (SSCI, Q1 Impact Factor 2019: 1.844)

Conducting Research on Muslims in the Age of Dichotomies: Ethics, Politics and Responsibilities, in International Journal of Religion with Deina Abdelkader: <https://journals.tplondon.com/ijor/article/view/1471>

Jocelyne Cesari

Peer-reviewed Publications

Securitization and Laicite: The Two Main Challenges of French Islam in Muqtedar Khan (ed). Symposium on the State of Muslim Minorities in Contemporary Democracies, IIT, July 2021

<http://doi.org/10.47816/02.001.symposium3.cesari>

Editor of the Special Issue of Religions, “Political Islam in World Politics”, Religions, 12(5), 2021

“Political Islam: More than Islamism”. Religions. 12(5): 2021, p.299.

<https://doi.org/10.3390/rel12050299>

Essays

The Role of Religion in the Political Future of Syria”, Berkley Center Forum, March 24 2021. <https://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/responses/the-role-of-religion-in-the-political-future-of-syria-state-muslimness-versus-islamism>.

“Religion and Radicalization: How it Happens?”, PoliticsToday, March 4 2021.

<https://politicstoday.org/radicalization-and-religion-how-it-happens/>.

“What do Israel and Turkey have in Common? A Different Take on Religion and Nationalism”, London School of Economics, Interdisciplinary blog on Religion and Global Society, February 25 2021, <https://blogs.lse.ac.uk/religionglobalsociety/2021/02/what-to-turkey-and-israel-have-in-common-a-different-take-on-religious-nationalism/>

Key note lectures

“Religion and Populism: Toward a Research Agenda”, European Center for Populism Studies, Brussels, July 7 2021.

“Reception of Hans Kung global ethics in other faith traditions,” The History and Legacy of Hans Kung, may 3 2021,

<https://berkleycenter.georgetown.edu/events/celebrating-the-life-and-legacy-of-hans-kung>

“Religion in the World of Nations,” Landecker Seminar Series, Oxford University, March 2 2021.

Jonathan Fox

Award

Jonathan Fox received the 2021 Susanne Hoeber Rudolph Outstanding Scholar Award awarded by the Religion and Politics section of the American Political Science Association. 2021 is the inaugural year for this award.

Articles

Jonathan Fox & Lev Topor, *Why Do People Discriminate Against Jews?* (New York, NY: Oxford University Press, 2021).

Jonathan Fox, "What is Religious Freedom and Who Has It? Social Compass, 2021, 1-21, doi/10.1177/00377686211012368.

Jonathan Fox & Roger Finke, "Ensuring Individual Rights through Institutional Freedoms: The Role of Religious Institutions in Securing Religious Rights." *Religions*, 2021, 12(4):273, 1-23, <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel12040273>

Meirav Mishali & Jonathan Fox, "Is Governmental and Societal Discrimination against Muslim Minorities behind Foreign Fighters in Syria and Iraq." *Journal of Peace Research*, 2021, 1-14, DOI: 10.1177/0022343320982652.

Jonathan Fox & Roger Finke "Ensuring Individual Rights through Institutional Freedoms: The Role of Religious Institutions in Securing Religious Rights." *Religions*, 2021, 12(4):273, 1-23, <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel12040273>.

Jeffrey Haynes

Lectures

Invited Lecture: 'From Huntington to Trump: 30 years of the clash of civilisations', Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel, 8 June 2021 (via Zoom).

Two lectures at ECPR Summer School, Turin, Italy, 21-25 June 2021: (1) Keynote address: 'Religion and populism: what do we know', and (2) 'Religion, Trumpism and Brexit' (via Zoom).

Articles

'Donald Trump, the Christian Right and COVID-19: The Politics of Religious Freedom', *Laws* 10, no. 1: 6, 2021. <https://doi.org/10.3390/laws10010006>

'Religion and International Relations: What Do We Know and How Do We Know It?' *Religions*. 2021; 12(5):328. <https://doi.org/10.3390/rel12050328>

'Muslims at the United Nations: Ethical and Political Issues', *International Journal of Religion*, 2021, 2(1): 59-69: <https://doi.org/10.33182/ijor.v2i1.1476>

Books

Handbook on Religion and International Relations (editor), London, Edward Elgar, 2021. ISBN: 978-1-83910-023-9

Routledge Handbook of Religion, Politics and Ideology (editor), London, Routledge, 2021. ISBN 978-0-36741-782-6

Giorgio Shani

Book

Giorgio Shani and Takashi Kibe (eds). [Religion and Nationalism in Asia](https://www.routledge.com/Religion-and-Nationalism-in-Asia/Shani-Kibe/p/book/9780367777425) London: Routledge. ISBN 9780367777425. April 1, 2021 pbk. 214 pages. <https://www.routledge.com/Religion-and-Nationalism-in-Asia/Shani-Kibe/p/book/9780367777425>

Description

The book re-examines the relationship between religion and nationalism in a contemporary Asian context, with a focus on East, South and South East Asia a century after Rabindranath Tagore's lectures warned of the perils of nationalism in the midst of the First World War. Addressing empirical, analytical, and normative questions, it analyses selected case studies from across Asia, including China, India, Iraq, Japan, Pakistan, the Philippines and Sri Lanka and compares the differences and commonalities between the diverse configurations of nationalism and religion across the continent. It then goes on to explain reasons for the regional religious resurgence and asks, is the nation-state model, aligned with secularism, suitable for the region? Exploring the two interrelated issues of legacies and possibilities, this book also examines the relationship between nationalism and modernity, identifying possible and desirable trajectories which go beyond existing configurations of nationalism and religion. Bringing together a stellar line up of contributors in the field, Religion and Nationalism in Asia will be a valuable resource for students and scholars of Asian religion and politics as well as sociology, ethnicity, nationalism and comparative politics.

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Surinder Shukla

Book Chapters

Chapter 47: Federalism, in The SAGE Handbook of Political Science 2019, 3 Volumes. Editors: Dirk Berg-Schlosser, Leonardo Morlino and Bertrand Badie.

Chapter 111: United Nations Women, and Chapter 164: Conflict Management and Resolution, in Elsevier Science Encyclopedia of Violence, Peace and Conflict, 3rd Edition 2020. Editor: Lester Kurtz.

Documentary

Participated and provided material for the Tudor Society documentary, "Information Circulation and Queen Elizabeth I." <https://www.tudorsociety.com/information-circulation-and-queen-elizabeth-i-a-documentary/ref/68/>

Simon Polinder

Simon Polinder from the Netherlands will defend his PhD thesis on Monday October 18, 2021 at 11:45 am at the VU University in Amsterdam. The title of his thesis is: *Towards a New Christian Political Realism? The Amsterdam School of Philosophy and the Role of Religion in International Relations*.

The defense can be watched live via YouTube: <http://www.youtube.com/VUBeadlesOffice>

If you are interested to receive a summary of the dissertation or the dissertation itself, please contact him at spolinder@gmail.com.

His supervisors are: Prof. Dr. G.J. Buijs, Dr. S.M. Thomas, and Dr. Mr. Y.P. Kamminga.

The reading committee, also the people who will ask questions during the ceremony, consists of: Prof. Dr. J. Cesari, Prof. Dr. G. Glas, Prof. Dr. J. Haynes, Dr. R. Joustra, Dr. E.D. Patterson, and Dr. E.K. Wilson.