



5th Tanaka Symposium Programme

Reconfiguring the Concept of Religion in Modern Japan

6 June 2023 (Tuesday), Pembroke College, Oxford



9.00 – 9.15	Welcome and Registration
9.15 – 9.30	Opening Remarks – Dr Linda Flores and Dr Chinami Oka (Oxford)
9.30 – 10.00	Key Concept and Contour – Prof Sho Konishi (Oxford)
10.10 – 11.15	Panel 1: Deconstructing National and Civilisational Discourses in Religion Chair: Dr Yu Sakai (Waseda University) Dr Migiwa Imaishi (Tōbunken) <i>Inaw</i> in Japanese Shrines: A Nonstate Oceanic History of Ainu-Japanese Religious Exchange in the Meiji Era Dr Alexandria Dugal (Tokyo Woman's Christian University) Religion and the 1920s and 1930s Transnational Connections of Japanese Christian Girls' Schools
11.15 – 11.45	– Coffee and Tea Break –
11.45 – 12.45	Panel 2: New Perspectives on Race and Christianity in the United States and Japan Chair: Dr Natalia Doan (Oxford) Prof Stephen Tuck (Oxford) Religion, Race and the United States: Toyohiko Kagawa and African American Clergy Dr Emily Anderson (Japanese American National Museum) Writing a New Christian History: Japanese Immigrant Churches in Pre-WWII Los Angeles
12.45 – 14.00	– Lunch Break –
14.00 – 15.00	Panel 3: Reassessing Gender, Sexuality, and Love in Religion Chair: Alice Baldock (Oxford) Dr Paride Stortini (University of Tokyo) Religion, Civilization, and the Science of Love: The Reception of the Kāma Sūtra in 1920s-1930s Japan Dr Chinami Oka (Oxford) The Reconfiguration of God as Multi-Gendered in Early Twentieth-Century Japan
15.00 – 15.30	– Coffee and Tea Break –
15.30 – 16.30	Panel 4: Social Change and Action-Oriented Religion Chair: Federica Costantino (Oxford) Dr Yu Sakai (Waseda University) Inspiring Democratic Dissent: Christianity, Tonghak (Eastern Learning), and the Worship of Nature in Turn-of-the-Twentieth-Century East Asia Joel Littler (Oxford) "One Should Provide Bread Before Preaching the Gospel": Social Activists on Leaving Christianity in the 1890s
16.45 – 17.45	Roundtable Discussion Dr Emily Anderson, Dr Yu Sakai, and Dr Chinami Oka, followed by Q&A
17.45 – 18.00	Closing Remarks – Dr Linda Flores (Oxford)
18.00 – 19.00	Drinks Reception

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