

## International Symposium

### Religions, Gender, and ‘Genderism’: Interactions Shaping Gender Equality

October 6-7, 2022, Vilnius, Lithuania

The venue of Symposium is Grand Hotel Kempinski Vilnius, Universiteto str. 14, Vilnius

#### October 6 (Thursday)

##### **Session 1. Theorizing Religion and Gender Equality: Concepts, Sources and History** **Chair: Anne Hege Grung**

- 9.30 - 10.15 The Complexity of Relationship between Gender Equality and Religion in the Baltic States: Private vs Public and Beyond.  
Milda Ališauskienė, Dace Balode, Linards Rozentāls, Anne Kull and Artūras Tereškinas
- 10.15 - 11.00 Theology of the Grassroots: Negotiations of Authority and the Role of Sacred Scriptures in Discourses of Gender Equality.  
Marianne Bjelland Kartzow and Dace Balode
- 11.00 - 11.45 Religious Activism against Gender-Based Violence in Times of “Anti-Gender” in Italy – Different Understandings of “Gender Equality”.  
Alberta Giorgi
- 11.45 - 13.00 Lunch break

##### **Session 2. Individual and Institutional Everyday Practices of Gender and Religion** **Chair: Dace Balode**

- 13.00 - 13.45 Taking part in global martyrdom: solidarity and discursive international and interreligious links in Lithuanian religious anti-gender groups  
Eglė Aleknaitė, discussant Anne Hege Grung
- 13.45 - 14.30 The Interplay and Context of the Catholic and Evangelical Lutheran Women’s Attitudes Towards Female Ordination, their Religiosity and Views on Gender Equality in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.  
Morta Vidūnaitė, Eglė Aleknaitė, Anne Kull and Girts Rozners
- 14.30 - 15.15 Between Gender Equality and Religion: the Baltic Practising Muslim Women’s Quest for the Agency.  
Morta Vidūnaitė and Anastasiia Babash
- 15.15 - 15.30 Coffee break

##### **Session 3. Gender and Religion in/and Education** **Chair: Eglė Aleknaitė**

- 15.30 - 16.15 Intersection of Religion and Gender in the Textbooks.  
Rimgailė Dikšaitė, Olga Shihalejev, Laima Geikina and Kätlin Liimets, discussant Jenny Berglund
- 16.15 - 17.00 Meanings of “Equality Between Women and Men” in Islamic Religious Education.  
Jenny Berglund
- 17.00 - 17.45 Religious Opinions on Gender Equality in the Baltic States: The Case of the Istanbul Convention and Sex Education  
Anne Kull, Gintarė Pocė and Ilva Skulte

## October 7 (Friday)

### **Session 4. Religion and Gender in Discourse**

**Chair: Anne Kull**

- 9.30 - 10.15 (Re)presentations of Muslim Gender Roles in the Baltics: National Media versus the "Subaltern".  
Dace Balode and Egdūnas Račius
- 10.15 - 11.00 Religious Voices against "Gender Ideology" in the Discourse on Ratification of the Istanbul Convention in Latvian and Lithuanian Media.  
Ilva Skulte, Gintarė Pocė
- 11.00 - 11.45 Seeking Equality: Relational and Power-Based Conceptualizations of Gender (In)Equality Among Latvian Women of Faith.  
Aivita Putnina
- 11.45 - 13.00 Lunch break

### **Session 5. Women religious leadership**

**Chair: Marianne Bjelland Kartzow**

- 13.00 - 13.45 From Patriarchy to Matriarchy in a New Religious Movement: The Case of the Family Federation for World Peace and Unification International under the Leadership of The Only Begotten Daughter.  
Eileen Barker
- 13.45 - 14.30 Female Leadership in Polish Tatar Muslim Communities: a Decline?  
Agata S. Nalborczyk
- 14.30 - 15.15 Coffee break

### **Session 6. Gender, Sexuality, Religion and/or Ideology**

**Chair: Milda Ališauskienė**

- 15.15 - 16.00 Gender as ideology? The Construction of Gender and Sexuality in Roman-Catholic Documents.  
Nicole Maria Bauer
- 16.00 - 16.45 Religion, Sexuality, and Reproduction: Experiments in Living with Paradox.  
Kim Knibbe
- 16.45 - 17.30 Religion, Sexual Orientation Discrimination and Same-sex Partnership in Lithuania.  
Artūras Tereškinas
- 17.30 - 18.00 Closing discussion