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This is the twenty-fifth meeting of the Yale-Edinburgh Group on the History of the Missionary Movement and World Christianity, conferences sponsored by the Centre for the Study of World Christianity at the University of Edinburgh, the Overseas Ministries Study Center, and Yale Divinity School.

Prior meetings:

- March 1992 at Yale: *"From Christendom to World Christianity"*
- September 1992 at Edinburgh: *"Intercontinental Connexions"*
- September 1993 at Yale: *"Language, Culture, and Translation"*
- September 1994 at Edinburgh: *"The Churches and the Missionary Movement"*
- June 1995 at Yale: *"World Christianity and the Teaching of History"*
- June 1996 at Edinburgh: *"Missions and Ethnicity"*
- June 1997 at Yale: *"Missions and Consequences: The Historical Impact of the Missionary Movement"*
- July 1998 at Edinburgh: *"War and Peace in the History of Missions"*
- July 1999 at Yale: *"Youth and the Missionary Movement: Inter-Generational Challenge and Opportunity"*
- July 2000 at Edinburgh: *"Representations and Misrepresentations of Missions"*
- July 2001 at Yale: *"Missions and Human Rights"*
- July 2002 at Edinburgh: *"Missions and the Powers: Seen and Unseen"*
- July 2003 at Yale: *"Conversion and Converts"*
- July 2004 at Edinburgh: *"Missions, Money, Privilege"*
- July 2005 at Yale: *"Identity, Ethnic and Christian, in the History of Christian Missions"*
- July 2006 at Edinburgh: *"Sight, Sound, and Touch: Visual, Musical, and Material Aspects of Christian Mission"*
- June 2007 at Yale: *"Liberty, Slavery, and Christian Missions"*
- July 2008 at Edinburgh: *"Perceptions and Portrayals: heroes and villains in mission historiography"*
- July 2009 at Yale: *"Missions, Law, and Custom"*
- July 2010 at Edinburgh: *"Consultation and Cooperation in the History of Missions"*
- June/July 2011 at Yale: *"Missions and Education"*
- June 2012 at Edinburgh: *"Religious Movements of Renewal, Revival, and Revitalization in the History of Missions and World Christianity"*
- June 2013 at Yale: *"Health, Healing, and Medicine in the History of Christian Missions and World Christianity"*
- June 2014 at Edinburgh: *"Gender and Family in the History of Missions and World Christianity"*

Thursday, June 25

8:30 – 10:00 Continental breakfast available in Day Missions Reading Room, Divinity Library

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch available in Day Missions Room

12:00 – 1:00 Registration in Day Missions Room

1:00 – 1:45 Opening - RSV Room

Welcome: Dean Gregory Sterling, Yale Divinity School

Opening paper: Missions, Religion, and Cultural Integration – Lamin Sanneh

2:00 - 3:30 p.m. - SESSION 1 (parallel sessions)

A: Latourette Room - *Religion and Social Change in India*

Chair: Robert Frykenberg

“Thus the chain of the cast is broken”: William Ward, Krishna Pal, and the Understanding of Conversion in Bengal – Brian Stanley

Christian Missionaries and Social Aspects of Culture Change among the Indian Christian Converts – Santha Kumari Jetty

B: RSV Room - *Religious Conflict*

Chair: Jon Miller

Violence and the State: Catholics and Protestants in Latin America – Todd Hartch

The Role of Inter-religious Collaboration in Conflict Prevention and Peaceful Multi-religious Co-existence: The Case Study of Northern Ghana – Sylvia Owusu-Ansah

3:30 – 4:00 Break - Day Missions Room.

4:00 – 6:00 SESSION 2 (parallel sessions)

A: Latourette Room - *Perceptions of World Religions*

Chair: Todd Hartch

The Vatican Mission Exposition, 1925: The Interface between Catholic Mission Theory/Practice and World Religions - Angelyn Dries

The Role of Missionary Reports in Teaching Mennonites about Religions – Jim Pankratz

Postwar American Evangelicals and World Religions: A Case Study of InterVarsity's Urbana Student Missionary Convention -- Amber Thomas

B. RSV Room - - *Interaction of Religions in Korea & Zambia* *Chair:* Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu

Augmenting Native Religions: Confucianism and Protestant Christianity in Late Nineteenth Century Korea – Kale Yu

Shamanism's Impact on Korean Christianity – Soojin Chun

Incorporative Ancestral Rituals: A New Model of Building Relationships with Religious Others - Hyunwoo Koo

6:00 – 7:00 Buffet dinner - Day Missions Room

7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - SESSION 3 (plenary) – RSV Room

Resources presentations

Chair: Martha Smalley

followed by

Exploring Essential Overlaps in Religions in Christian Growth in Africa – James Ault

Selections from Ault's *African Christianity Rising* documentary film series, as well as unused footage from that project, will be used to open up conversations about religious overlaps in Christianity's spread across cultures.

Friday, June 26

8:30 - 9:00 a.m. Continental breakfast in Day Missions Room

9:00- 11:00 a.m. - SESSION 4 (parallel sessions)

A. Latourette Room - *Missionary Strategies in India*

Chair: Richard Pierard

Mary Sherwood's *The Ayah and Lady* and *The Indian Pilgrim* as Pedagogical Tools in Protestant Proselytizing Endeavors in Nineteenth-Century India - Ashok Malhotra

Creating the 'Christian' Space: A Case of the Christian Medical College and Hospital, Ludhiana, Colonial Punjab - Manpreet Kaur

Underlining the Untouched Traditions of India: Missionary Portraits, Polemics, and Portraits – James Taneti

B. RSV Room - *Muslims, Jews, and Christians*

Chair: Lamin Sanneh

Jews and Muslim in the Eyes of Free Kirk Divines - Ábrahám Kovács (paper read by Suzanne Estelle-Holmer)

The Transnational Religious Identity of an Unlikely Convert: A Sketch of Johannes Awetaranian's (1861-1919) Transcending of Religious Boundaries in the Late Ottoman Empire - Matthew Sharp

Images of Islam: American Missionary & Arab Perspectives - Deanna Ferree Womack

11:00 – 11:30 Break – Day Missions Room

11:30 - 1:00 - SESSION 5 (parallel sessions)

A. Latourette Room - *Christianity and Chinese Religiosity* *Chair:* Wright Doyle

Religion and Religions: The Perspectives of Western Missionary Observers and Indigenous Chinese Christians – Gloria Tseng

Wang Weifan's Cosmic Christ – Alexander Chow

B. RSV Room - *Missionaries and Anthropologists*

Chair: Angelyn Dries

The missionary and the anthropologist: the intellectual friendship and scientific collaboration of Reverend John Roscoe (CMS) and James G. Frazer, 1896-1932 – Maud Michaud

The Contribution of Maurice Leenhardt (1878-1954), Missionary-Anthropologist, to the Founding and Growth of French Protestant Missiology -- Michèle Miller Sigg

1:00- 2:00 Buffet lunch in Day Missions Room

2:00 - 3:30 - SESSION 6 (parallel sessions)

A. Latourette Room - *Catholicism and Religion in SE Asia* *Chair:* Gerald Anderson

Religious experiences in 20th century Ifugao Philippines society – Leah Enkiwe Abayao

Vietnamese Catholicism and Evangelicalism as Main Religions in Twentieth-Century Vietnam – KimSon Nguyen

B. RSV Room - *Christianity and Indigenous Religion in Ghana* *Chair:* Dana Robert

Missionary Christianity and Indigenous Religious Movements of the Gold Coast - J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu

Teaching Youth More Powerfully than Boko Haram: Converting Elements of Traditional Puberty Rites For Confirmation Preparation in Ghanaian Churches with Missionary Roots – Sandra Costen Kunz

3: 30 – 4:00 Break – Day Missions Room

4:00 - 5:30 SESSION 7 (parallel sessions)

A. Latourette Room - *Missionary Assessment of African Christianity* *Chair:* Brian Stanley

“‘Younger Churches help the Older’: Missionary Discussions of the Emergence of African Churches in the *International Review of Missions* 1935-1945” – Andrew Barnes

A Bridge to Heathenism? ML Daneel, Afrikaans Missiology, and Indigenous African Religion – Stephen Lloyd

B. RSV Room – *The Micro and the Macro* *Chair:* Peter Wang

Missionary Daily Experience in Northwest China and Cultural Exchange: The Case of George Hunter and Percy Mather – Wai-Luen Kwok

The Missionary Enterprise, Viewed from the Perspective of World History – David Lindenfeld

5:45 - 6:30 DAY ASSOCIATES LECTURE - Niebuhr Hall

European and Indian Discoveries, Definitions and Portrayals of Indic Religions: A case study of 18th century - Daniel Jeyaraj. Professor of World Christianity, Director of Andrew Walls Center for the Study of African and Asian Christianity, Liverpool Hope University

6:30 – 8:00 Dinner Reception - YDS Common Room

Saturday, June 27

8:30 – 9:00 Continental breakfast – Day Missions Room

9:00 - 10:30 a.m. - SESSION 8 (parallel sessions)

A. Latourette Room - *Christians Encountering Asian Religions* *Chair:* Richard Fox Young

Missionary Appropriations of the Vedas – Will Sweetman

Christian Friars and Buddhist Monks: The Making of Buddhism as a Rival ‘Religion’ – Eva Pascal

B. RSV Room - *Aspects of African Spirituality* *Chair:* Andrew Barnes

Christianity and Afro-Brazilian Religions: Historical Account and Analysis – Raimundo C. Barreto, Jr.

Odin the Fetish: Ghanaians Discover Heathen Survivals in 19th Century Germany – Paul Grant

10:30-11:00 a.m. Break

11:00-12:30 SESSION 9 (parallel sessions)

A. Latourette Room - *Christian Interpretation of Religions* *Chair:* Dwight Baker

The practice of Many Religions but One God as a Missionary Burden: A Quest for Monotheism in a Pluralistic Age – Caleb Oladipo

“Degraded Savages” and “Subtle Hindoos”, Canadian Presbyterians in Vanuatu and Central India – Geoff Johnston

B. RSV Room – *Christianity and Confucianism* *Chair:* Gloria Tseng

A Chinese Christian Critique of Confucianism – G. Wright Doyle

Theologizing with the Materials at Hand: Wú Léichuān (吴雷川) on Christianity and Confucianism – Jesse Ciccotti

12:45 - 1:45 p.m. Lunch at Overseas Ministries Study Center

1:45 - 2:30 p.m. SESSION 10 (plenary) at OMSC

Concluding remarks and plans for next year – Lamin Sanneh, Brian Stanley

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