

ICAS:MP Thematic Module 4 Conference  
**Born Again Selves: New Religious Movements and the Norms of Belief**  
6 – 8 June 2022, Augustinerkloster, Erfurt

**Day 1: 6 June 2022 (Monday)**

09:30 Welcome and Introduction: **Sanjay Srivastava** (SOAS, University of London) and **Martin Fuchs** (University of Erfurt)

Chair: TBA

10:00 **Nandini Gooptu** (Oxford University)  
*Vegetarianism, self-fashioning and the gastropolitics of new religiosity in contemporary India*

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 **Jon Keune** (Michigan State University)  
*Equality, Liberation, and/or Enlightenment: Transnationalizing Ambedkar Buddhism*

13:00-15:00 Lunch break

Chair: **Anne Murphy** (University of British Columbia, Vancouver)

15:00 **Frank Korom** (Boston University)  
*The Serendib Sufi Study Circle in Colombo and the Bawa Muhaiyaddeen Fellowship in Philadelphia as New Religious Movements*

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 **Amanda Lucia** (University of California, Riverside)  
*The Reterritorialization of the New Age: Pilot Baba in post-Soviet states and Japan*

18:00 Dinner in-house

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**Day 2: 7 June 2022 (Tuesday)**

Chair: **Rajeev Bhargava** (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi)

09:00 **Massimo Introvigne** (Center for Studies on New Religions, Cesnur, Turin)  
*New Religious Movements and Political Repression in China: Xie Jiao and the Case of the Life Zen Center*

10:00 **Manisha Sethi** (Jamia Milia Islamia, Delhi/NALSAR, Hyderabad) Charisma and community: *Rakesh bhai and the making of a new age Jain guru*

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 **Marloes Janson** (SOAS, University of London)  
*Delivered Chrislamists and Born-Again Muslims: The Expansion of Pluriform Religious Movements in Lagos, Nigeria*

13:00-15:00 Lunch break

Chair: **Ursula Rao** (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Halle)

15:00 **Tulasi Srinivas** (Emerson College, Boston; virtual presentation)  
*Love and War in Guru Worlds*

16:00 Coffee Break

16:30 **Simon Coleman** (University of Toronto; virtual presentation)  
*Stretching Cities: On the Pentecostalization of Urban Space*

18:00 Dinner in-house

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### **Day 3: 8 June 2022 (Wednesday)**

Chair: **Antje Linkenbach** (University of Erfurt)

09:00 **Katja Rakow** (Utrecht University)  
*Transforming the Self: Therapeutic culture and contemporary spiritual practices in the West*

10:00 **David Tittensor** (Deakin University, Melbourne)  
*Alternative Spiritualities, Ecology and Individualism in Australia*

11:00 Coffee Break

Chair: **Jörg Gengnagel** (University of Würzburg)

11:30 **Jacob Copeman** and **Koonal Duggal** (Universidade de Santiago de Compostela and University of Edinburgh; virtual presentation)  
*Surgically enhanced devotion? Castration logics and alpha guru-ship in a north Indian New Religious Movement*

12:30-13:30 Lunch break

13:30 **Ronki Ram** (Panjab University, Chandigarh; virtual presentation)  
*Dalits, Religion, Identity: Ravidassia Dharm and its Norms of Belief*

14:30 Panel discussion and wrap up

16:00 Coffee break

16:30-18:30 Guided tour of Erfurt (optional)

19:30 Dinner in restaurant in the city (Pier 37, Lange Brücke 37a)