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# The Pentecostalisation of Public Spheres

## Religion & Society @Leeds Research Day

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Pentecostalism, an umbrella term for rapidly growing charismatic movements in global Christianity, is often argued to be a public religion *par excellence*. It refuses to accept the marginal and privatised role which theories of modernity as well as of secularisation use to reserve for religion. Pentecostal Christianity manifests itself publicly, engages with social and political issues, and in the meantime reshapes the public and political sphere by its dualist religious epistemology in which the world is the scene of a spiritual battle between God and the Devil. This Religion & Society @Leeds Research Day explores these religious dynamics, discussing case studies in a variety of African and Chinese contexts.

### Programme

From 9:15	Coffee & tea	
9:45–10:00	Welcome and opening	Emma Tomalin & Adriaan van Klinken
10:00–12:45	<p><b>Pentecostalism and Kenya's 2013 election</b> The Jubilee Campaign and Kenya's Born Again Election 2013 A Sinful Nation, Wretched Souls, a Wrathful God and a Strange Prophet? The Ministry of Repentance and Holiness in Kenya</p> <p><b>Pentecostalism vis-à-vis the state: Ethiopia and China</b> Ethiopian Religious Politics and the Rise of Pentecostalism</p> <p>Redefining the Private and Public: Pentecostalism in China</p>	<p>Gregory Deacon (University of Oxford)</p> <p>Damaris Parsitau (Egerton University, Kenya)</p> <p>Jörg Haustein (SOAS, University of London)</p> <p>Lap Yan Kung (Chinese University of Hong Kong)</p>
12:45–13:45	Lunch	
13:45–15:45	<p><b>Pentecostalism, nationalism and society</b> Pentecostalism in the Chinese Context: Between Counterculturalism and Adaptation African Pentecostalism, Civic Role and Social Capital Engineering Transforming the Nation: Pentecostalism and the Public Sphere in Uganda</p>	<p>Tobias Brander (Chinese University of Hong Kong)</p> <p>Afe Adogame (University of Edinburgh)</p> <p>Barbara Bompani (University of Edinburgh)</p>

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