Religion, Poverty, Politics  
21-22 February 2013  

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Place: Bergen Resource Centre for International Development/CMI  
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Thursday February 21  

Session 1, Bergen Resource Centre for International Development  

1000-1015 Opening of the workshop  
Cecilie Vindal Ødegaard (UiB) and Arne Tostensen (CMI)  

1015-1100 Response-able scientific approaches for the study and eradication of poverty  
Asuncion Lera St. Clair, Center for International Climate and Environmental Research (CICERO), Norway and Member of CROP Scientific Committee  

1100-1110 Break  

1110-1155 Interfaces between religion, poverty and politics  
Hans Geir Aasmundsen, Södertörn University College, Sweden and CROP/UoB-Global  

1155-1240 Religion and development in the South: Searching for Max Weber below the Equator  
Trad Nogueira-Godsey, University of Johannesburg, South Africa  

1240-1330 Lunch  

Session 2, Just Faaland’s room (CMI)  

1330-1400 The influx of pentecostalism and the gospel of prosperity: the Zimbabwean case  
Tapiwa Praise Mapuranga, University of Zimbabwe, Zimbabwe  

1400-1445 Religious leaders – a magic bullet in addressing gender-sensitive issues? The case of ‘female genital mutilation’ and Muslim leaders in Ethiopia  
Marit Tolo Østebø, University of Bergen, Norway  

1445-1500 Break  

1500-1545 Cynics, servants, or saints? Discourses on poverty in Mexican and Kenyan Christian rap  
Aaron Louis Rosenberg, El Colegio de México, México
1545-1630 On 'othering' and opportunism brought about by religion and poverty: Examples from Talamanca, Costa Rica
Bjørn Ola Tafjord, University of Tromsø, Norway

1630-1715 Discussion/Summing up
Dinner

Friday February 22

Session 3, Bergen Resource Centre for International Development

Rickard Lalander, University of Stockholm, Sweden

1045-1130 Ori and Eleda in poverty conceptualization in traditional African (Yoruba) religion
Abosede Omowumi Babatunde, University of Ilorin, Nigeria

1130-1140 Break

1140-1225 Conceptions of poverty in the Islamic tradition: private Islamic charity and approaches to poverty reduction in Pakistan
Kaja Borchgrevink, Peace Research Institute and University of Life Sciences, Norway

1225-1315 Lunch

Session 4, Just Faaland's room (CMI)

1315-1400 Dr. Ambedkar, a symbolic type and the Dalit movement in India
Dag Erik Berg, University of Essex, UK and UiB Global

1400-1445 Religious ritual and poverty in the contemporary Andes: the case of an indigenous Quechua-speaking group of the Northern Peru
Juan Javier Rivera Andía, Pontificia Universidad Católica del Perú, Peru and Rheinische Friedrich-Wilhelms-Universität Bonn, Germany

1445-1500 Break

1500-1545 Highest virtue vs. worst vice: divergent views on poverty and contemporary debates on foreign aid and homosexuality in Ethiopia
Kindeneh Endeg Mihretie, Addis Ababa University, Ethiopia

1545-1630 Poverty as a crime against humanity: religious and secular approaches to poverty and inequality as manifestations of state, structural and systemic violence and/or structural sin in the Global South
Camilo Perez Bustillo, Universidad Autónoma de la Ciudad de México, México

1630-1700 Discussion and concluding remarks