



EURAM 2009 Symposia Religion, Organization and Society

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This symposium brings together management and theological scholars in order to critique the role of religions in shaping society and organizational values and ultimately in assisting human and organization transformation and development. Despite the proliferation of global organization discourses on CSR, ethics, fair trade and so forth, these debates have tended to ignore theological writings. The exception is perhaps the growth in media commentators on political Islam and development, and in particular women's rights in Islam. Globally, religiosity is central to new social and political movements, formations of identities and is the driving force behind economic organization and development (for example Eastern Europe, Iran and ME, Indonesia, North Africa). The debate about secularism and versus/within/of/for a religious state is fundamental to understanding the constitutional and governance framework for business and society, and Relatedly, organization and management systems. The symposium aims to challenge rationalist and technicist modes of organization and management that deny the emotional and spiritual in organizing strategizing and thinking, by specifically exploring 1. What religion, faith, spirituality can offer in terms of carving managerial values for ethical business, and 2. In light of globalization and Islamization review gender critiques of women and work in the global economy.

Symposium Leader:

B.D Metcalfe is Professor of International Management and Development at Liverpool Hope University, Research Fellow in the Centre for Diversity at MBS, and Research Fellow in the Centre for Organizations and Development in Environment and Development Department, University of Manchester. She has written extensively on women's rights, management and organization in Islamic states. She is also active with women's NGO's in the Middle East.

Confirmed Speakers:

Julia Davies. Prof Julia Davies is currently a Priest in Bolton. Julia worked for many years at Lancaster University developing the internationally renowned critical management studies programme before she took Holy orders.

The Most Reverend Patrick A Kelly KC*HS STL PhL has been Archbishop of the Liverpool Diocese since 1986.

The Right Reverend Ian Stuart, MA ThC FAIM MACE

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David Weir is Professor of Intercultural Management at Liverpool Hope University.