The inaugural conference of the Non-religion and Secularity Research Network (NSRN):  

Friday 11 December 2009 | Wolfson College, Oxford

Non-religion and Secularity: New Empirical Perspectives

Short paper sessions

Set 1

(Parallel sessions x 3)

**Session 1-A: Non-religion and community**

Haldane Room

Chair: Johannes Quack

*Believing in belonging*: Researching belief without asking religious questions  
Abby Day, University of Sussex (Anthropology)

*The good atheistic Samaritan: Intrinsic, extrinsic and quest atheism and its relationship with prosocial behaviour*  
Sven Oelsner, University of Jena, Germany (Psychology)

*Members of atheist/freethought/secularist organizations in Germany and the United States*  
Björn Mastiaux, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf, Germany (Sociology)

**Session 1-B: The beliefs of non-believers**

Florey Room

Chair: Nick Gibson

*Supernatural agency detection in random visual noise*  
Kirsten Barnes, University of Cambridge (Psychology)

*Atheism in post-socialist conditions: The examples of Slovenia and Croatia*  
Marjan Smrke, University of Ljubljana, Slovenia (Sociology)

*Belief in science and in the “Da Vinci Code”: Measuring naturalistic beliefs and its cognitive correlates*  
Miguel Farias, University of Oxford (Psychology)

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Session 1-C: Problems and prospects for faith/non-faith dialogue
Committee Room

Chair: Lois Lee

The 'return of religion' and the return of the criticism of religion – The 'New Atheism' in recent German and American Culture
Thomas Zenk, Free University Berlin, Germany (Religious Studies)

Christo-secular ambivalence in British security policy, 2001-2009
Stacey Gutkowski, University of Cambridge (International Relations)

Title TBC
David Nash, Oxford Brookes (History)

Set 2
(Parallel sessions x 2)

Session 2-A: Secularisation, the secular and non-religion
Haldane Room

Chair: Stephen Bullivant

A Secular Mind
Jonathan Lanman, University of Oxford (Anthropology)

The challenge of popular religion to atheism: a socio-cognitive approach
Steven Sutcliffe, University of Edinburgh (Religious Studies)

Theoretical and methodological resources for breaking open the secular and exploring the boundary between religion and non-religion
Kim Knott, University of Leeds (Sociology)

SESSION 2-B: Categories of non-religion
Florey Room

Chair: Stacey Gutkowski

Dimensions and types of non-religiosity: Scale development in progress
Nicholas Gibson, University of Cambridge (Psychology); Claire White, University of Oxford (Anthropology); Kirsten Barnes, University of Cambridge (Psychology)

Methodological Challenges in Understanding Different Modes and Locations of Irreligiosity
Teemu Taira, University of Leeds (Religious Studies)

A British secular–religious cleavage?
Stratos Patrikios, University of Strathclyde (Political Science)