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**GLOPENT WORLD**

1st Virtual Global Pentecostal Studies Conference

“MAPPING GLOBAL PENTECOSTAL ISSUES”

Call for Papers

Research on Pentecostal movements worldwide has led to an unprecedented rise in the number and diversity of scholars and academic societies. Pentecostalism has raised significant “issues” for religious, sociocultural, political, economic, and ethical debates. Yet, while the majority of Pentecostals are in the global South, these research networks are primarily in the northern hemisphere, often out of reach to scholars in Africa, Latin America, and Asia. Recent events worldwide and cancellations of many gatherings have only further accentuated the situation. This GloPent World conference, an extension of the European Research Network on Global Pentecostalism, is the first to bring together scholars and practitioners worldwide for debate, exchange of ideas, presentations, and networking opportunities in a virtual environment. Papers will be given in live presentations and prerecorded sessions to accommodate different time zones.

The theme of the meeting identifies the goal of this gathering: to “map” the most significant issues which identify Pentecostalism worldwide and so to create a representation of the global features of the movement. Because there are different ways of mapping, we invite scholars from all disciplines, whether anthropology or ecology, sociology or theology, pedagogy or psychology, the religious or the secular. A global array of keynote speakers include J. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu (Trinity Theological Seminary Ghana), Corneliu Constantineanu (Aurel Vlaicu University of Arad), Daniel Chiquete (Universidad Autónoma de Sinaloa), and Veli-Matti Kärkkäinen (Fuller Theological Seminary).

This call for papers invites individual contributions to our parallel panels. We are especially interested in identifying the nature of specific issues that dominate the character of Pentecostalism, including local and global perspectives, theoretical and comparative studies, and fieldwork on particular issues in any discipline. What are the issues that identify Pentecostalism as a global movement? Why are these issues noteworthy? How do we recognize, identify, and interpret these aspects? And finally, what kind of map emerges of the Pentecostal movement as a whole?

**Conference date and time:** Saturday, 31 October 2020, 12 noon – 8 pm GMT

**Submission guidelines:**

300-500 words including title, name of presenter, affiliation, email, and if live or pre-recorded.

Submit your proposal as attachment to [pentecostalstudies@contacts.bham.ac.uk](mailto:pentecostalstudies@contacts.bham.ac.uk) using the proposal template provided at the conference website at [birmingham.ac.uk/glopentworld2020](http://www.birmingham.ac.uk/glopentworld2020)

Deadline to submit abstracts: 1 July 2020

Notification of acceptance: 1 August 2020

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