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Welcome

Welcome to ISREV XXIII and to Bishop Grosseteste University (BGU) in Lincoln, UK, home of the World Religions and Education Research Unit (WRERU).

This is a triple welcome from me, as I have three reasons to be delighted to welcome you here. One is as General Secretary of ISREV, the second is as host of the event here in the university, and the third is as Director of WRERU, which Leslie Francis (WRERU Co-Director) and I have been setting up here.

ISREV was born at a founding conference in Birmingham in 1978. The inspiration came from John Hull, an Australian working in the UK, and John Peatling in the USA. Together they were determined to provide an international forum for an emerging group of scholars concerned with pushing the boundaries of religious education. Their shared vision was that this could be progressed best as a global venture. Among the 35 or so scholars gathered in Birmingham, Leslie J Francis was amongst the youngest participants. ISREV has met biennially (with a year off for the pandemic) ever since – meeting all around the world. I am delighted that Leslie J Francis now serves as Professor of Religions, Education and Psychology at Bishop Grosseteste University, and he and I have been working here for several years now, supporting the work of a large group of staff, research students, and visiting scholars from around the world. BGU is a university with a church foundation, and it treats this foundation seriously. There is a body of scholars, now brought together in WRERU here at BGU, who explore the relationship between a whole range of religious and non-religious worldviews and education. It is only the third time since 1978 that ISREV has met in England, and we are proud to host it here at BGU.

There are participants already booked from Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Israel, Japan, Latvia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Sweden, Switzerland, Turkey, UK and USA, and there are still a few days for (virtual) booking from our other members in these countries and also from ISREV members in Belgium, China (Hong Kong, and Macau), Denmark, Estonia, Eswatini, Greece, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Jordan, Kenya, Korea, Malaysia, Malta, New Zealand, Nigeria, Russia, South Africa, Ukraine and Zambia.

The programme in the following pages is the latest we have, and I'm immensely grateful to Saira Poulter for her work on this. This may change in the next few days, and if there is anything in the programme that is inaccurate, please let me know (julian.stern@bishopg.ac.uk). We have not been able to put together a list of all the abstracts of the papers, as there have been so many changes since the seminar was first planned. If participants want to share abstracts, they can do that during or after the week of the seminar.

Everyone has been sent links to the online event, held in Teams. If you have not, please check that you have registered at <https://ecommerce.bishopg.ac.uk/product-catalogue/conferences/international-seminar-on-religious-education-and-values>, and if

you still have problems, please contact me at julian.stern@bishopg.ac.uk. Virtual registration is free, and will be open through the event. There are three online links, called ISREV Event Room 1, ISREV Event Room 3, and ISREV Event Room 7. These rooms are also the 'real' rooms in which the presentations will take place, and they are marked in the programme below. Only those who have registered for the event can attend the virtual event. *(Those who attend virtually will see that if their email address is named in their Teams account, the email address will be seen by other participants: if you participate, it is assumed you are content that your email address is seen.)*

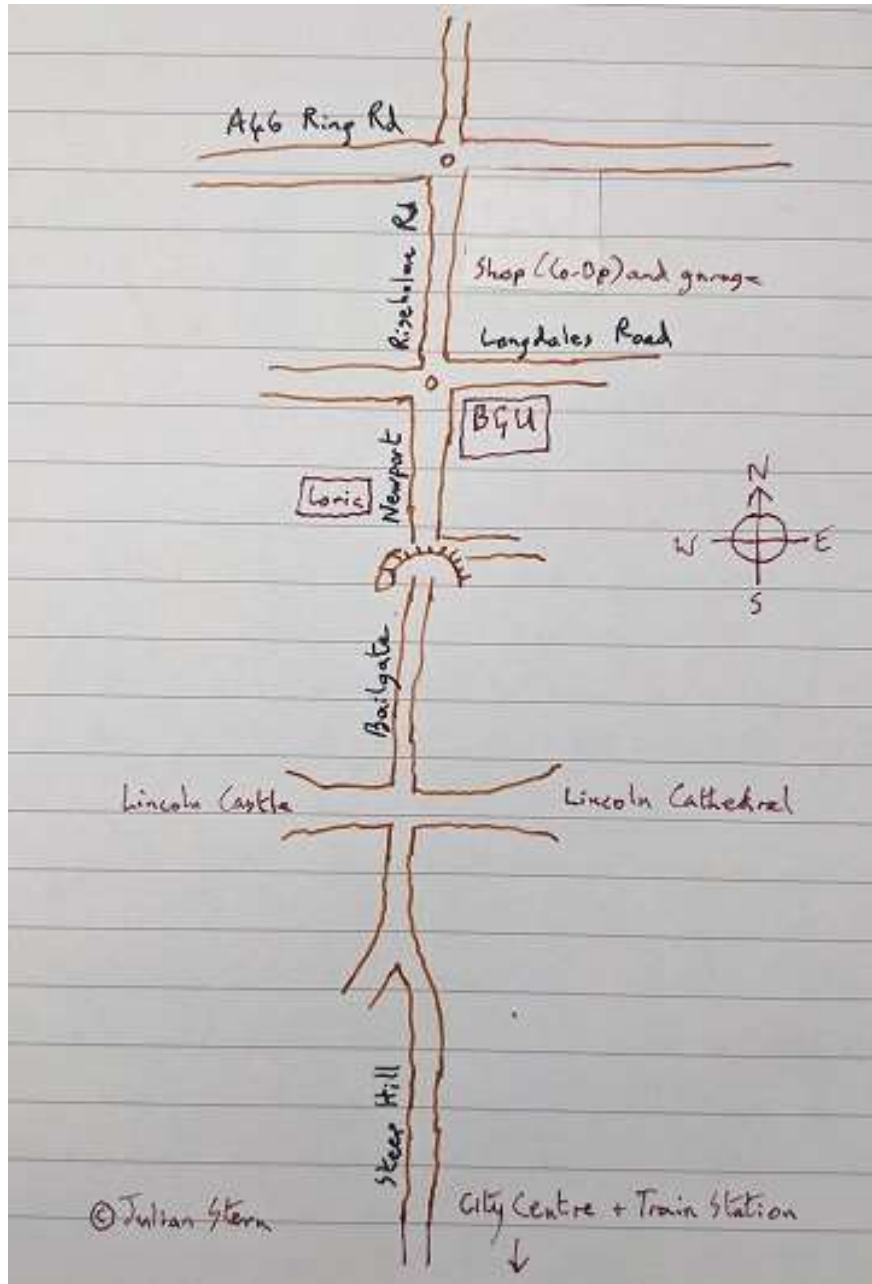
The ISREV Annual General Meeting (AGM) is being held on Friday 4th August at 12.15 to 13.30 (UK time). It will be a 'real' event (in Room 1) and also online, with the online link to a Zoom event (a different online system), at:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84618692164?pwd=SVNMbVF0cXpoeEE3TG9lVTRnQWRNdz09> Meeting ID: 846 1869 2164 Passcode: t9Uj8N. The reason this is a different system is because all ISREV members can attend the AGM. I will send an updated agenda for that meeting, after the ISREV committee has met.

Thanks to Salla Poulter and the whole programme committee for their work on the programme, and to the whole conference team and IT team at BGU who have made this event possible, especially Jayne Robinson, Ellen Reed, Jenny Jenkins, and Karl Pemberton.

Julian Stern
ISREV General Secretary

Places to Visit in Lincoln



Lincoln Castle

<https://www.lincolncastle.com/>

Opening Times: 10.00am - 5.00pm

Last admission is one hour before closing.

Please note that on event days the only ticket option available is the Castle Day Ticket & Annual Pass. The nature of our events means that we cannot offer the Medieval Wall Walk ticket option on event days.

In the event of adverse weather conditions, such as snow, ice or high winds, we may close certain parts of the attraction for visitor safety. Please contact us on 01522 550040 ahead of your visit if you want to check which parts of the site are open.

Castle Code

- Children under 13 must be accompanied by an adult and always supervised.
- Please respect our grounds and other visitors and don't indulge in behaviour that might cause annoyance or offence.
- Visitors must always wear appropriate clothing whilst at the attraction. If you are wearing clothing that is likely to cause offence in any way you will be refused entry or removed from the attraction.
- In the interests of safety, no drinking glasses are allowed in the grounds. Please use plastic drinking cups instead.
- If you picnic in the grounds, please take your litter away with you.
- No dogs except assistance dogs (accreditation may be required) or other pets allowed in the grounds.
- No ball games, cycling, skateboarding or use of scooters in the grounds. Cyclists wishing to use the bike racks must dismount before entering the grounds.

Our commitment to you

- Lincoln Castle will endeavour to ensure that as much of the attraction is available for visitors to enjoy at any particular time. However, Lincoln Castle reserves the right without prior notice to close and change the programme of attractions from time to time. The reason for closure or change may include technical or operational reasons, capacity, inclement weather, special events or to ensure the safety and security of visitors.
- Please note that due to the conservation requirements of Magna Carta and Charter of the Forest there will be a 3-month period each year when each document is off display. They will not be off display together. A guest document will be provided for visitors' enjoyment instead. Please contact us on 01522 550040 if you want to check which documents are on display before you visit.
- A Castle day ticket is £16.00 per person

Lincoln Cathedral

<https://lincolncathedral.com/cathedral-tours/>

With a history spanning more than 950 years, Lincoln Cathedral is full of stories of the people, architecture and events that have taken place at this sacred site.

A floor tour is included in your admission to help you make the most of your visit. In addition, you can choose from our selection of specialist tours to find out more about specific areas of the Cathedral. To avoid disappointment, we recommend booking these popular tours in advance as places are limited.

Roof Tour

Explore the roof space of Lincoln Cathedral with views across the city.

Our friendly guides will show you the fascinating structures that hold up the roof of the Cathedral. We'll give you an insight into the workmanship required to build and maintain this stunning building. You'll also get up close to our stained glass windows, visit one of our bell chambers and there is an opportunity to enjoy views down the full length of the nave and across the city from the Cathedral's West Front.

If you love architecture, this tour is for you!

When does this tour take place?

Monday to Friday at 11am and 1pm, Saturday 11am, 1pm and 3pm

How long will the tour last?

Each tour will last approximately 1 hour 45 minutes

How much does it cost?

Tours cost £7.50 per person in addition to the general admission fee.

What else do I need to know?

A general level of fitness is required to climb the steep staircases.

An induction will be provided before the tour commences, and a guide will be with you at all times.

This tour is not suitable for those with a fear of heights.

All participants must be 14 years or older.

Historic Graffiti Tour

Gain an insight into the people who have literally left their mark on Lincoln Cathedral.

Who would imagine that a world-class heritage site and important church like Lincoln Cathedral would be covered in graffiti? And yet a recent Historic Graffiti Survey revealed almost 3,000 marks in the ground floor areas alone!

From cavemen to Banksy, throughout history it seems the few people can resist the urge to leave their mark on a wall or building, and Lincoln Cathedral is no exception. From the floor to the top of the tower there are hundreds of examples of historic graffiti. Join us on our Historic Graffiti Tour to gain an insight into the hopes, fears and beliefs of the ordinary people who have gone before us and found it necessary to leave their mark as inscriptions on the fabric of this magnificent building.

When does this tour take place?

The tour takes place at 1.45pm every Wednesday.

How long will the tour take?

Each tour will last approximately 90 minutes

How much will the tour cost?

Tours cost £7.50 per person in addition to the general admission fee.

Public Houses and Restaurants

The nearest public house is The Stags Head within a 10-minute walk from BGU - <http://stagsheadlincoln.co.uk/> - turn left at the roundabout on Riseholme Road towards the Cathedral

Other restaurants situated within our historic Cathedral Quarter can be found by turning left at the roundabout on Newport https://www.tripadvisor.co.uk/RestaurantsNear-g186336-d218387-Lincoln_Cathedral-Lincoln_Lincolnshire_England.html

Nearest Shop

For snacks and general supplies, you can purchase from a small garage on Riseholme Road just a 5-minute walk away.

Turn left towards the roundabout as you leave the entrance to BGU, at the roundabout turn right taking the third exit.

Riseholme Road Food Store and Filling Station, 43 Riseholme Road, Lincoln, LN1 3SN, is minutes away from the A46 and A15 and offers a wide range of facilities including a petrol station service.

The store offers freshly baked bread, a range of chilled beers and wines and all you need for tonight's dinner. You can also pick up Costa Express hot drinks, slushies and a lunchtime meal deal and or some hot food-to-go.

There is also an ATM (cash point) there.

Opening Hours: 7.00 am to 10.00 pm seven days a week.

Places of Worship

Please contact our chaplain Peter Green at peter.green@bishopg.ac.uk for information on all places of worship available in Lincoln.

Monday 31st July

	Room 1	Room 3	Room 7
Tea and Coffee: Eliot Room			
9.00-9.15 ¹	Greetings and introductions from Julian Stern, and from Professor Scott Fleming, Deputy Vice-Chancellor, BGU		
9.15-10.45 Plenary I	<i>Chair: Stéphanie Tremblay</i> Plenarist: Leslie Francis Title: Reimagining ecclesia domestica during a time of pandemic: Revisiting Christian nurture and critical openness Respondent: Jeff Astley		
10.45-11.15 Tea and coffee: Eliot Room			
11.15-12.30 Collegial Session 1	<i>Chair: Manfred Pirner</i> Presenter 1: Annika Lilja, Christina Osbeck, David Lifmark, Karin Sporre, Olof Franck Title: Conceptual development in Ethics Education through teacher-researcher dialogues Respondent: Janet Orchard Presenter 2: Robert A Bowie Title: Ways of knowing, metaphor and the symbolic imagination: an alternative architecture for an RE that integrates language, thought and embodied experience	<i>Chair: Werner Haussmann</i> Presenter 1: Ole Andreas Kvamme Title: Sustainability as a challenge for religious and worldview education Respondent: Saila Poulter Presenter 2: Patricia Hannam Title: Teaching religious education as if the world mattered Respondent: Sabine Hermisson	

¹ All times in the programme are UK times.

	Room 1	Room 3	Room 7
	Respondent: Geir Skeie		
12.30-14.00 Lunch: Refectory			
14.00-15.15 Symposium 1 and 2	Title: Teachers' response to the 'why' and 'how' questions in times of uncertainty; a contextual hermeneutic approach Chair: Ina ter Avest Presenters: Ina ter Avest, Mualla Selcuk, Reinhold Mokrosch, Thomas Schlag Respondent: Frederike Gabelt	Title: Christian-Muslim Cooperation in Religious Education Chair: Reinhold Boschki Presenters: Reinhold Boschki, Fahimah Ulfat, Friedrich Schweitzer Respondent: Viktor Aldrin	
15.15-15.30 Tea and coffee: Eliot Room			
15.30-16.45 Collegial Session 2	<i>Chair: Stephen McKinney</i> Presenter 1: Alexander Unser Title: A Question of Activation and Relevance: Learning Difficulties of Non-Religious Students in RE Respondent: David Lifmark Presenter 2: Johan Liljestrand, David Carlsson, Linda Jonsson, Peder Thalén Title: Whose Christianity? Influences of majority culture in Swedish teaching books Respondent: Najwan Saada	<i>Chair: Hideko Omori</i> Presenter 1: Humeyra Guleryuz Erken Title: Exploring the Effects of Key Factors on Respectful Behaviours among Secondary School Students in Turkey and England Respondent: Phra Nicholas Thanissaro Presenter 2: William Sultmann Title: What matters to students in senior secondary religious education: An Australian study Respondent: Kristian Niemi	

18.30 Dinner: Refectory

Tuesday 1st August

	Room 1	Room 3	Room 7
Tea and Coffee: Eliot Room			
9.00-10.30 Plenary II	Chair: Fahimah Ulfat Plenarist: Bernhard Grümme (Zoom) Title: The Covid 19 pandemic: a test for a political religious education Respondent: Cok Bakker		
10.30-11.00 Tea and Coffee: Eliot Room			
11.00-12.15 Collegial Session 3	<i>Chair: Janet Orchard</i> Presenter 1: Betül Zengini Title: Towards A “Musalama” Based Holistic Approach in Islamic Religious Education Respondent: Najwan Saada Presenter 2: Philip Barnes Title: Do Christians and Muslims worship the same God? A response to Miroslav Volf with implications for religious education Respondent: Reinhold Mokrosch	<i>Chair: Jarosław Horowski</i> Presenter 1: Geir Skeie Title: Cumulative and international religious education research development Respondent: Julian Stern Presenter 2: Tania ap Sion, Bianca Kappelhoff, Ester Kodácsy-Simon, Danner Sonja & Sandra Cullen Title: What Covid Reveals to Religious Education (RE) Specialists: A European Research Project Respondent: Johan Liljestrand	<i>Chair: Karlo Meyer</i> Presenter 1: Jeff Astley Title: The theology and spirituality of natural evil in an evolutionary perspective: Challenges for formation in religion and values Respondent: Johannes Lähnemann Presenter 2: Stephen McKinney Title: Catholic schools in Great Britain and the response to the pandemic Respondent: Alexander Unser
12.15-14.00 Lunch: Refectory			

	Room 1	Room 3	Room 7
14.00-15.15 Symposium 3 and 4	Title: Interreligious Learning and Peace Education Movement Chair: Johannes Lähnemann Presenters: Johannes Lähnemann, Elisabeth Naurath, Reinhold Mokrosch Respondent: James Nelson	Title: The Child and the Curriculum: Existential Questions and Educational Responses Chair: Karin Sporre Presenters: Karin Sporre, Christina Osbeck, Annika Lilja, Katarina Kärnebro Respondent: Patricia Hannam	
15.15-15.30 Tea and Coffee: Eliot Room			
15.30-16.45 Collegial Session 4	<i>Chair: William Sultmann</i> Presenter 1: Werner Haussmann Title: Facing the plague of antisemitism. The construction of the Nuremberg Digital Learning House "Jewish Life" - Insights and outlooks Respondent: Mualla Selcuk Presenter 2: Stefan Altmeyer Title: The "popular dilemma" – a digital response tool to grasp the personal orientations underlying environmental decision-making Respondent: Karlo Meyer	<i>Chair: Kristian Niemi</i> Presenter 1: Gillian Simpson Title: Freedom to Learn Religion: an autoethnographic approach to learning about religion in Higher Education Respondent: Stephen McKinney Presenter 2: Saila Poulter Title: Meaningful in religion, meaningful for a child? Experiencing religion in a sacred space Respondent: Antje Roggenkamp	

18.30 Dinner: Refectory

Wednesday 2nd August

	Room 1	Room 3	Room 7
Tea and Coffee: Eliot Room			
9.00-10.30 Plenary III	<p><i>Chair: Lynn Revell</i> Plenarist: Jarosław Horowski Title: The Christian Concept of Forgiveness and Religious Education Facing the Problem of Individualism</p> <p>Respondent: Friedrich Schweitzer</p>		
10.30-10.45 Tea and Coffee: Eliot Room			
10.45-12.00 Collegial session 5	<p><i>Chair: Tania ap Sion</i> Presenter 1: Najwan Saada Title: The Meanings, Risk Factors and Consequences of Religious Extremism: The Perceptions of Islamic Education Teachers from Israel</p> <p>Respondent: Reinhold Boschki</p> <p>Presenter 2: Stéphanie Tremblay & Mathieu Colin Title: "I'm not a conspiracy theorist, but ...": ambiguities in critical thinking in young cégep students' reception of conspiracy theories</p> <p>Respondent: Lasma Latsone</p>	<p><i>Chair: Reinhold Mokrosch</i> Presenter 1: Hideko Omori Title: The Fruit of Methodist Female Education in Japan: Health Care and Children's Rights</p> <p>Respondent: Ina ter Avest</p> <p>Presenter 2: Huw Humphreys Title: Church of England primary schools as sites of Christian mission</p> <p>Respondent: Karin Sporre</p>	<p><i>Chair: Shira Iluz</i> Presenter 1: Kristian Niemi Title: Digital portfolios in RE teacher education - a step in which direction?</p> <p>Respondent: Fahimah Ulfat</p> <p>Presenter 2: Kurt Mehmet & Arto Kallioniemi Title: RE Teacher Education Policy in Finland and Turkey</p> <p>Respondent: Richard Rymarz</p>
12.00-14.00			

	Room 1	Room 3	Room 7
Lunch: Refectory			

The afternoon will be available for trips around Lincoln City Centre, including the Cathedral, the Castle, and Steep Hill – the (steep) hill that runs down from the Cathedral/Castle to the rest of the city centre. More details on pages 4-7, above, and at the event.

18.30 Dinner: Refectory

Thursday 3rd August

	Room 1	Room 3	Room 7
Tea and Coffee: Eliot Room			
9.00-10.30 Plenary IV	<p><i>Chair: Julian Stern</i> Plenarist: Arniika Kuusisto Title: Child-in-time: Values, world view and resilience in childhood and youth</p> <p>Respondent: Sturla Sagberg</p>		
10.30-11.00 Tea and Coffee: Eliot Room			
11.00-12.15 Collegial Session 6	<p><i>Chair: Patricia Hannam</i> Presenter 1: Viktor Aldrin Title: Theological narration with children in a time of emerging crisis</p> <p>Respondent: Stefan Altmeyer</p> <p>Presenter 2: Mark K. Hillis Title: Hardened hearts and cries for freedom: Interpreting Biblical narratives in a pandemic</p> <p>Respondent: Elisabeth Naurath</p>	<p><i>Chair: James Nelson</i> Presenter 1: Lasma Latsone & Dzintra Ilisko Title: Stress Resilience and Self-Care Strategies Among the Students from Regional Universities in Latvia in the Post-Pandemic Era</p> <p>Respondent: Werner Haussmann</p> <p>Presenter 2: Phra Nicholas Thanissaro Title: Buddhist growth in the 2021 UK Census</p> <p>Respondent: Arto Kallioniemi</p>	<p><i>Chair: Alexander Unser</i> Presenter 1: Joël Valk Title: Talking about their aims, interventions and awareness of possible sensibilities in teaching with religious images. RE teachers in the midst of new culture wars?</p> <p>Respondent: Stéphanie Tremblay</p> <p>Presenter 2: Frederike Gabelt Title: Learning to judge religious conflicts - A structural model of judgement competence for religious education</p> <p>Respondent: Christina Osbeck</p>
12.15-14.00 Lunch: Refectory			

	Room 1	Room 3	Room 7
14.00-15.15 Symposium 5 and 6	Title: The rights of the child in the contexts of religious and values education Chair: Manfred L. Pirner Presenters: Ina ter Avest, Karin Sporre, Manfred Pirner Respondent: Norman Richardson	Title: Models of Religious Education and the Topic of Islam Chair: Martin Rothgangel Presenters: Sabine Hermisson, Friedrich Schweitzer, Benjamin Ahme, Thomas Schlag, Marie-Luise Raters, Martin Rothgangel Respondent: Philip Barnes	
15.15-15.30 Tea and Coffee: Eliot Room			
15.30-16.45 Collegial Session 7	<i>Chair: Sturla Sagberg</i> Presenter :1 James Nelson & Norman Richardson Title: The Colton judgement - a demand for reform of Religious Education in Northern Ireland Respondent: Ole Andreas Kvamme Presenter 2: Cok Bakker Title: Life Orientation for Professionals as a 'conditio sine qua non' Respondent: Manfred Pirner	(The symposium continues) Title: Models of Religious Education and the Topic of Islam Chair: Martin Rothgangel Presenters: Sabine Hermisson, Friedrich Schweitzer, Benjamin Ahme, Thomas Schlag, Rafaela Estermann, Martin Rothgangel Respondent: Philip Barnes	<i>Chair: Saila Poulter</i> Presenter 1: Janet Orchard Title: Philosophy, religion and worldviews education in schools: addressing a challenge for curriculum developers Respondent: Robert A Bowie Presenter 2: Karlo Meyer Title: Four Modes of Approaching Religious Traditions. Structuring the nature of interreligious education Respondent: Martin Ubani

18.30 Reception and Book Launches (all in-person participants wishing to present book they have published can do so at this event), followed by Gala Dinner at 19.15: Refectory

Friday 4th August

	Room 1	Room 3	Room 7
Tea and Coffee: Eliot Room			
8.45-10.15 Collegial Session 8	<p><i>Chair: Philip Barnes</i> Presenter 1: Antje Roggenkamp Title: Gaining Positionality in the Interreligious Space: Empirical Insights into a New Form of RE in Germany</p> <p>Respondent: Dzintra Ilisko</p> <p>Presenter 2: Martin Ubani Title: What about "learning" in religious literacy?</p> <p>Respondent: Martin Rothgangel</p>	<p><i>Chair: Cok Bakker</i> Presenter 1: Richard Rymarz Title: Let's Unpack That! Teaching about the Trinity in Australian Catholic High Schools</p> <p>Respondent: Gillian Simpson</p> <p>Presenter 2: Julian Stern Title: Caught in the Middle: The Peculiar Situation of RE Middle Managers in Schools</p> <p>Respondent: Mark K Hillis</p>	<p><i>Chair: Saila Poulter</i></p> <p>Shira Iluz: The Contribution of Simulation-Based Learning to Ultra Orthodox Teachers' Conflict Management Skills: A Comparative Perspective</p> <p>Respondent: Thomas Schlag</p>
10.15-10.30 Tea and Coffee: Eliot Room			
10.30-12.00 Plenary V	<p><i>Chair: Reinhold Boschki</i> Plenarist: Nanako Sakai (Zoom) Title: Kusōzu, Impermanence, and Transient Phenomena in Times of Uncertainty: A Buddhist Perspective Respondent: Zehavit Gross</p>		
12.00-12.15 Tea and Coffee: Eliot Room			
12.15-13.30	ISREV Annual General Meeting		

	Room 1	Room 3	Room 7
13.30 Lunch: Refectory			

