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Presentations

At the invitation of the Faculty of Letters and Philosophy, Aula Nuova Bonaiuti in Rome, on June 5, 2023, Professor **Bron Taylor** will participate in a dialogue focusing on his book *Dark Green Religion*. The dialogue will include the translators of chapters of two book chapters into Italian, which were published in the inaugural issue of the multi-lingual journal *ARGOS*. The Seminar will take place from 3-5 pm Central European Time, 6 am EST USA and will be live streamed and publicly available at <https://meet.google.com/dzw-jkef-erg>.

Professor **Terje Ostebo** presented a paper called "Re-localizing Salafism: Ongoing Discourses within Ethiopian Salafism" at the European Conference on Africa Studies, Cologne, June 2, 2023.

Professor **Bron Taylor** gave a plenary presentation during the symposium "Ecology and spirituality: A neighborhood in renewal," which took place June 1-2, 2023 at the University of Strasbourg in France. His presentation was titled "Exhibitionism: Animism, Kinship & Conservation at Science & Art Museums around the World."

Professor **Bron Taylor's** April 11, 2023 presentation for the Second Annual Spirituality and Justice event at Michigan State University titled "Nature Spirituality, Environmental Movements, and Radical Politics" has been posted online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VTCPRCL0KIE>

Koordinierungsrat der Gesellschaften für Christlich-Jüdische Zusammenarbeit and is available online:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNUWQdFzdIk> (in German).

Nelson Marin Alarcon presented a paper titled "Religion, Social Action, and Local Power during the Crisis of Neoliberal Chile" in the group "Religion, Politics, and Society" at the Latin American Studies Association (LASA) conference held between May 24 and 27, 2023, in Vancouver, Canada. Moreover, Nelson was part of the Latin American Research Review (LARR) panel in his position as Editorial Assistance at the same event.

Publications

Professor **Bron Taylor's** essay "[King Charles: Pagan Green Man?](#)", exploring King Charles' spirituality, was published by *Counterpoint*, on the eve of his coronation, May 8, 2023, at <https://www.counterpointknowledge.org/king-charles-pagan-green-man/>

Professor **Ali Altaf Mian** published a 30-page book chapter: "Debating Authority and Authenticity in Modern South Asian Hadith Commentaries: Muḥammad Zakariyya Kāndhalawī's *Awjaz al-masālik*," in *Hadith Commentary: Continuity and Change*, eds. Joel Blecher and Stefanie Brinkmann. Edinburgh: Edinburgh University Press, 2023, pgs. 207-237.

News

Brahim Afrit (PhD Candidate, Global Islam) received a research grant from the Center for Islam in the Contemporary World (CICW) at Shenandoah University for his dissertation research "Translating the Umma: Education, Islam, and Nation-state in Algeria." As part of this grant, awarded by the CICW "Islamic Education" research program, Brahim will be invited to lecture at Shenandoah University or write a short blog for the CICW. You can find more details in the link below:

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