**Religious Studies Seminar Series 2012/13**

**Semester 1**

*Seminars normally take place on Wednesdays at 2-4 p.m. in Room 1.07 unless stated otherwise.*

19th September Corey Williams (*PhD candidate, University of Edinburgh*)

Religio-Cultural Bricolage as Conflict and Renewal in Nigeria: An Ethnography of the Ogbomoso Society of Chrislam

26th September [3pm] Dr. Naomi Appleton (*University of Edinburgh*)

Karma and Fatalism: Some thoughts from a Buddhist Jātaka Story

3rd October Dr. Teemu Taira (*University of Turku, Finland; Visiting Fellow, University of Edinburgh*)

 Articulations of Media and Non-Religion

10th October Damon Z. Lycourinos (*PhD candidate, University of Edinburgh*)

From Corpus to Spiritus Mundi: A Study of Ritual Embodiment, Occult Cognition, and Enchanted Worldviews

17th October Dr. Frans Jespers (*Radboud University, Nijmegen; Erasmus Visiting Fellow at the University of Edinburgh*)
New Spiritualities in the Netherlands: religious or secular?

24th October Dr. Abel Ugba (*University of East London*)

Religion, Sports and Media? 'When Muamba nearly died and religion lived for a while in British newspapers'

31st October Henrietta Nyamnjoh (*PhD Candidate, University of Leiden, The Netherlands*)

“Penetrating the Unseen” The Role of Religion and Spiritual Practices in the Senegalese Boat Migration Process

7th November   Dr. Milda Ališauskienė (*Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania*)

Contemporary Hinduism in Lithuania: Hinduism and/or New Age?

14th November Dr Bettina E. Schmidt (*University of Wales Trinity Saint David, Lampeter, Wales*)

Spirit Possession in Brazil - Insights into a complex research field

21st November David Robertson (*PhD candidate, University of Edinburgh*)

Aquarian Conspiracies: UFOs as discursive unit between New Age and conspiracist milieu

28th November Prof. James Cox (*University of Edinburgh*)

'The Argument over "God" in Pre-Christian Indigenous Religions'