**Religious Studies Seminar Series 2013/14**

**Semester 1**

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

18th September Dr Arkotung Longkumer (*University of Edinburgh*)

Will the real "Hindu" please stand up': The politics of belonging in Northeast India

2nd October Ethan Gjerset Quillen, PhD student (*University of Edinburgh*)

Manufactured Ethnography: Reading Fictional Texts for Literary Evidence of Historical Concepts of Atheism

9th October Dr. Abraham Kovacs (*Debrecen Reformed University, Hungary*)

 Communism as a quasi-religion: a Central European case

16th October Dr. Milda Ališauskienė (*Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania*)

Challenges for Religious Diversity in Lithuania: the Perspective of Religious Minorities

23rd October Dr. Mette High (*University of Edinburgh*)

A question of ethics: the creative orthodoxy of Buddhist monks in the Mongolian gold rush

30th October Dr. Michael Okyerefo (*University of Ghana/Vienna, Austria*)

 ‘I experience serenity and convenience in the forest’ - Achimota forest turned sacred space to confront the vicissitudes of life

13th November Dr. Adriaan van Klinken (*University of Leeds*)

Debating Homosexuality in a 'Christian Nation': Religion, Sexuality and Nationalism in Zambia

20th November Dr. Yazeed Said (*Dublin City University*)

The Foundation of Ghazali’s political theology

27th November Dr. Steve Sutcliffe (*University of Edinburgh*)

Towards a Theory of Seekership and Spiritual Capital in the Religious Field

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