



Exploring religious
and environmental
changes in drylands

Symposium

*Pastoralism in transition: Exploring
intersections of religious and environmental
changes*



**6, 7 & 8 NOVEMBER
2024**

Iscte- University Institute of Lisbon

Venues **Sociedade de Geografia de Lisboa (SGL)**

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6 Nov



Venue at

Iscte, Room C2.05 Building 2



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09:30am

Doors open

Room C2.05, Building 2

10:00am

Welcome & introductions

Ana Mónica Fonseca, CEI-Iscte Director
Joana Roque de Pinho, CEI-Iscte

11:00am

Coffee break

11:15am

Keynote Talk: "The Present and the Future in the Present: Religion, Values and Climate Change"

Joel Robbins (online speaker)
Department of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge

12:30pm

Lunch

INDEG rooftop restaurant, Iscte

02:00pm

Introduction to Open Space

Megan Wainwright, University of Durham

02:15pm

Screening "Pastoralism and religion around the world"

Chair: Troy Sternberg, Iscte & U. Oxford

Ilse Köhler-Roleffson, The League for Pastoral Peoples & the Camel Conservation Centre, *Raika Religion, the Environment and Planetary Boundaries*

Takahiro Ozaki, University of Kagoshima, *Buddhism, socialism, and capitalism – A comparison of Airag production in modern Mongolian and Inner Mongolian pastoral societies*

Sarah Lunaček, University of Ljubljana, *Impact of different Islamic practices and Islamist groups on Tuareg mobile pastoralists in Niger*

Ioana Baskerville, Department of Ethnology, Romanian Academy
"Weather is in God's hands!": How religious beliefs and practices shape landscape management in Romanian mountain pastoralism

Annemiek Pas, Wageningen University *Reforming land at the resource frontier in the face of green economy expansion: Changing property regimes in Kenya's drylands*

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Coffee break

04:45pm

“Oreteti” documentary screening

A conversation with Lennaai ole Mowuo, Stanley ole Neboo and Richard ole Supeet (Kenya)

04:45pm

Coffee break

05:00pm

Key themes: Changing lands, changing religions

Joana Roque de Pinho, CEI-Iscte, *Overview of Mystical Natures project*

Kathy Galvin, Colorado State University, *Overview of changes in African pastoralism*

Batbuyan Batjav, Center for Nomadic Pastoralism Studies, Mongolia & **Troy Sternberg**, CEI-Iscte, *Changes in Mongolian pastoralism*

Megan Wainwright, U. Durham & **Joana Roque de Pinho**, CEI-Iscte, *Relationships between religious changes and environmental changes in drylands: A systematic review of qualitative research*

05:45pm

Wrap up

07:00pm

Dinner

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Room Algarve

09:30am

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Sociedade de Geografia de Lisboa(SGL), Room Algarve

10:00am

Welcome

Welcoming words by **Professor António Piedade**, President of the Anthropology section

Open space recap, **Megan Wainwright**, University of Durham, UK

10:15am

Mongolian pastoralism & religion

Chair: Sarah Lunacek, University of Ljubljana Batbuyan Batjav
Joseph Briestley & Gerelsuren Ganbold, University of Cambridge,
On aridity: perspectives on dryness from central Mongolia

Aurore Dumont, Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales,
*Experiencing Environmental Changes in Inner Mongolia (China):
Pastoral Knowledge and Ritual Adaptation among the Pastoralists
of Hulun Buir*

Nina Lang, Austrian Academy of Sciences, *Digging into Enchanted
Landscapes*

Laghvademchig Jadamba, National University of Mongolia,
*Buddhist Ritual of Removing the Seal of Land-Spirits: Benevolent or
Malevolent for the Environment?*

11:15am

Coffee break

11:30am

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Chair: Kathy Galvin, Colorado State University

Troy Sternberg, CEI-Iscte & U. Oxford, *Encountering spirituality
through a Gobi dryland transect*

Joana Roque de Pinho, CEI-Iscte, *Pastoralism and Pentecostalism:
Religious dimensions of land tenure/use dynamics in southern
Kenya*

Batbuyan Batjav, Center for Nomadic Pastoralism Studies, *From
Sacred Sites to Strategic Assets: Rethinking Ovoo Worship as a
form of Claim on Pasture resources in Modern Mongolia*

Angela Kronenburg García, UC Louvain, *Land, culture and religion
among the Loita Maasai of Kenya*

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Pastoralists and religion – Real Life

Chairs: Angela Kronenburg García & Joana Roque de Pinho
With Batbuyan Batjav, Laghvademchig Jadamba, Lenaai ole
Mowuo, Richard ole Supeet and Stanley ole neboo

01:15pm

Lunch at Sociedade de Geografia de Lisboa

02:15pm

Kenya – Mongolia roundtable

Chair: Allison Hahn, City University of New York, USA
Kathleen Galvin, Colorado State University
Laghvademchig Jadamba, National University of Mongolia
Júlio Reis, A Rocha
Joana Roque de Pinho, **CEI-Iscte**

03:00pm

Tea break

03:15pm

Conservation & religion

Chair: Annemiek Pas, Wageningen University, The Netherlands
Shinya Konaka, University of Shizuoka, *Conservationism of
Nomadic Pastoralists Seen from Relational Ontologies: The Case of
Pastoralists and Nomads in Northcentral Kenya*
Alexandro Solorzano, PUC-Rio, *Worshipping the mountain,
changing the forest: sacred hills of Pentecostal Christians in the
Atlantic Forest*
Peter Rowe, University of Edinburgh, *The power of increase is in you'
Farming God's Way and agrospiritual transformation in Kenya's
Rift Valley*
Allison Hahn, City University of New York, *Moral Imperative(s) of
Conservation*

04:15pm

Open roundtable

Chair: Saverio Krätli, Commission for Nomadic Peoples (CNP)

04:50pm

Open space

Megan Wainwright, U. Durham

05:00pm

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06:00pm

Dinner

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Museu da Cidade (morning) - Campo Grande, 245
& **Iscte, Room C2.05 (afternoon)**

10:00am

Meet in the garden of Museu da Cidade

Open Space in the Museum garden (free entrance)

Coordinated by Megan Wainwright, U Durham

01:00pm

Lunch

INDEG rooftop restaurant

02:00pm

From steppes to savannas

Chair: Eugenia Rossou, CRIA-Iscte

Yuki Morinaga, Meiji University, *Mongolia's polytheistic view of nature encounters rapid scientific and social change*

Han van Dijk, Wageningen University, *Jihadism in the Sahel: Conflict, Ecology and the Rise of Muslim Orthodoxy among Fulani Pastoralists*

Nurit Hashimshony Yaffe, The Academic College of Tel Aviv Yaffo, *Pastoralist advantage over COVID-19: Kalacha case study, Kenya*

Júlio Reis, A Rocha, *Conservation, land, and agropastoralism: A Rocha's approach*

03:00am

Coffee break

03:15pm

Portugal

Chair: Takahiro Ozaki, Kagoshima University

Joana Martins, CRIA-Iscte, *Echoes of the Ancestors: Contemporary Pagans' engagement with environmental change*

Joana Mello, U. Nova de Lisboa, *Social and Ecological aspects of the Portuguese medieval myth of the Goat-Footed Lady*

04:00pm

Mystical Natures team roundtable

04:30pm

Wrap up

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