

## **George D. Chryssides**

### **Conference papers & guest lectures**

- 1.119 (2023). "Paradise in Fiction: Exploring Jehovah's Witnesses through the novels of E. K. Jonathan". BASR Annual Conference, Clare College, Cambridge, 11-13 September 2023.
- 1.118 (2022). "Researching Jehovah's Witnesses". York St John University, 22 November 2022.
- 1.117 (2022). "Going too Far? Issues in Engaged Research. BASR Annual Conference, Open University, 30 August – 1 September 2022.
- 1.116 (2022). "Descending from the Ivory Tower: Engaged Scholarship in the Study of Religion". UNIPACE (International University for Peace), Rome, Italy (online). Keynote lecture, 22 July 2022.
- 1.115 (2022). "Jehovah's Witnesses and the War in Ukraine". CenSAMM Annual Conference (online), 7-8 July 2022.
- 1.114 (2022). "Jehovah's Witnesses and the War in Ukraine". CESNUR Annual Conference, Université Laval, Québec City, 16-18 June 2022.
- 1.113 (2022). "Successful Prophecy? Jehovah's Witnesses, Covid-19 and the War in Ukraine". York St John University, 4 May 2022.
- 1.112 (2022). "Successful Prophecy? Jehovah's Witnesses, Covid-19 and the War in Ukraine". Keynote lecture, International Academic Forum, The Asian Conference on Psychology & the Behavioral Sciences (ACP), Tokyo, Japan (online), 29 March 2022.
- 1.101 (2022). "Christianity as Lived Religion". Friends of Lichfield Cathedral, 23 March 2022.
- 1.110 (2022) "40 Years of New Religious Movements". Post-graduate seminar, University of Bristol, 8 March 2022.
- 1.109 (2021). "Contested Concepts in the Study of Religion". BASR Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh (online), 6-7 September 2021.
- 1.108 (2021). 'Beyond Armageddon: Jehovah's Witnesses' concept of Paradise Earth'. CenSAMM Annual Conference 2021 online: 29 June to 1 July 2021.
- 1.107 (2021). The Shunning Practice of Jehovah's Witnesses. A Webinar organized by CESNUR (Center for Studies and New Religions) and Human Rights Without Frontiers. 9 April 2021. Video published online at <https://youtu.be/sMoMpgLXLiU>
- 1.106 (2021). "Stages of Religious Oppression: The Case of Jehovah's Witnesses". Online conference on Limitations of Religious Freedom (Part 3); Sigmund Neumann Institute for the Research on Freedom, Liberty and Democracy in cooperation with Center for Regional and Borderlands Studies/Institute of Sociology of the University of Wrocław. 4-6 March 2021.
- 1.105 (2020). "Why Opposition? An Exploration of Hostility towards Jehovah's Witnesses". (Online). Vytautas Magnus University, Vilnius. Theme: Jehovah's

Witnesses and Their Opponents: Russia, the West, and Beyond; organized by CESNUR (Center for Studies on New Religions), Vytautas Magnus University, and New Religions Research and Information Center. 3 September 2020.

1.104 (2020). “Jehovah’s Witnesses and Covid-19”. Conference at the End of the World (online). [www.crowdcast.io/e/the-conference-at-the/2](http://www.crowdcast.io/e/the-conference-at-the/2) 14 July 2020.

1.103 (2019). “Following the Charisma: Understanding Charisma Through Followers”. CESNUR Annual Conference, Università di Torino, Torino, Italy, 5-7 September 2019.

1.102 (2019). “Jehovah’s Witnesses Go Digital”. British Association for the Study of Religions; Leeds Trinity University, 2-4 September 2019.

1.101 (2019). “Life Beyond Armageddon – Jehovah’s Witnesses in the 21st Century”. Conference on “Religion in American Life”. University of East Anglia, 23-24 July 2019.

1.100 (2019). “Are Religious Values Paramount?” Keynote lecture, International Academic Forum (IAFOR), Asian Conference on Ethics, Religion, and Philosophy; Tokyo, Japan, 21-13 March 2019.

1.99 (2018). “Beyond Armageddon”. The 2nd World SangSaeng Forum International Conference, Daejin University, South Korea, 22-24 October 2018.

1.98 (2018) “Insiders or outsiders?: A case study of Christian Japanese weddings.” British Association for the Study of Religions; Queen’s University Belfast, 3-5 September 2018.

1.97 (2018). “Unchanging Truth? – Not in the Study of Religion”. Keynote lecture: International Academic Forum (IAFOR), Brighton, 2-4 July 2018.

1.96 (2018). “Charismatisation” – Roundtable discussion: On the Shoulders of Giants: Eileen Barker, the Study of New Religions and Religious Leadership – A Session Honoring Eileen Barker on Her Significant Birthday. CESNUR Annual Conference, Weixin College, Nantou County, Taiwan, 17-23 June 2018.

1.95 (2018). “‘Writing without Spelling’: How Jehovah’s Witnesses Spread their Teachings in Taiwan”. CESNUR Annual Conference, Weixin College, Nantou County, Taiwan, 17-23 June 2018.

1.94 (2018). “Be Not Conformed – A Historical Survey of the Watch Tower Society’s Relationships with Society”. University of Eastern Finland & Sigmund Neumann Institute, 22-27 February 2018.

1.93 (2017). “Changing Your Story: Assessing Ex-Member Narratives”. British Association for the Study of Religions; University of Chester, 4-6 September 2017.

1.92 (2017). “Is Nothing Sacred? Jehovah’s Witnesses and the significance of Bible lands” Conference organized by CESNUR, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute, 2-6 July 2017.

1.91 (2017). “The Welsh Connection – Pastor Joshua McCabe’s role in the Unification Church’s early history.” CESNUR conference: ‘The Life and Legacy of Sun Myung Moon and the Unification Movements in Scholarly Perspective. Faculty of Comparative Study of Religion and Humanism (FVG), Antwerp, 29-30 May 2017.

- 1.90 (2016) 'Beyond Armageddon – Is the Jehovah's Witnesses' Paradise Earth conceivable?' Postgraduate seminar, Spurgeon's College, London, 14 December 2016.
- 1.89 (2016) 'Jehovah's Witnesses'. American Academy of Religion, Chaplaincy Session. San Antonio, USA. 19 November 2016.
- 1.88 (2016). 'Jehovah's Witnesses and the Uniformity of Space'. British Association for the Study of Religions; University of Wolverhampton, 5-7 September 2016.
- 1.87 (2016). 'Religions in Wolverhampton'. Introductory lecture: British Association for the Study of Religions; University of Wolverhampton, 5-7 September 2016.
- 1.86 (2016). 'Beyond Armageddon – Is the Jehovah's Witnesses' Paradise Earth conceivable?' Keynote lecture: Conference on "Affective Apocalypses" – Queen's University Belfast, 18-19 August 2016.
- 1.85 (2016). 'Portraying The Truth in Fiction – Jehovah's Witnesses in Novels'. CESNUR Annual Conference, Daejin University, Pocheon City, South Korea , 5-10 July 2016.
- 1.84 (2016). 'The Truth is Out There – and How Jehovah's Witnesses Find It'. Keynote lecture at: 'The Jehovah's Witnesses in scholarly perspective: What's new in the scientific study of Jehovahism?' Antwerp, Belgium. Organised by the European Observatory of Religion and Secularism in partnership with CLIMAS, Université Bordeaux Montaigne, CESNUR (Turin) and the Faculty of Comparative Studies of Religion and Humanism (FVG). 21-22 April 2016.
- 1.83 (2016). 'A Scottish View of Jehovah's Witnesses: A Study of Cultural Outsiders'. University of Edinburgh: Day Conference on 'Religious Diversity and Cultural Change in Scotland: Modern Perspectives', organised by the Scottish Religious Cultures Network with Religious Studies and the Centre for Theology and Public Issues, University of Edinburgh, supported by the Royal Society of Edinburgh 19 April 2016.
- 1.82 (2015). 'The Role of Ethics in Fieldwork'. York St John University, 1 December 2015
- 1.81 (2015). 'The Ethics of Conversion' (Keynote address). Conference: 'The Ethics of Evangelisation' Leeds Trinity University, Wednesday, 16 September 2015
- 1.80 (2015). "A Scottish View of Jehovah's Witnesses: A Study of Cultural Outsiders". British Association for the Study of Religions, University of Kent at Canterbury, 7-9 September 2015.
- 1.79. (2015). 'A Scottish Vegetarian's View of Jehovah's Witnesses': International Conference organized by CESNUR, Tallin University, Estonia, 17-29 June 2015.
- 1.78. (2015). 'Power, Empowerment and Disempowerment in Religion' Keynote address: International Academic Forum (IAFOR) conference, Brighton UK, 6-8 July 2015.
- 1.77 (2014). 'Jehovah's Witnesses and Healing'. CESNUR Annual Conference, Baylor University, Waco, 5-7 June 2014.
- 1.76 (2014). 'From Deviance to Devotion'. Inform 25th Anniversary Conference, London School of Economics, 31 January – 2 February 2014.
- 1.75 (2014). with Stephen E. Gregg, 'The Silent Majority?' Beyond Insider / Outsider Categories and understanding 'Apostate Testimony' in the future Study of New Religions'.

Inform 25th Anniversary Conference, London School of Economics, 31 January – 2 February 2014.

1.74 (2013). ‘The Watch Tower’s Changing Hymnody: How music reflects change among Jehovah’s Witnesses’. BASR Annual Conference; Liverpool Hope University, 3-6 September 2013.

1.73 (2013). ‘The Watch Tower’s Changing Hymnody: How music reflects change among Jehovah’s Witnesses’. CESNUR Annual Conference: Changing Religious Movements in a Changing World; Dalarna University, Falun (Sweden), 21-24 June 2013.

1.72 (2013). ‘The UK 2011 Religious Census’. Contemporary religion in historical perspective: engaging outside academia; The Open University, Milton Keynes – 15-16 May 2013.

1.71 (2013) with Dan Cohn-Sherbok and Dawoud El-Alami, ‘Jewish-Christian-Muslim Dialogue’. Contemporary religion in historical perspective: engaging outside academia; The Open University, Milton Keynes – 15-16 May 2013.

1.70 (2012). ‘Ecumenical with the Truth?: Jehovah’s Witnesses and Dialogue’. CESNUR, Chouaïb Doukkali University, El Jadida, Morocco, 20-22 September 2012. URL: <http://www.cesnur.org/2012/el-chryssides.pdf>

1.69 (2012). ‘Ecumenical with the Truth?: Jehovah’s Witnesses and Dialogue’. BASR Annual Conference, University of Winchester, 5-7 September 2012.

1.68 (2011). ‘De-ritualising Ritual: Jehovah’s Witness and the Memorial’. BASR Annual Conference, University of Durham, 5-7 September 2011.

1.67 (2011). ‘Third Millennium New Religious Movements in Britain.’ *CESNUR Library Texts and Documents* Cyber-proceedings of International Conference organized by CESNUR, Aletheia University, ISAR (Institute for the Study of American Religion), and the International Association for the Study of New Religions. 21-23 June 2011. URL: <http://www.cesnur.org/2011/dan-chryssides.pdf>

1.66 (2011) “‘As A Peace-Loving Global Citizen’: A Review Of The Autobiography Of The Rev. Sun Myung Moon”. *CESNUR Library Texts and Documents* Cyber-proceedings of International Conference organized by CESNUR, Aletheia University, ISAR (Institute for the Study of American Religion), and the International Association for the Study of New Religions. 21-23 June 2011. URL: <http://www.cesnur.org/2011/dan-chryssides2.pdf>

1.65 (2011). ‘Unrecognized charisma? A study of four charismatic religious leaders’. Conference on ‘Charisma after Weber’, University of Birmingham, 3 June 2011.

1.64 (2010). ‘Benchmarking: Theology and Religious Studies, Master’s Level’. AUDTRS Annual Conference, Liverpool Hope University, 2-3 September 2010.

1.63 (2010). ‘They keep changing the dates: Jehovah’s Witnesses’ changing chronology’. CESNUR Annual Conference, University of Torino, Italy, 9-11 September 2010.

1.62. (2009). ‘Remembering the Future — a case study of the Jehovah’s Witnesses’ Memorial’. BASR Annual Conference, University of Wales, Bangor, 7-9 September 2009.

- 1.61. (2008). '1914 and All That: Jehovah's Witnesses and Prophecy'. INFORM Seminar, London School of Economics, 22 November 2008. Located at URL: [http://www.cesnur.org/2008/london\\_cyberpro.htm](http://www.cesnur.org/2008/london_cyberpro.htm)
- 1.60. (2008). 'A Happy Ending': Raëlians and the Coming Extraterrestrials. Millennial Movements Colloquium, Liverpool Hope University, 7-9 July 2008.
- 1.59. (2008). 'Is 'The New Age' a coherent concept?' CESNUR/INFORM Conference, London School of Economics, 16-19 April, 2008.
- 1.58 (2008). 'Experiencing Jehovah: Jehovah's Witnesses and Religious Experience.' BASR Annual Conference, University of Edinburgh, 3-6 September 2007.
- 1.57. (2007). 'Jehovah's Multinational Organisation: Globalization, Theocracy and Jehovah's Witnesses'. Millennial Movements Colloquium, Liverpool Hope University, 12-14 July 2007.
- 1.56. (2007) 'Jehovah's Multinational Organization: Globalization, Theocracy and Jehovah's Witnesses'. *CESNUR Library Texts and Documents* Cyber-proceedings of International Conference, 7-9 June 2007, University of Bordeaux. Located at URL: [http://www.cesnur.org/2007/bord\\_chryssides.htm](http://www.cesnur.org/2007/bord_chryssides.htm)
- 1.55. (2006). 'Provocation or Persecution? The "Bibelforscher" in the Third Reich (An Examination of the Conflict between Jehovah's Witnesses and the Nazis)'. Millennial Movements Colloquium, Liverpool Hope University, 6-8 September 2006.
- 1.54. (2006). 'Codes of Practice'. BASR Annual Conference, Bath Spa University 4-6 September 2006.
- 1.53. (2006). 'Provocation or Persecution? The "Bibelforscher" in the Third Reich (An Examination of the Conflict between Jehovah's Witnesses and the Nazis)'. CESNUR 2006 International Conference, 13-16 July 2006, San Diego State University.
- 1.52. (2005). 'From first to last: a comparison between Jehovah's Witnesses and Early Church Millennialists.' Millennial Colloquium, Ripon Cuddesdon College, Oxford.
- 1.51. (2005). 'Sources of doctrine in the Solar Temple'. CESNUR 2005 Annual Conference, Palermo, Sicily
- 1.50. (2004). '50 Years of Unification: Conflicts, Rights and Responsibilities'. *CESNUR Library Texts and Documents*; web version of revised conference paper, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 17-20 June 2004. Located at URL: [http://www.cesnur.org/2004/waco\\_chryssides.htm](http://www.cesnur.org/2004/waco_chryssides.htm)
- 1.49. '50 Years of the Unification Church: Mapping the field from Sociology of Deviance to Ethnography.' BASR 50th Anniversary Conference, Harris Manchester College, Oxford, 13-16 September 2004. 1.48. '50 Years of Unification: Conflicts, Rights and Responsibilities'. CESNUR Annual Conference, Baylor University, Waco, Texas, 17-20 June 2004.
- 1.47. "'Come on up, and I will show thee": Heaven's Gate as a Post-modern Group'. ASANAS (Alternative Spirituality and New Age Studies) Conference, Open University, 30 May - 1 June 2003.
- 1.46 'Jehovah's Witnesses and Civil Disobedience'. BASR Annual Conference: 'Religion and the State', Southlands College, University of Surrey, 9-11 September 2002.

- 1.45. 'Unifying or Dividing? Reverend Moon's Family Federation and Mainstream Christianity'. CESNUR 16th Annual Conference, Vilnius University, Lithuania, 10-12 April 2003.
- 6.44. 'New Light, Conscience and Jehovah's Witnesses'. CESNUR 16th Annual Conference, University of Utah, Salt Lake City, 19-23 June 2002.
- 6.43. 'The Future of British Unitarianism'. International Conference of Unitarian Universalists, Harris Manchester College, Oxford, 25-30 June 2001.
- 6.42. 'Unrecognized charisma? A study of four charismatic leaders: Charles Taze Russell, Joseph Smith, L. Ron Hubbard, Swami Prabhupada'. CESNUR 15th International Conference: 'The Spiritual Supermarket: Religious Pluralism and Globalization in the 21st Century: the Expanding European Union and Beyond'. London School of Economics, 19-22 April 2001.
- 6.41. 'Defining the New Spirituality'. CESNUR 14th International Conference: 'New Religiosity in the 21st Century'. Riga, Latvia, 29-31 August 2000.
- 6.40. 'Transcultural migration and new religious movements: a case study of Vipassana.' International Association for the History of Religions: XVIIIth Quinquennial Word Congress, Durban, South Africa, 15-12 August 2000.
- 6.39. 'The anti-cult movement in post-Christian Britain.' CESNUR 13th International Conference, Bryn Athyn College, Philadelphia, USA. 2-4 June 1999.
- 6.38. 'Innovation and Conservatism: A Case Study of two New Christian Movements'; International Association for Religious Freedom Congress, Won Kwang University, Iksan, South Korea, August 1996.
- 6.37. 'Jehovah's Witnesses and Civil Disobedience'. BASR Annual Conference: 'Religion and the State', Southlands College, University of Surrey, 9-11 September 2002.
- 6.36. 'Jehovah's Witnesses and Civil Religion'. Open University. Conference on New Age and Contemporary Religions, 25 May 2002.
- 6.35. 'Unrecognized charisma? A study of four charismatic leaders: Charles Taze Russell, Joseph Smith, L. Ron Hubbard, Swami Prabhupada'. BASR Annual Conference, Newnham College, Cambridge, 10-13 September 2001.
- 6.34. 'Hymnody in the Unification Church.' Annual Conference on Contemporary and New Age Religion, The Open University, 12 May 2001.
- 6.33. 'The company of angels — biblical and New Age' Bath Spa University College, Annual Conference on Contemporary and New Age Religion, 20 May 2000.
- 6.32. 'Nazis and Jehovah's Witnesses — Conflicting Ideologies'. BASR Annual Conference, University of Stirling, 6-9 September 1999.
- 6.31. 'Is God a space alien? The cosmology of the UFO-religions.' Bath Spa University College, Annual Conference on Contemporary and New Age Religion, 22 May 1999.

- 6.30. 'Conversion or Coercion? Factions affecting membership of new religious movements'. BASR Annual Conference, University College, Lampeter, 17 September 1998.
- 6.29. 'Overstepping the mark — how new religions go beyond the edge'. NATFHE RS Conference, Bath Spa University College, 3 July 1998.
- 6.28. 'Inauthentic Authenticity? Reviving authentic Christianity in the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints'. Bath Spa University College, Annual Conference on Contemporary and New Age Religion, 16 May 1998.
- 6.27. 'Experience and Authority in New Religious Movements'. British Association for the Study of Religions, Harris Manchester College, Oxford, 11-13 September 1997.
- 6.26. 'Death and paranormal phenomena — evidence of survival? 'NATFHE RS Section Conference, 28-29 June 1997: 'Approaches to Death'. Chichester Institute of Higher Education.
- 6.25. 'New Religions and the Internet'; British Association for the Study of Religions, University College of St Martin's, Lancaster, 16-19 September 1996.
- 6.24. 'The Seat of Authority in Unitarianism'. British Association for the Study of Religions, University of Wolverhampton, September 1995.
- 6.23 'Healing and Curing: Spiritual Healing, Old and New'. Contemporary and New Age Religions in the British Isles, 3rd Annual Conference, Bath College of Higher Education, 13 May 1995.
- 1.22 'New Religious Movement in Hungary and Britain — a Comparison; International Association for Religious Freedom, Kolozsvár (Cluj), Romania, 18-24 July 1994.
- 1.21 "Don't get too involved!" — methodological problems in the study of new religious movements.' NATFHE Religious Studies Section, September 1994.
- 1.20 'Disappearing symbols: Unitarian expressions of the sacred'; British Association for the Study of Religion, University of Bristol, 26-29 September 1994.
- 1.19 'Don't get too involved! — Methodological issues in the study of new religious movements.' NATFHE Religious Studies Conference, Birmingham, 16 September 1994.
- 1.18 'New Religious Movements in Britain and Hungary — a Comparison'. International Association for Religious Freedom, Koloszvar (Cluj), Romania, August 1994.
- 1.17 'Dialogue and Religious Minorities'; Sarva-dharma-samelana, World Congress of Faiths, Bangalore, August 1993.
- 1.16 'The Scholarly Article and Book Reviews'; NATFHE Religious Studies Section Conference on 'Research and Scholarly Activity'; University of Wolverhampton, July 1993.

1.15 'Codes of Practice: The Quest for a Super-ethic'; INFORM (Information Network Focus on Religious Movements) Conference on 'New Religious Movements and the New Europe'; King's College, London, March 1993.

1.14 'Unificationism: A Study in Religious Syncretism'. British Association for the Study of Religions, King Alfred's College, Winchester, September 1992.

1.13 'Self-preservation in Inter-religious Dialogue': Assembly of the World's Religions, San Francisco, August 1990.

1.12 'The Age of Aquarius: New Religious Movements and European Identity'; New ERA Conference, Gent, Belgium, September 1989.

1.11 'Britain's New Pluralism': International Association for Religious Freedom, Westhill College, Selly Oak, Birmingham, September 1988.

1.10 'Religious Freedom and the Anti-Cult Movement': Inter-Faith Conference on Religious Freedom, Essex Hall, London, January 1988.

1.9 'The Sacrament of the Word?': Council for the World's Religions, Eibsee, Germany, July 1987.

1.8 'The Devil's Cauldron: New Ecumenism in the Melting Pot': Council for the World's Religions, San Diego, December 1986.

1.7 'Jesus in Unification Thought': 'Conceptions of Jesus in the New Religions', King's College, London, October 1986.

1.6 'Evil and the Problem of God': Assembly of World Religions, New York, November 1985.

1.5 'Demythologizing Ecumenism': New ERA Conference, Bad Nauheim, September 1985.

1.4 'Divisive Unity: Marketing Unificationist Paradoxes'; King's College, London, June 1985.

1.3 'Syncretism, Ideology and Truth': New Era (Ecumenical Research Association); international conference in Martinique, February 1985.

1.2 'Meaning and Metaphor in Religious Language'; Christian Philosophers' Conference, Pembroke College, Oxford, September 1983.

1.1 'The Place of Religion in the Humanities': Institute of Religion and Theology, King's College, London, May 1982.

### **Interviews:**

George Chryssides on Contested Concepts in the Study of Religion (interview with John Morehead –Director at Evangelical Chapter of the Foundation for Religious Diplomacy) 15 May 2023.



<https://youtu.be/yUYmnHd1124>

Multifaith Matters: George Chryssides Introduces Jehovah's Witnesses (Podcast interview with John Morehead – Director at Evangelical Chapter of the Foundation for Religious Diplomacy) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jYbm38C7B4M> 22 August 2022

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