

Department for the Study of Religion (DSR) & Religion Undergraduate Student Association (RUSA) Undergraduate Student Conference 2023 Schedule

Time	Program
12:00-12:15 PM	<p>Welcoming Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Sarah Gallant, Conference Committee - Prof. Bob Gibbs, Acting Chair, DSR
12:15-1:30 PM	<p>Religion and Technology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Arist Bravo, Double Major in Religion and Computer Science: Better Software for Religious Stakeholders – Insights from Wittgenstein to Benedict - Hammad Syed, Major in History of Religions, Minor in French Studies and South Asian Humanities: Twitter Darbār: in the Presence of HadithGPT <p>Religion and Diaspora</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Julia Gould, Double Major in Political Science and Diaspora & Transnational Studies: Tropey Wife: Constructing the Jewish American Princess and the Shiksa - Samuel Weinstein, Double Major in Near and Middle Eastern Civilizations (Ancient) and Philosophy: The Holy Seed: Diasporic Unease, National Identity, and the Formation of the Other in Ezra-Nehemiah - Alexander Lawson, Double Major in History and Peace, Conflict and Justice, Minor in Religion: The Price of Belief: Applying Costly Signaling Theory to the Spread of Ancient Cults
1:30-1:45 PM	Break
1:45-2:30 PM	<p>Religion in the Public Sphere: Popular Culture and Media</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Trent Atkinson, Double Major in Religion and Diaspora & Transnational Studies: It's a Bird, It's a Plane, It's a Golem: On Reproduction of the Golem in American Superhero Comics - Julia Shokeir, Double Major in Anthropology (General) and Religion, Minor in Medical Anthropology: Museumification and its Dangers: The "Enlightenment" of Korean Buddhism - Swamini Sagar, Double Major in Religion and Philosophy, Minor in Writing & Rhetoric: Reinstating Spiritual Meaning: Museum Legacies of Colonialism and Religious Artifacts
2:30-2:45 PM	Break
2:45-4:00 PM	<p>Religion in the Public Sphere: Global Case Studies</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ashvini Giridaran, Double Major in Religion and American Studies: Behind Bill 21: Laïcité and the Preservation of Power - Eleanor Park, Double Major in Religion and English: Religious Freedom: Assessing South Korea's New Religious Movements and the State's Infectious Disease Control and Prevention Act during the COVID-19 Pandemic - Ahlam Haouach, Major in Economics and Society: Religious Freedom and Legal Pluralism: An Analysis of the Intersection of Human Rights and Sharia Law in Europe through the Molla Sali v. Greece Case <p>Religion in the Public Sphere: Philosophy</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rayan Magon, Double Major in Psychology and Philosophy: The Gestalt Glue of Personal Identity: Reflections on Hindu Transcendental Egoism as a Reply to Parfit - Odessa Hewitt-Bernhard, Double Major in Philosophy and Ethics, Society, and Law: Love Thy Neighbour as a Challenge to Political Theology: Understanding the Neighbour as an Ethical Position Through the Work of Emmanuel Levinas and Simone Weil
4:00-4:05 PM	<p>Closing Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prof. Laura Beth Bugg, Acting Associate Chair, DSR - Owen Huisman, RUSA President
4:05-5:00 PM	Social