

HPRS4010 New Religious Movements

Component 2 - Presentation - 10 minutes (& 5 mins of questions/discussion) - 50% of module

Friday 1 February, 2-5pm.

The objective is to give a presentation on a New Religious Movement of your choice. If you choose an NRM that we have looked at in some detail in class, you would ideally show that you have undertaken some additional research.

The aim is to examine the NRM (origins, beliefs, practices, type, significance, context, etc.) using (at least) 2 types of sources:

1. material from the NRM itself (e.g. their website)
2. material from scholars (see resources for module)

I suggest following, at least in part, the structure we used when looking at the foundational material of NRMs, using the PowerPoints as a reminder. So, look at your chosen NRM in relation to the characteristics of charismatic leadership, socio-economic status of members, first generation members and style of proselytising. Then, think about Troeltsch's ideas of church/sect distinctions and the typologies of later sociologists (eg Wilson and Wallis) and how they might relate to your NRM. You could also then think about what NRMs offer and why someone might join and if there are things specific to your NRM that you can talk about.

Ideally you should be expanding on what we have looked at in our sessions.

Slides* should also be produced and up to 4 minutes of video or audio clips may be included.

Remember to use references where appropriate and to include a bibliography on the final slide.

On the day of the presentations you need to

- Bring your presentation on a pen drive
- Upload your slides/poster to Moodle

* If you prefer, you may give this as a 'Poster Presentation'.