

"Creating New Socio-Religious Space: Hybridity and Authentic Identity", Senior Prof. Anthropology & Translation R. Daniel Shaw (Fuller Graduate School of Intercultural Studies, USA), June 24, 4.15-6.15 (CET)

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On June 24, 4.15-6.15 (CET), R. Daniel Shaw, director of the Doctorate in Intercultural Studies Program in the Pacific of the Fuller Graduate School of Intercultural Studies, USA, will talk about what role cultural hybridity may have in the religious realm

This event is part of the conference "Cultural Identities in a Global World: Reframing Cultural Hybridity" (June 23-25). Register by June 16: <https://www.uni-giessen.de/faculties/gcsc/gcsc/events/conferences-symposia-summer-schools/conference-sites/cultural-identities-global-world/Events#workshop-postdigitality>.

Abstract

Hybridity assumes a blending. It merges separate elements to create a mix that exhibits new vigour inherent in, but not expressed by, either donor. While this has implications for biology as well as any socio-political and cognitive environment, it also applies spiritually. When socio-religious realities are critiqued by God's reality (as reflected in the Bible) new expressions emerge. This creates a new space that is authentic to the human as well as the divine. Furthermore, it reflects relevance within a particularity while allowing recognition of others who are not like them. Hybridity reveals new realities waiting to be discovered. Hybridity enhances individual and collective identity that is authentic. Hybridity is a third space that recognizes both diversity and universality.

Dr. Shaw conducted fieldwork among the Tohono O'otham of southwestern Arizona (1967-68) and the Samo of Papua New Guinea (1969-1981) where he served as a Bible translator. Dan has been at Fuller where he has taught in his discipline and chaired numerous committees and programs since 1982. He currently directs the Doctorate in Intercultural Studies Program in the Pacific. He has

authored numerous books and articles including three ethnographies of the Samo (1990 U. Michigan, 1996 Harcourt Brace, 2021 Caroline Academic), and Socio-Religion (1999, Baker Academic, 2018 Orbis Press). His current interest in hybridity draws anthropology and missiology into close interaction (2010 & 2019 International Bulletin of Mission Research, and the new book from Carolina Academic). He and his wife make their home in Alhambra, Ca.

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