Welcome to EARLI Sig 19 Pre-Conference Colloquium **’The Place of Religion in Early Childhood Education and Care’** on 26th October 2021. The Colloquium is based on a selection of contributions for the forthcoming ***The Routledge International Handbook for The Place of Religion in Early Childhood Education and* Care** (Routledge, 2022, ed. A Kuusisto)with 41 chapters by 56 expert contributors from around the globe*.* The Colloquium is virtual and everyone is welcome to attend (see link below). The times given are in UTC +2 / Central European Time. In case you have some questions, please contact Arniika Kuusisto ([arniika.kuusisto@buv.su.se](mailto:arniika.kuusisto@buv.su.se)) at Department of Child and Youth Studies, Stockholm University, for more information.

Link to the event (Meeting ID: 641 4910 0215, Passcode: 254009): <https://stockholmuniversity.zoom.us/j/64149100215?pwd=a1dhd1dGU2RZK1FtNnduckF2eTRXdz09>

9.00-9.10 ***Opening*** */ Arniika Kuusisto*

9.10-9.30 ***Spiritually nurturing practices in ECEC, with a focus on the New Zealand national curriculum Te Whāriki – A journey into the child’s personal religion /*** *Guneet Sachdev*

9.30-9.50 ***Negotiating children’s religiosity: Stories from Indonesian Early Childhood Education Curriculum /*** *Vina Adriany*

9.50-10.10 ***Developing children's life orientation in ECEC: curriculum development research project in the Pillarised Dutch Society /*** *Ina ter Avest*

10.10-10.40 Coffee break

10.40-11.00 ***Subjectification as an Educational Goal in Religious and Worldview Education in Early Childhood Education and Care /*** *Saila Poulter & Katja Castillo*

11.00-11.20 ***Understandings of culture and religion: Re-negotiating troublesome concepts in Swedish ECEC policy /*** *Magdalena Raivio & Ellinor Skaremyr*

11.20-11.40 ***Religion and religiosity as sensitive issues in Swedish preschools /*** *Tünde Puskás & Anita Andersson*

11.40-12.00 ***Childhood research on (religious) diversity: methodological issues /*** *Helena Stockinger*

12-13 Lunch break

13.00-13.20 ***Responding to the Spiritual Dimension of Young Children in Kindergarten Through Positive Silence /*** *Adrian-Mario Gellel & Natalie Lombardi Calleja*

13.20-13.40 ***The Nurturing Triangle: Home, school and church in Early Childhood Education – Reflections on the experience in England and Wales /*** *David Lankshear*

13.40-14.20 ***The Re-Imagined Other: Postcolonial Perspectives on the Place of Religion in Early Childhood Education /*** *Liam Gearon & Arniika Kuusisto*

***Religion and Worldviews in Early Childhood Education and Care: Eight Parameters for Ethical Research /*** *Liam Gearon, Saija Benjamin, Tuija Itkonen, Arto Kallioniemi & Arniika Kuusisto*

14.20-14.50 Coffee break

14.50-15.10 ***Conversation Analysis in research on children’s ethical and moral decision making in ECEC /*** *Melisa Stevanovic & Arniika Kuusisto*

15.10-15.30 ***The Evolved Developmental Niche and the Neurobiology of Spiritual Development /*** *Mary S. Tarsha and Darcia Narvaez*

15.30-15.50 ***The place of religion in Early Childhood Education and Care in India /*** *Kristian Niemi*

15.50-16.00 ***Closing*** / *Arniika Kuusisto*