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SOCIÉTÉ CANADIENNE POUR L'ÉTUDE DE LA RELIGION**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING / RÉUNION DU CONSEIL
VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA
NOVEMBER 5TH, 2021; 15:00–17:00 EST**

Minutes prepared and presented by Diana Dimitrova, recording secretary of the CSSR, March 26th, 2022

Present:, Diana Dimitrova, Michelle Folk, Paul Gareau, Heather Shipley, Qamer Hameed, Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme, Ted Malcolmson, Yasaman Samiksa Munro

Regrets: Alyshea Cummins, Jeanine Leblanc, Ruby Ramji

1. Welcome/Bienvenue

Start time: 15:00 EST

2. Agenda/ ordre du jour

MOTION : *Accept the agenda*

Moved: Heather

Seconded: Sarah

Motion carried unanimously

3. Minutes/rendu d'une réunion – April 18th, 2021

MOTION: *Accept the minutes.*

Moved: Samiksa

Seconded: Sarah

Motion carried unanimously

4. Reports/ Rappports

Treasurer/ Trésorier (Ted Malcolmson)

Travel Funds

No claims

Account Status

Current

Community Account: 21,636.52

BMO Mutual Funds Investment November 4th: 73,968.81

Total: 95,605.33

BMO Mutual Funds

BMO funds continue to grow at a healthy rate – up over five thousand dollars since last year. While I broadly remain in favor of passively managed funds, in the context of the performance here and the uncertainty of covid, I think it's best to keep funds where they are.

Etransfer

Etransfer appears to be continuing to proceed as expected with no major problems. Barring any objections – I am of the opinion this should continue to be the norm going forward.

Outgoing Expenses

Honorariums were sent out to everyone after the last meeting, please let me know if you did not receive yours or if you had any issues there.

SR Subscription dues were sent out this week at 705\$.

IAHR dues went out later than usual because of lockdown access to the bank. Fees are 2.40 Euro per member, after the exchange and wire transfer fee it worked out to 489.09

Adding Paul to the account

Paul has been added to access for the BMO account and provided with some cheques, so if anything comes up urgently and I'm unavailable he is able to send out cheques. This should also facilitate the quest for a lawyer to speak to about incorporation

Incorporation

I still maintain that this is the best long-term strategy for the CSSR

Past Presidents/ Anciennes présidentes (Heather Shipley and Ruby Ramji)

Nominations (Heather Shipley)

This year the following positions are reaching the end of their term

- President (Paul Gareau)
- Membership Secretary (Sarah Wilkins-LaFlamme)
- Member-at-Large (Alyshea Cummins)

When I mistakenly thought Sarah's term was up last year, she agreed at that time to stay on for another term – fingers crossed she feels the same way this year!

We are happy to have our executive members stay on in their roles, if they are interested. If not, we will be seeking nominations for any vacation positions.

As always, we will also accept nominations from the floor at the AGM. Looking forward to connecting with you all very soon.

CSSR BOOK SUBMISSIONS – 2020 BOOK PRIZE (Ruby Ramji)

16 books were submitted for the CSSR Book Prize for 2020. The book prize committee will submit their decision of the winner by the end of November. A webinar can be organized for December so the winner can present their book to CSSR members (along with the graduate essay prize winners).

Books submitted for the 2020 Book Prize:

Cowan, Douglas. *Magic, Monsters and the Make-Believe Heroes: How Myth and Religion Shape Fantasy Culture.*

Crook, Zeba. *Religions of a Single Bog: A Critical Introduction to Monotheisms From Judaism to Baha'i.*

Csinos, David. *Little Theologians: Children, Culture and the Making of Theological Meaning.*

Dickey Young, Pamela and Heather **Shipley**. *Identities Under Construction: Religion, Gender, and Sexuality among Youth in Canada.*

Dimitrova, Diana and Tatiana **Oranskaia**. *Divinizing In South Asian Traditions.*

Gillian Muir, Elizabeth. *A Women's History of the Christian Church: Two Thousand Years of Female Leadership.*

Hewitt, Marsha Aileen. *Legacies of the Occult: Psychoanalysis, Religion, and Unconscious Communication.*

Hughes, Aaron. *From Seminary to University: An Institutional History of the Study of Religion in Canada.*

Joseph, Clara. *Christianity in India: The Anti-Colonial Turn.*

Moustafa, Tamir. *Constituting Religion: Islam, Liberal Rights, and the Malaysian State.*

Nadeau, Denise. *Unsettling Spirit: A Journey into Decolonization.*

Novak, David. *Athens and Jerusalem: God, Humans, and Nature.*

Reimer-Kirkman, Sheryl, Sonya **Sharma**, Rachel **Brown** and Melania **Calestani**. *Prayer as Transgression? The Social Relations of Prayer in Healthcare Settings.*

Trembinksi, Donna. *Illness and authority: Disability in the Life and Lives of Francis of Assisi.*

Vanderburg, Willem. *Secular Nations Under New Gods: Christianity's Subversion by Technology and Politics*.

Wilkinson, Michael and Linda M. **Ambrose**. *After the Revival: Pentecostalism and the Making of a Canadian Church*.

Member-At-Large Report (Alyshea Cummins and Jeanine LeBlanc)

Student Essays/ Essai étudiant (Alyshea Cummins/Jeanine LeBlanc)

(For Reference) 2021 Essay Submissions:

This year we received a total of 14 student essay submissions.

Undergraduate Essays (Prize \$100)

We received a total of 5 Undergraduate Submissions

Graduate Essays

This year we received a total of 9 Graduate Submissions:

- 3 Papers for the MA Prize (\$300)
- 6 Papers for the PhD Prize (\$650)

Essay Prize Winners:

The MAL Members will submit their decision by the end of November in time for the President's Reception in December. At this time the date for the President's Reception has not been confirmed.

The student winners will be invited to participate in the CSSR Webinar Series.

Future Considerations:

Traditionally student winners are announced during the President's Reception which normally takes place at the CSSR annual meeting at Congress. As such, the deadline to submit essays is usually at the end of April, once the Winter semester concludes. With the CSSR conference being online again this year, we need to decide whether we will have the President's Reception during the conference or sometime after. If the President's Reception is going to take place during the CSSR annual meeting, then the deadline for submissions should remain the same, however if we want to hold it in the Fall semester then we should consider moving the deadline so that other students can have more time to submit their essays.

President/ Président (Paul Gareau)

Taan'shii/Bonzoor and hello everyone,

It has been a long semester and I hope that you are surviving and taking time for self-care. That said, thank you for taking the time to meet and help organize our second independent conference for CSSR.

1) Congress Organization

It feels like a much more relaxed lead-up to our independent CSSR meeting this year. We had a great conference this spring with a great turn-out and long discussions. On top of helping out with this year's conference, I look forward to organizing a roundtable on EDI-D in the study of religion based on my current experience as part of the CCSR EDI committee.

2) CCSR Reflection Piece (50-year anniversary)

For the 50th anniversary of the CCSR, I organized, edited, and wrote a 3,500-word summary of the CSSR history and reflections on the future of Religious Studies in Canada. It is now published in SR. Go read it! hahah

Gareau, Paul. 2021. "CSSR: Historical Reflections." *Studies in Religion/Sciences Religieuses* 50 (3): 365–74. <https://journals.sagepub.com/login.ezproxy.library.ualberta.ca/eprint/2GWDD6QETUFEEYPQPFXI/full>.

3) CCSR Webinar: Don Schweitzer in February

Helping organize and chair a webinar this February with Dr. Don Schweitzer from St. Andrew's College at the University of Saskatchewan. His presentation will be based on the chapter he wrote entitled "Justification by Grace as a Spiritual Resource: Non-Indigenous Christians Adopting the Declaration as the Framework for Reconciliation with Indigenous Peoples in Canada." This chapter is in an edited book called *Honouring the Declaration: Church Commitments to Reconciliation and the Un Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*.

Schweitzer, Don, and Paul L. Gareau, eds. 2021. *Honouring the Declaration: Church Commitments to Reconciliation and the Un Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*. Regina SK: University of Regina Press.

4) President's Reception and Writing Competitions

We are still planning holding a special online presentation of the CSSR book prize, student essay prizes, and president's reception. We will need to figure out a date at the November 5th meeting.

5) Future Plans

I am planning for my first sabbatical starting July 1 2022–June 30 2023. In that time, I want to focus on research in my home community that has long been delayed by teaching and

service. I will be stepping down as president of the CSSR this year and stepping into the role of past president.

I am still in process of speaking to a lawyer in Edmonton regarding CSSR incorporation. I am truly sorry for the delay. But I will have this task complete before transitioning out of my role as president.

Plan on participating in the CCSR meeting in Montreal, which will take place at the end of January 2022.

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Recording Secretary/ Secrétaire archiviste (Diana Dimitrova)

Documents

We had a great summer executive meeting and AGM on June 8th and June 10th, 2021, which were very productive and went very smoothly. The minutes will be submitted to Paul for our next summer executive meeting and our next AGM.

Diana has submitted to Paul the minutes from our spring meeting (April 18th, 2021).

Fall executive meeting on November 5th, 2021.

I would like to thank everyone for the quick response to the doodle poll. We set up the date for the meeting in just a week, this is greatly appreciated!

I have received everyone's reports, many thanks to all!

Other items

I attended one fall CSSR webinar and co-chaired another CSSR webinar –on André Couture's book *Respecter l'autre*, published in the series « Matière à pensée », which I co-edit with Marc Dumas. I think that this has been truly a success! Both panels were very well-attended and the audience had some amazing questions. Special thanks to our Zoom masters Sarah, also for preparing the beautiful poster!

Paul and I are members of the EDID committee of the CCSR and we had a meeting on October 25^h, which was very productive. We exchanged many ideas and discussed different strategies about creating and implementing important policies on equity, diversity, inclusion and decolonizing. Our next meeting will be in winter 2022.

Graduate Students/ Étudiants des études supérieures (Chris Miller)

Student Ambassador Program

This is the sixth year of the Student Ambassador program. Student Ambassadors act as liaisons between their home institution and the CSSR/SCÉR, making sure that students at their school are informed on all academic, funding, and professionalization opportunities that we offer. Student Ambassadors periodically receive emails from the Graduate Student Member-At-Large asking them to forward such announcements as call for papers, funding opportunities, and webinars. As we begin to plan for the upcoming Annual Meeting, Student Ambassadors will also communicate with students at their institution to gather feedback on what sort of events/topics are of interest for the student session.

We currently have 16 Student Ambassadors, listed below. We are generally well-represented in Ontario and Quebec, but are still missing Ambassadors from a number of schools, especially on the East Coast and in the Prairies. If you see that your school is not represented, and know of anyone who might be interested, please tell them to get in touch with cssrstudents@gmail.com.

Durga Kale, University of Calgary
 Paige Thombs, University of Victoria
 Heather Patrick, University of Manitoba
 Prasenjit Debnath, Memorial University of Newfoundland
 Lindsay Mayhew, Laurentian University
 Manaal Alsabagh, Queen's University (Religious Studies)
 Jacqueline Giesbrecht, Queen's University (Cultural Studies)
 Zaheeda Alibhai, University of Ottawa, Classics and Religious Studies
 Christina Pasqua, University of Toronto
 Dawn Matthew, Wilfrid Laurier University
 Tefvik Karatop, McGill University
 Sonia Benchaib, Université de Montreal
 Morad Bkhait, Université du Québec à Montréal
 Findlay Monteith, Saint Mary's University
 Doaa Shalabi, University of Waterloo
 Marie-Eve Larivière, Université d'Ottawa, Sociology

Graduate Student Writing Group

In collaboration with the Student Representatives from the CCSR, CSBS, SQÉR, CTS, and CSPS, we have begun hosting Virtual Writing Sessions for Graduate Students over zoom. This is an opportunity for students to connect and socialize, while also setting aside time to work on various projects. These sessions run for 2 hours, once per month. We had our first meeting on October 20, and it was reasonably well attended (roughly 15 students, from several associations). The next scheduled sessions are November 17 and December 15. These sessions will continue in 2022, though the dates have yet to be decided.

Membership Secretary/ Secrétaire des membres (Sarah Wilkins-Laflamme)

2021 CSSR MEMBERSHIP

126 133 138 150 140 136 144 134 133 113 94 129

2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021

- Gained 8 more paid 2021 members between May and October
- On par with higher 2017 & 2018 membership numbers

CSSR Membership Details for 2021

New 26%

Renewed 74%

Regular member 47%

Student member 31%

Associate member 22%

81% Receiving Studies in Religion through the CSSR

2022 CSSR Membership Drive

- Online and social media membership drive in Fall 2021 and Winter 2022
- E-mail to Canadian RS departments in January 2022
- CSSR website
- CSSR newsletter
- CSSR Twitter

Thanks to all those of you who are helping us get the word out!

Other measures taken to encourage CSSR membership in past year

- 2020-2021; and now 2021-2022 CSSR webinar series
- 2021 CSSR conference
- Activities seem to be the best way to encourage new/renewed membership, as well as people's sense of service to the society.

Studies in Religion (SIR) Went Virtual

- Canadian Corporation for Studies in Religion (CCSR) started only paying for e-licenses for the peer-reviewed journal SIR in 2021
- This means that *Studies in Religion* is now e-access only for our members who have paid for it via the CSSR
- Accessed via the CCSR's new website: <https://ccsr.ca>
- The CCSR updates its access list twice a year (end of April and October), so be sure to pay for your 2022 CSSR membership before the 15th of April 2022 next year if you wish to access an e-copy of SIR via the CCSR website in 2022.

- Instructions for e-access can be found at: <http://www.cssrscer.ca/?q=node/64>

The CSSR still charged its societies (including the CSSR) for hard copies of SIR in 2021 though (more expensive). I made a complaint with Chris Austin, and he's going to raise the issue at the CSSR's next board meeting. They should credit us the difference in cost for 2022 SIR subscriptions.

2021-2022 CSSR Webinar Series (1)

- Already had two CSSR webinars this fall so far. Their recordings are now up on the CSSR Youtube channel.
- Thanks to Diana, Samiksa and Alyshea for helping with the organization and promotion of these two webinars.
- End of November/start of December 2021: CSSR awards ceremony + book award presentation from author(s) originally planned...still feasible?
- If not, Diana could take over that timeslot for her new edited volume with Chris Austin, and the awards ceremony could be pushed back to the May 2021 CSSR virtual conference
- End of January/start of February 2022: Paul's edited volume
- End of February/start of March 2022: one of the ASR books
- End of March/start of April 2022: one of Diana's and Marc's Matière à pensée books, or Diana's new edited volume

2021-2022 CSSR Webinar Series (2)

- With my additional service load as associate chair in my department, I unfortunately don't have the time to organize each of the remaining webinars. The organizers for the remainder of 2021/2022 are:
- End of November/start of December 2021 webinar: TBD
- End of January/start of February 2022 webinar: Paul
- End of February/start of March 2022 webinar: myself
- End of March/start of April 2022: Diana
- Organizing means finding a speaker(s), confirming an exact date and time for the webinar, creating an online registration form for attendees, creating a promotional poster for the webinar and emailing it to myself, Samiksa and Alyshea for promotion, creating a Zoom meeting for the webinar and emailing it to participants and attendees, chairing the webinar, recording the webinar and then editing and posting the recording to the CSSR Youtube channel.

2021-2022 CSSR Webinar Series (3)

- Organizing resources:
- Free registration form creation: Google Forms (<https://www.google.ca/forms/about/>)
- Youtube tutorial on how to use Google Forms: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZ2ef-bJrRY>
- Free poster creation: Canva ([canva.com](https://www.canva.com))

- Youtube tutorial on how to use Canva: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dCv1oMXk-XM>
- If you don't have a Zoom account yourself that can run a meeting with multiple participants for over an hour, then you can use the CSSR Zoom account (ask Paul for details)
- Free (basic) video editing software: both Windows and Mac have free such software (usually already installed on your computer). There are lots of Youtube tutorials on how to use these basic apps.
- Ask me for the details to the CSSR Youtube channel account when you need them (for uploading the webinar recording)
- In future academic years, we could fill our new CSSR digital coordinator position for this organizing

Appendix A: How CSSR Membership Works

- There are three categories of membership: Regular, Associate (retired or parttime), and Student. Membership is on an annual basis, from January 1 to December 31.
- When payment for membership is received, the Treasurer sends the file to the Membership Secretary, who enters the data online on the CSSR website.

The Membership Secretary then contacts the CSSR member by e-mail with confirmation of payment and their pdf payment receipt.

Communications Officer/ Agente des communications (Samiksa Love)

WEBSITE AND SERVER:

Everything is still running smoothly. We continue to have Bluehost as our web hosting provider. The website is regularly maintained and backed up. Our domain name is hosted by Hostpapa as Bluehost does not support .ca domain names (our Bluehost site nameservers are pointing to the Hostpapa domain name). We still have some credit on our account through Hostpapa so we will use the remaining amount to continue renewing our domain there every year (next invoice will be December 2021). We were forced to upgrade to the "SiteLock Essential" feature on Bluehost and this was done successfully in February 2021 and will expire in February 2022. A reminder that if the website ever goes down, it is very likely due to the index.php file needing to be re-uploaded properly, so please let me know if you ever notice the website is down (in case I don't notice it).

WEBSITE TO DO:

-Change wording of CSSR Member Bookshelf, as one member recently asked if journals and book chapters are valid entries. Currently our website states "Share your work. Send us your recent monographs and edited volumes by including the author's name, date, work title, publisher's information, ISBN, and, if available, associated websites. We are including works published after 2007."

-We need to update the past Book Prize Winners section of the website since the

most recent entry is from 2018. Also need to update the deadlines for the current year on the main Book Prize page.

-We have updated all the entries on the website's AGM Minutes page. The AGM Minutes are publicly available. In contrast, the past Executive Minutes have also been posted onto the website but are only accessible by the website administrator and are mainly there for archival and a resource of institutional memory for the CSSR Executive. (Still missing are the ones for 2005 and 2011).

SUNFLOWER:

SUNFLOWER (our automated paper submission system) ran smoothly during autumn 2020. It is ready to be used again for the 2021-2022 year upon request.

NO CHANGES TO MEMBERSHIP PAYMENT SYSTEM:

We had switched from a PayPal payment system to Interac E-Transfer, which we began implementing in November, 2019. It seems to be running smoothly at least on the website side of things. No changes.

MEMBERSHIP DATABASE:

There are roughly 770 members within our website's database as of October 30, 2021 (minus a few duplicates). Thank you to our Membership Secretary Dr. Sarah Wilkins-LaFlamme for diligently updating members' membership status on the database as she receives notice of their payments from our Treasurer, and creating new profiles for them if they are new members. The website database is usually consistent with the list we send to SAGE. We started to more vigorously promote membership renewal during autumn 2019 with a poster and included it all over the website and in our weekly newsletter consistently.

We have continued this habit into Autumn 2021. I continue to be vigilant about bots/hackers trying to create accounts on our website.

CSSR WEEKLY NEWSLETTER:

Our Mailchimp newsletter service is still running smoothly. As of October 30, 2021, we have 541 subscribers to our Mailchimp mailing list (it fluctuates as people subscribe and unsubscribe. In June it was 525). "SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER" option is still on our website's home page as well as under the "Connect" menu. Thank you to other CSSR Executive members who also send news to post onto the website and include in our newsletter each week.

NEW CSSR YOUTUBE CHANNEL STILL A SUCCESS:

Membership Secretary, Dr. Sarah Wilkins-LaFlamme, has kindly recorded each webinar in the CSSR Zoom Webinar Series so far and has uploaded them to youtube for members. The CSSR Youtube channel is listed on our website under the "Connect" menu (<http://cssrscer.ca/?q=node/1515>). New videos are announced in the CSSR newsletter.

CSSR FACEBOOK PAGE:

Facebook page is unofficial and not regularly maintained by anyone on our Executive. It has been abandoned and references to it have been removed from our website and newsletter.

CSSR TWITTER ACCOUNT:

Kindly run by Alyshea Cummins (former Recording Secretary), and she makes regular updates there. Thank you Alyshea!

THANK YOU:

It is always a great pleasure to work alongside each of you for the CSSR. Thank you for all your amazing individual and harmonized team work throughout the year!

Programme Chair/ Présidence pour le programme (Michelle Folk/Qamer Hameed)

Congress 2022 will take place virtually from May 12 to 20, 2022 and the theme is [*Transitions*](#). CSSR has decided to follow the success of last year and avoid the high fees of Congress to its members and has withdrawn from Congress 2022.

This year we will not seek a LAC as there was no physical location for the conference. However, we will require a zoom master (or several) for the annual meeting and will ready a call for papers in the Winter. Submissions for the annual meeting are made through Sunflower.

We will continue to use the program co-chairs Gmail account (cssrcongressplanning@gmail.com) so that people can contact us there rather than our personal accounts so that we can archive conversations so forth.

We cannot conclusively anticipate participation at this time due to a number of factors, but last year's numbers help us understand interest in 2021. We had 46 individuals on the programme as well as another 43 registered to attend the conference this year. As a reminder, there was no additional registration fee to attend. Attendance levels at each session usually ranged between 20-40 people.

Paul, Qamer, and I attended the initial two-day planning meeting where the Federation and the University of Alberta discussed planning in light of the pandemic, funding, and their work on equity, diversity, inclusion, and decolonization.

The Federation informed associations that it would announce the format - in person, hybrid, or virtual - for Congress by November 1, 2020. We have to opt in to the new format by November 13, 2020.

Regardless of the model decided on by the Federation, we would recommend moving to a virtual annual meeting this year rather than an in person or hybrid model for many reasons (if it is an option). Costs of running a hybrid conference could be incredibly expensive. People may need to understandably withdraw/switch their participation in the case of an in person or hybrid meeting making them unfeasible in terms of planning and costs. And, if the Federation moves forward with a hybrid model this fall, they could have to move to a virtual Congress at a later

date (e.g. spring).

Given that a virtual component for our annual meeting is likely, we need to discuss and re-examine a number of planning and program matters:

1. editing the call for papers, due December 15, for a hybrid or virtual conference;
2. adjusting Sunflower for a hybrid or virtual model;
3. creating a system for 2020 presenters to inform us if they will present their 2020 paper this year (e.g., some associations are using a separate system for this);
3. since we are accepting 2020 presentations for 2021, will 2020 presenters be able to make an additional submission for 2021?
4. re-evaluating our annual meeting budget; the University of Alberta has not released costs for a hybrid/virtual model but we should expect increased costs for technology;
5. how programming will be affected or changed by moving to a hybrid/virtual model; we will not be able to host some of our traditional programming in its current format (e.g., president's reception; graduate student luncheon) and we would need to add new programming/formats for a hybrid/virtual format; the length of sessions may need to be shortened due to Zoom fatigue, etc.

The Federation is again providing funding for graduate students through the Congress Graduate Merit Award (CGMA). Students must be an MA or PhD student in good standing at a Canadian university, a member of the association, and submit a 250-word abstract of their Congress presentation to the CSSR (not the Federation). The CSSR executive must then nominate a set number of candidates to the Federation. The Federation decides the number of nominees based on association size. We can submit our list of nominees until April 16, 2021. The Federation will notify the CSSR executive of accepted nominees no later than May 7, 2021. Payments will be mailed to students by June 29, 2021.

We would like to consult with members for feedback on our existing programming but also for suggestions on additional programming such as careers inside and outside of academia, non-

academic programming, pedagogy, community-engaged research/researchers, and so forth. We would like to ensure that our program initiatives reflect the diverse needs and interests (e.g., academic, career, pedagogical) of our members and also attract new members such as colleagues who work in NGOs and government for example. Please let us know about any suggestions you might have. For example, we could apply for funding from the interdisciplinary sessions fund (application due January 29, 2021).

We look forward to having a successful conference this year and would like to thank everybody for your help and ongoing support of the society.

5. Action Items: Spring Conference

Discussion: All executive members are in favour of holding the conference online, on Zoom, without Congress, and free of charge for all CSSR members. Sarah says that people loved the zoom format of the conference last year. Diana agrees and says that she attended another online conference last year, which was not as pleasant as our conference. It was not possible to see the audience and one could only see the other 3-4 members of the panel. The questions were coming only via a chat and there was no real exchange with colleagues. Michelle says that the call for papers should be sooner this year, ideally in the second week of January. Qamer emphasizes the importance to offer the conference without any registration fees for all members. Chris suggests the middle of May as a date for the conference. Several members say that the middle of May would be difficult, as they will be still grading the final exams. Michelle suggests the last week of May as a date for the conference. Everyone agrees and it is decided that the conference should take place from May 28th to June 1st, 2022. Different topics are discussed for the conference. Paul wonders whether colleagues would be interested in pedagogy sessions and issues around misinformation. We could have panels on how to counter misinformation and conspiracy theories. Diana adds that it would be interesting to explore issues related to the othering of religious communities by means of misinformation. Michele suggests having workshops around publishing. Diana suggests panels on religion and diversity and on “meet the authors”. Michelle and Sarah also think of transition as a theme. Michelle and Qamer confirm that they will have the call for papers out in mid-January. Paul thanks everyone for all the interesting ideas and warmly thanks Qamer and Michelle for their work on organizing the conference.

6. CSSR Webinar

Discussion: All executive members agree that the CSSR webinars have been a great success. Sarah thanks everyone for participating and moderating the events. She says that Diana and Paul and herself organized and chaired webinars in the fall. Paul and Diana thank Sarah for organizing many webinars. Samiksa says that she appreciates the attention to the details in the posters. Sarah adds that we have 3 webinars in the fall and 3 webinars in the spring. Don will take the slot in

December. There will be 3 more webinars in the spring. They will be organized and chaired by Paul, Diana and Sarah. Diana wonders whether 3 webinars per term may not be too much. She suggests reducing it to 2 webinars per semester. Sarah replies that it could be 1 webinar per year or 3 per year. We usually get 12-20 people per webinar.

7. Additional items/ Des articles supplémentaires

There are no additional items.

8. Next teleconference/ Prochaine téléconférence

The next executive meeting will take place in spring 2022, in the second or third week of April.

9. Adjournment/ Adjournement

MOTION: *Adjourn the meeting.*

Moved: Diana

Seconded: Samiksa

The meeting was adjourned at 17.05.

