Religion – Continuations and Disruptions

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Welcome to the 17th Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions!

The study of religions is a vast and highly diverse field of intellectual inquiry. It is globally oriented, involving the specialist knowledge of a multiplicity of cultures and their traditions. It covers all periods of human history, from the Palaeolithic to the contemporary. It uses a diversity of methods and encompasses a variety of theoretical approaches. Still, the sense of a common purpose is strong enough to make us want to meet each year to share our knowledge, to learn from one another, and to form networks for future collaboration.

The EASR exists in order to serve that common purpose. To that end, our most important instrument is the annual conference. The number of participants, which has been growing steadily and has now stabilised at over five hundred, shows that we are indeed carrying out our mission.

The EASR is a bottom-up association. It is totally dependent on the will of our 24 national member associations, and, ultimately, on the individual members of those associations, to make the EASR work. For this to happen, the willingness of local members to undertake the organisation of the annual conference, in collaboration with their national association, is absolutely crucial. The growing number of participants, and the rising levels of professionalism established by previous organisers, has made this an increasingly demanding task. On behalf of the EASR I wish to thank our Tartu colleagues and the Estonian Society for the Study of Religions for having taken on the hard work of preparing this year’s conference.

The theme skilfully chosen by our hosts, “Religion – Continuations and Disruptions”, is broad enough to invite contributions from the whole spectrum of studies of religion – geographical, historical, methodological and theoretical. It is also precise enough to inspire the rethinking of interpretations, representations, and categorisations in all those areas of study.

I wish you all a wonderful conference!

Einar Thomassen
President of the EASR
WELCOME...

...to the University of Tartu – an academic centre that has been known through history under several names, including Academia Gustaviana, Kaiserliche Universität zu Dorpat and Tartu Ülikool. Throughout its history the study of religion has sometimes reached the highest standards, and at other times been pushed to the periphery of the academy, but attempts to eradicate it have never been successful. Today, this scholarship is rising again and has become more versatile than ever before. Religious studies in Estonia have had a strong social impact, occasionally in ways that make us question the controversial uses of knowledge. In 1664, Johannes Gezelius, a former student and professor at Academia Gustaviana in Tartu became the bishop of Turku in Finland, where he developed folk education but also fought against survivals of heathendom and introduced the theory of diabolic witchcraft. In 1668, this doctrine was implemented on the Swedish speaking island of Åland in the Baltic sea, when six women were executed at a witch trial. The judge Nils Psilander had also received his education at Academia Gustaviana in Tartu.

There are certainly many other examples of the international impact of the university in Tartu that sound more positive. In 1899, Leopold von Schroeder, former student and associate professor of Indology at the Kaiserliche Universität zu Dorpat became professor at the University of Vienna. Among his influential works are the edition “Black Yajurveda” and the fundamental Arische Religion in two volumes (1914). Alas, von Schroeder did not leave Tartu voluntarily but because of the changing ideological atmosphere in the Russian Empire in the late 19th century that made teaching in the German language impossible. Estonian independence, which was established in 1918, introduced a new period of religious studies, led by scholars such as Eduard Tennmann, who was appointed the first professor of comparative religion in 1926. After his death in 1936, Uku Masing took over the position, becoming a versatile scholar of the Old Testament, of world religions and of fairy-tales. During
Soviet rule, Masing lost his academic job at the university, had few opportunities to be published and most of his works appeared posthumously. While Uku Masing stayed in Estonia, several scholars left Tartu in 1944 when the Soviet army was invading Estonia. Oskar Loorits completed and published his monumental *Grundzüge des estnischen Volksglaubens* (1949–1959) in Sweden. Younger scholars, such as Ivar Paulson, the author of *Die primitiven Seelenvorsellungen der nordeurasischen Völker* (1958) – a masterpiece in the phenomenology of religion – also escaped Communist rule to Sweden.

These are only a few of the landmarks, chapters and episodes that are related to the study of religion at the University of Tartu. They are all examples of continuities and disruptions – of ideas and works conceived in Tartu but completed or carried into life elsewhere, often because of ideological clashes and historical disjunctions. Sadly, most of these examples are about scholars leaving Tartu. Now, in June 2019, it is definitely a delight to be able to welcome international scholars arriving in Tartu to take part in the 17th Annual Conference of the EASR, the largest academic forum ever held in religious studies in Estonia. I wish all the participants inspiring discussions, positive memories and many thrilling ideas to carry with them – critically and with the necessary caution.

Ülo Valk,
Professor of Estonian and Comparative Folklore
Chair of the Scientific Committee of the Conference
ESTONIA

Official language: Estonian, with English widely spoken
Currency: Euro €
Time zone: GMT +3 in summer and GMT +2 in winter
Plug socket: type F, with voltage of 230V and frequency of 50Hz
Dial code: +372

Cool facts:
- Estonia has a population of just 1.3 million but is larger than Denmark and Holland.
- We hold fourth place in urban air quality in the world.
- Estonia has over 2000 islands.
- 51% of Estonian territory is covered with forests.
- 45% of the Estonian forest is organic collection area.
- 17% of our farmland is organic.
- 22% of our country is wildlife preserves.
- From any point, the nearest marsh is always less than 10 km away.

TARTU

Tartu is the second largest city in Estonia (with circa 95,000 inhabitants). The city of good thoughts is the tourism marketing slogan of Tartu and nothing could be more apt for describing this university town. Tartu played an important role in the development of Estonian culture and national awareness – the national elite grew out of the local university and the first newspapers, cultural societies and the first national theatre were all founded in here. The first Estonian Song Festival also took place in Tartu. Tartu enjoys all the perks of a modern European city with a long history: historical sites, a vibrant nightlife, state-of-the-art museums, delicious food served in cosy cafés and fancy restaurants, shopping arcades, remarkable street art and picturesque parks. As a town of students, scholars, scientists, artists and writers, Tartu rarely sleeps – except maybe on early Saturday mornings... Tartu nightlife has a student vibe to it in all its locations, be that bars, pubs, cafés or nightclubs.
SIGHTSEEING
The EASR2019 conference events take delegates to some of the most notable sights in Tartu – the Main Building of the University of Tartu, Estonian National Museum, the Ruins of Toome Cathedral etc. Moving between the venues, you will pass other important sites and monuments such as the sculptures of cultural and political figures on Toome Hill, the Town Hall Square, the beautiful bridges over Emajõgi etc. For more information on Tartu sightseeing possibilities please visit:
https://www.tartu.ee/en
https://visittartu.com
https://www.likealocalguide.com/tartu

UNIVERSITY OF TARTU
The University of Tartu was founded in 1632 by the Swedish King, Gustav II Adolf. It is one of the oldest universities in the Eastern and Northern Europe. The relaxed and sophisticated atmosphere of Tartu creates a perfect environment for scholarly conversations. The university encompasses all the classical academic fields, from theology to medicine, as well as more recent, but equally influential fields such as computer science and genetics.

CONFERENCE VENUE
The Conference takes place on the campus of the University of Tartu, located in the city centre. The keynote speeches will be delivered in the Assembly Hall in the Main Building of the University of Tartu (Ülikooli 18). The panel sessions will be held in three UT campus buildings: Main Building (Ülikooli 18), von Bock House (Ülikooli 16) and Philosophicum (Jakobi 2).

Apart from the pre-existing campus signs there will be additional conference signage giving directions to all rooms and facilities. If you have any problems finding your way around, please ask a member of the conference team for assistance.
PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Should you need any assistance during the conference, contact the people with blue conference T-shirts!

Registration

Conference registration is opened on June 25 between 12–19 in the Main Building (Ülikooli 18). Additional information desk is situated in Philosophicum (Jakobi 2). There is a team of helpful staff, familiar with the programme, University and surrounding area, to whom you can turn when in need of assistance. We are here to assist you during the conference times.

Important phone numbers

The Estonian area code is +372
Emergency services 112
Taxi 1: Elektritakso (+372) 1918; (+372) 5885 8800
Taxi 2: Takso Üks (+372) 1210; (+372) 5344 4000

Useful addresses

Closest pharmacy (open 24 h) – Raekoja plats 1a
University Main Building – Ülikooli 18
Tartu Visitor Centre – Raekoja plats 1a
Train station – Vaksali 6
Bus station – Turu 2
Tartu Airport – Lennu tn 44, Reola küla

WiFi

Wireless connection is available in all University buildings. To connect to the Wifi, if you have an Eduroam network username and password, you can use the Eduroam network. If you do not have an Eduroam account, you can use the regular ut-public network by creating an account in it after connecting to it.
Photocoping/printing
University Multimedia service is available at Lossi 3 building, opening hours 9–16. The entrance is on the Lossi street, you will see a sign that says “Multimeedia talitus”.
You can also print at “Koopiatehas” (Ülikooli 10; working hours: 9–12 and 12.30–17).

Presentations
Every conference room is equipped with a projector and a computer. We kindly ask that you bring your presentation with you on an USB or make it downloadable from the internet.

Weather
Weather in Estonia is very seasonal. The average summer temperature is fairly mild, varying between 16 and 20 degrees Celcius, but can reach up to 30 degrees Celcius. Summer in Estonia tends to be very light, with 19 hours of daylight known locally as the ‘white nights’.
Weather forecast in Estonia is available at https://weather.ee/.

Banks and shops
You will find Tartu – as well as the rest of the country – running a very secular business week, with supermarkets open from 9:00 till 22:00 every day. In case of emergency, Sõbra Prisma (Sõbra 56) service is available any time. Banks are usually open until 17:00. You can find ATMs around the Town Hall square. Please note that in Estonia, you get cash before you get your card back. Don’t forget your card!

Child care
Daycare for the children of participants is provided by Perepäevahoid, a private child day-care centre that has offered both kindergarten and hobby school services for 15 years. The
A childcare centre has its own playground for outdoor activities. The children are taken care of by trained caretakers and the service includes meals. Childcare will be located at Veski 1 (700 m from the conference venue).

Food
You can safely drink tap water anywhere in the city.

During the conference free lunch will be offered to the registered participants. Lunch is available between 13.00–14.30 from Wednesday to Saturday. Lunches and tea/coffee will be served in the back yards behind the UT Main Building (Ülikooli 18) and Jakobi 2. You must show your conference badge in order to avail of the catering.

There are many restaurants, pubs and café’s in the town centre. Conference participants are encouraged to discover them on their own! We recommend:

- Werner Café Lounge (Ülikooli 11): ever since the café’s founding, it has been the main meeting place for professors and students, poets and artists. The longest cake stand and great coffee.
- Meat Market Steakhouse and Cocktail Bar (Küütri 3): most of the animal kingdom is represented here.
- Café Truffe (Raekoja plats 16) has won several gastronomy awards. Can’t beat the location – it is in the very centre of Tartu!
- Vein ja Vine (Rüütli 8): good wine for a great price, authentic Mediterranean nibbles to go with the wine and a really friendly atmosphere.
- La Dolce Vita (Kompanii 10): authentic Italian food.
- Kohvipaus (Rüütli 7): perfect place to grab a coffee, healthy salad or baked pastries to go.
- Gunpowder Cellar restaurant (Lossi 28): the pub is located in an 18th century gunpowder vault carved into the hillside. Good food, live music and very reasonably priced beer.
CONFERENCE APP
Conference4me

The *Conference4me* smartphone app offers you the most comfortable tool for planning your participation and personal EASR 2019 conference schedule. You can browse the entire program directly from your phone or tablet and create your own agenda. The app is available for Android, iOS and Windows Phone devices.

To download the free mobile app,
• visit http://conference4me.eu/download
• type ‘conference4me’ in Google Play, iTunes App Store or Windows Phone Store
• or scan the QR-code
1. Main Building (Ülikooli 18)
2. von Bock (Ülikooli 16)
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4. Dorpat Conference Centre (Turu 2)
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1. floor

ARCHIVE

LUNCH & COFFEE IN THE COURTYARD

ENTRANCE

ASSEMBLY HALL & SENATE HALL (UP THE STAIRS)

WC & LIFT

WC

LUGGAGE

BOOK EXHIBIT, COFFEE & KEYNOTE STREAMING

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JAKOBI STREET

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REGISTRATION
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ADDITIONAL PROGRAMME

Other events will be taking place during the Conference, in addition to the panels and keynotes.

Tuesday 25th June

Opening Event
14:30-15:30 – Main Building (Ülikooli 18) – Assembly Hall
After registration, the conference will begin with the Opening Event, taking place in the Assembly Hall of the main building of the University of Tartu. The event will be immediately followed by the keynote lecture of Michael Stausberg.

Welcoming Reception
19:00-21:00 – Dorpat Conference Centre at the Tasku Centre (Turu 2)
Following the short academic program of the first day of the conference, everybody is invited to attend the Welcoming Reception to have an opportunity to relax with your colleagues in a more casual setting. Drinks and food will be served. Registration for the conference includes free entry to the Welcome Reception. This event will be held at Dorpat Conference Centre, located on the 4th floor of the adjoining Tasku Centre (Turu 2) offering a stunning view over Tartu.

Wednesday 26th June

Roundtable: How to get published?
18:15-20:00 – Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) – Lecture Theatre
This roundtable is intended as a general discussion forum about publishing in the context of the study of religion. It is particularly intended for PhD students and early career scholars who will have
a chance to learn more about the publishing world and ask experienced editors as well as successful young scholars about issues related to publishing as such. The roundtable panellists include Michael Stausberg, Gregory D. Alles, Joshua Wells, Valerie Hall, Jenny Butler and James White. The panel will be chaired by Suzanne Owen.

Thursday 27th June

Discussion Lunch
13:00-14:30 – Café Werner (Ülikooli 11)
This special event offers all young scholars a chance to have a private lunch with a distinguished scholar. Participants have a chance to discuss aspects of research and academic life with established researchers in a similar field of study. The event takes place during regular lunch time. Prior registration was required.

Cultural Programme
14:00–19:00 (see more pp 28-32)
A number of cultural activities are provided outside of the academic programme. We have reserved the Thursday afternoon for excursions and workshops, so you get a chance to get to know Tartu and its surroundings better. If you have not registered yet, but would like to join some groups, ask the registration desk if there are any vacancies left!

Conference Dinner
19:00-21:00 – Gunpowder Cellar Restaurant (Lossi 28)
The unique setting of this restaurant will offer a chance to enjoy excellent food and wine, while discussing and debating intriguing topics with your colleagues. This event is for an additional fee and requires previous registration.
**DISCO**

21:00 – The Genialistide Klubi (Magasini 5)

Following the dinner, the evening will conclude with the dance party. For this we have reserved the Genialistide Klubi nightclub in the centre of Tartu. This is one of the most popular places to party for the students in Tartu and for this one evening, all the participants of the conference will also have a chance to get a taste of it! This event is open to all registered participants of the conference and does not require any additional registration.

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**Friday 28th June**

**Roundtable: History of religions, Religious studies and funding opportunities: Marie Curie Sklodowska Action’s Meeting point**

18:15-19:45 Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) – Lecture Theatre

This roundtable is intended as a meeting point for scholars interested in funding opportunities in a wider learning environment within the research area of the study of religion, with a special focus on the EU’s Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. The MSCA is one of the most relevant opportunities for all stages of a researchers’ career that focuses on training and mobility and aims to connect young and senior researchers and resources and perspectives within the humanities. This event is particularly intended for potential fellows and supervisors who are interested in creating networking opportunities among scholars of the EASR, but former and ongoing fellows and supervisors are invited to intervene and share their experience from successful applications and talk about their projects. The roundtable will be chaired by Alessandro Saggioro (Sapienza University) & Marianna Ferrara (Sapienza University and Ruhr University Bochum).
Saturday 29th June

Closing Event
16:15-17:00 – Main Building (Ülikooli 18) – Assembly Hall
The conference will conclude in the same place as it began. Here we hope to share some final thoughts and impressions of the conference and look ahead towards future conferences.

Tuesday–Saturday

Book sales and exhibit
An exhibit of recent academic religion publications on religion will stay open during the Conference working hours in the Main Building (Ülikooli 18), rooms 139 and 140. We would hope that everybody can find something interesting from the book sales and exhibition taking place as part of EASR 2019.
CULTURAL PROGRAMME

Thursday 27th June
The events require previous registration.

“Tartu – a City of Many Faiths” – Curator’s tour in the Tartu City Museum
Price: free of charge
Time and place: Narva mnt 23. Group A at 14:30 / Group B at 15:45 / Group C at 17:00.

Tartu City Museum’s new exhibition “Tartu – a City of Many Faiths” focuses on the many traditional and alternative religious movements present in Tartu during the 20th and the 21st centuries. The curator’s tour offers a chance to learn how spiritualism, mesmerism and theosophy became popular among the intellectual circles of the young Republic of Estonia in the 1920s and 1930s, how the Soviet officials tried to put an end to all religious life in the second half of the 20th century and how colourful and diverse the religious life in Tartu is today. Duration: 1 h.

Tartu Toome Hill Ghost Tour
Price: 10 €
Location and time: Toome Hill (Toomemägi) in front of the Tartu Cathedral (Lossi 25). Group A at 15:00 / Group B at 17:00.

The girl immured in the Tartu Cathedral, the enchanted princess, the restless spirit of a suicide victim and the White Lady are just a few examples of spirits who lurk around on Toome Hill of Tartu. Through ghost stories, they can again briefly come alive. The stories related to the old hospitals of the 19th century add a bit grisly, yet humorous spice to the rest of the repertoire. On a walking tour on the Toome Hill and in its surroundings, we revisit the 19th
century legends drawn from the collections of the Estonian Folklore Archive, as well as contemporary ghost lore that has been collected in the present time. Duration: 1h 30 min.

Guided tour in the Beer Museum
Time and place: Laulupeo pst 15, at 16:00–18:00.
Price: 10 EUR

Tartu was the birthplace of the Estonian beer industry and it has been a beer city for almost a thousand years. The Beer Museum opened on July 1, 2003 in order to preserve the history of industrial beer brewing. The exposition tells the story of beer brewing around the world and in Estonia, from the beer culture of ancient Egypt down to the present day. The museum’s collection includes equipment used for making beer at home, as well as old industrial brewing equipment. The tour includes visits to the production premises and the museum, ending with a tasting of A. Le Coq products in the museum pub.

Guided tour “Walking in the shoes of a student in Tartu”
Price: 10 EUR
Time and place: Gathering in the front of University of Tartu main building, 15:00–16.15.

The participants will learn about the life and traditions of students in the 19th century, why Kristjan Jaak Peterson was locked up, and what was the punishment for not returning books on time. The tour starts at the Art Museum of the University of Tartu. We will visit the historic auditorium in the main building of the University and also explore the lock-up. We will then continue to the Tartu University Museum at the historic cathedral. The tour includes some water and bread in the lock-up and a historic students’ drink, the Krambambula (or kissel) in the cathedral. Duration: 1 h 15 min.
Estonian National Museum: a guided tour of the exhibition “Encounters”
Price: 15 EUR
Time and place: The bus will leave in front of the Main Building of University of Tartu at 14:30 / gathering in the ENM at 14:45.

The recently re-newed Estonian National Museum (Eesti Rahva Muuseum) is a gem of contemporary architecture and landscape architecture. Founded in 1909, the museum was originally created to preserve, research and promote Estonian ethnography and folk art. Today, ENM has become one of the hubs of cultural research in Estonia, organising a great variety of exhibitions from all walks of life and hosting a famous anthropological film festival, World Film, every spring. Being the largest museum in the country, its main collection expands upon Estonian cultural history and everyday life.

The guided tour will take you to the permanent exhibition “Encounters”. The ticket allows for entrance to all exhibitions in the museum. Duration: 1h 15 min.

Estonian National Museum: a curator’s tour of the exhibition “Echo of the Urals”
Price: 15 EUR
Time and place: The bus will leave in front of the Main Building of University of Tartu at 14:30 / gathering in the ENM at 14:45.

“Echo of the Urals” is the permanent exhibition in the Estonian National Museum, offering insight into the worldview of the Finno-Ugric peoples, as well as their material culture, languages and genetic background. The exhibition also briefly explores how the tiny Finno-Ugric ethnic groups are faring today. The exhibition is dedicated to the Finno-Ugric indigenous peoples without their own statehood who inhabit an immense swath of land from Scandinavia in the northern part of Eurasia and the Baltic Sea to the Taymyr Peninsula and Yenisei River in Siberia. The central idea of the exhibition is inspired by the differences between the daily activities, rituals
and traditional art of the Finno-Ugric women and men. In this special curator tour, Professor Art Leete will share his exhibition-making experiences and explain the production of the Finno-Ugric permanent exhibition. The ticket allows for entrance to all exhibitions in the museum.

Bus tour to Kassinurme and the Old Believers’ villages

Price: 15 €

Time and place: The bus will leave in front of the Main Building of University of Tartu at 14:30.

This excursion will take you to two different sites representing very different religions. The first one is a complex of a prehistoric hillfort and its modern reconstruction. The nearby sacred grove is a well-known place among contemporary pagans. Numerous deposits of material attached to the tree branches, on stones etc. have been left behind as signs of visits. The sacred grove, its modern traditions, its users of various background, and its multifaceted deposits provide a stimulating context to discuss the role and purpose of contemporary pagan religions.

The second destination of the excursion is Kolkja by Lake Peipus which has traditionally been a settlement of by Russian Old-Believers, dissenters from the Russian Orthodox church. On our way to visit a local chapel, we will discuss the history of Old Believers, their iconographic and liturgical traditions and unique lifestyle. A local restaurant will offer fish-based snacks and tea as refreshments. Duration: 4 h 30 min.

Bog hike on the Valgesoo nature study trail

Price: 30 €

Time and place: The bus will leave in front of the Main Building of University of Tartu at 14:00.
The circular 1.9 km study trail goes around the Valgesoo bog. On the trail, you will see peninsulas (strips of land cutting into the bog), typical bog vegetation, old forest plantations, the so-called Baron’s pine stand and the wood ant population at the edge of the forest.

We advise wearing comfortable shoes and sporty clothes. Duration: 4h.
In the recent past, we have become aware of a massive threat of extinction. Endangered species, people, and languages are established areas of concerns. What about religions? To begin with, talking about endangered religions is an issue of labelling and discourse. The presentation will seek to distinguish endangerment from related concepts and explore. The lecture will then review possible evidence whether past religions considered themselves as “endangered” and discuss some (potential) recent cases of “endangered religions” as an opening contribution to our joint exploration of “continuations and disruptions”.

Michael Stausberg is a professor of religion at the University of Bergen. Before coming to Norway in 2004, he worked at universities in Germany, Sweden, and Switzerland. Among his most widely cited publications are his books on the history of Zoroastrianism and on religion in modern tourism. Stausberg is fond of theoretical debates on key concepts in the study of religion’s such as magic, ritual, and the sacred, and he has edited a book on contemporary theories of religions. He likes to co-author and is a passionate editor. For example, he is the European editor of the journal Religion. At present, Stausberg co-chairs a research group on “The Demise of Religions” at the Centre for Advanced Study (CAS) at the Norwegian Academy of Science and Letters (Oslo). His presentation is connected to this project.
I will discuss epistemological and methodological issues as these touch upon the products of educational practices related to the teaching of identity, culture, and historical narratives in educational settings created to facilitate dialogue, inclusion and recognition among children thought to belong to clearly differentiated and antagonistic groups in a conflict-ridden area – i.e. Israeli Jews and Palestinians. I offer an overview of the socio-political and educational contexts I have studied and vignettes of some of the events that captured my attention and led me to critically approach present theorizing on peace and multicultural education. I finalize with reflections on the epistemological and methodological issues I encountered in my studies.

Zvi Bekerman teaches anthropology of education at the School of Education, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, and is a faculty member at the Mandel Leadership Institute in Jerusalem. His main interests are in the study of cultural, ethnic and national identity, including identity processes and negotiation during intercultural encounters and in formal/informal learning contexts. He is particularly interested in how concepts such as culture and identity intersect with issues of social justice, intercultural and peace education, and citizenship education. His recent work has examined the intersection between civic and religious epistemologies in educational contexts. In addition to publishing multiple papers in a variety of academic journals, Bekerman is the founding editor of the refereed journal *Diaspora, Indigenous, and Minority Education: An International Journal*. Among his most recent books: Bekerman,
Over the last couple of decades, the religious map of northern Europe has been redrawn. In Scandinavia, people previously formed by Lutheran state-church systems have today become among the most secular in the world, at least in their own self-understanding. At the same time, demographic changes brought about by immigration have pushed these countries in an opposite direction, making them multi-religious in an unprecedented way. Sweden is perhaps the most striking example. According to some estimations this country is on the verge of becoming one of Europe’s most secular and the continent’s most multi-religious country at the same time. In this lecture, David Thurfjell analyses the discursive dynamics of these transformations. Based on analyses of interviews and survey-data, the lecture asks what happens when a post-Lutheran majority population with a secular self-image is set to deal with an increasingly visible presence of religiously defined minorities? What impact does the denominational background of the majority population have? How is the Muslim identity of Middle Eastern immigrants construed in this situation? And what role does “religion” – as a concept and a category – play?

David Thurfjell is professor in the Study of Religions at Södertörn University, Stockholm. His research spans across several empirical fields and circles around themes pertaining to religious revivalism, religion as a means of social mobilisation and the discursive authority surrounding religion and secularity. Based on ethnographic fieldwork in Iran, he has published on the grass roots activists of Iranian Islamism and on charismatic Shi’ite revivalism, (for instance see Living Shi‘ism, Brill 2006). His second empirical field is charismatic
Christian revivalism among Romani people. Based on ethnographic research, Thurfjell has here written on the role Pentecostalism plays in establishing an organisational and conceptual platform for social struggle, (Faith and Revivalism in a Nordic Romani Community, Tauris 2011). Moving away from his focus on charismatic religious expressions and minority communities, Thurfjell’s more recent publications have dealt with views on religion among the secular mainstream majority populations in Scandinavia (Godless people (Swedish: Det gudlösa folket, Molin & Sorgenfrei 2015)). The plenary lecture at the EASR-conference in Tartu will present results from his two last projects.
The paper addresses the methodological and conceptual potential of imagination in the study of vernacular mythology. Mythic images and imaginaries are emotionally, cognitively and morally compelling representations that mediate the imaginary to tradition and conventions of expression. Vernacular imagination encompasses the cultural, collective and traditional aspect of imagination, including imaginaries and the strategies of creating and transforming these imaginaries in poetic language and conceptual categorization. The paper argues for the specificity of vernacular mythic imagination. Rootedness in language, oral expressive traditions and processes of memory gives vernacular imagination qualities that differ from literary imaginaries and their production.

With empirical reference to Finnic mythic poetry, the so-called Kalevala-meter poems, the paper discusses the interface of tradition and imagination. How were the cosmogonical narratives, notions of the otherworld and utopian discourse elaborated upon in poetic language and ritual practice? How is the imagination operating in these poetic and cognitive processes? What kind of processes, essences and agencies are involved in these narratives? The performance of the mythic poems transforms the unspeakable and unseen into social facts and verbalized or visualized representations. In mythic language the creation of unseen worlds dialogically structures the everyday and historical realities and has a transformative potential.

Lotte Tarkka is Professor of Folklore Studies at the University of Helsinki. Her theoretical and methodological interests include oral
poetics, theories of genre, intertextuality in oral poetry, processes of traditionalization and authorization, vernacular and mythic imagination, and reconstructive performance studies. She specializes in the study of Finnic oral traditions, especially poetry in the Kalevala-meter, Elias Lönnrot’s epic, the *Kalevala*, and Viena Karelian culture. She is the author of *Songs of the Border People. Genre, reflexivity, and performance in Karelian oral poetry* (2013).
Do post-Soviet religious groups consist of converted atheists or resurfaced underground believers? Do they rework Soviet experiences and infrastructures or bring back ancient norms that socialism tried to suppress? Such versions of the question of continuity vs. disruption fuel debates among adherents as well as critics of post-Soviet religious denominations. This paper argues that a more nuanced understanding of “post” in post-Soviet religion can help dissolve the apparent contrast between continuity and rupture.

Reviewing what we know about late Soviet and post-Soviet religiosities from archival and ethnographic sources (with a special focus on Orthodox Christianity and indigenous religious movements), I argue that competing claims to legitimacy are possible because rupture and continuity often coexist at different levels of analysis. Rupture at the level of institutional structures and social effects can go along with continuity at the level of biographical narratives that cross from atheism into religious practice, while claiming a consistent identity. What makes twenty-first century religion in Eastern Europe and northern Eurasia “post-Soviet” is the lingering of individual sensibilities and the impossibility of erasing an immediate past era in order to restore access to a previous one. Comparable to the “post” in post-colonial, religion is post-Soviet due to its unstable and ambivalent relationship with the Soviet past, which is both part of the personal formation of believers and object of institutional distancing.

Sonja Luehrmann is Associate Professor of Anthropology at Simon Fraser University. Her research focuses on the politics of atheism, religion, and interreligious coexistence in Soviet and post-Sovi-
et Russia, and more broadly in the Orthodox Christian world. Her publications include Secularism Soviet Style: Teaching Atheism and Religion in a Volga Republic (Indiana University Press, 2011), Religion in Secular Archives: Soviet Atheism and Historical Knowledge (Oxford University Press, 2015), and the edited volume Praying with the Senses: Contemporary Orthodox Christian Spirituality in Practice (Indiana University Press, 2018). She is currently completing a book manuscript on the politics of reproduction and “traditional family values” in the Russian Orthodox Church.
Drawing upon field research completed in Ghana and Ethiopia this lecture will consider how both continuity and disruption in African religions and ritual practices are evident archaeologically in varied contexts. Shrines are a focus of religious beliefs and ritual practices in northern Ghana. Archaeology indicates that some can have continuous trajectories of use lasting over several centuries but this may also be punctured by disruption, the vicissitudes of warfare, politics, famine, disease, and frequently difficult to assess where historical sources are limited or non-existent, but also disruption caused by materiality, through encounters with new objects, materials, and substances that have to be incorporated into existing religious beliefs and ritual practices - via reactive materiality. This will be examined with reference to the Talensi Tong Hills and Koma Land. Human-animal relations can also be a significant component structuring male identity and aspects of ritual practice amongst the Mursi in south-west Ethiopia. This is manifest through the relationship between adult males and favourite oxen who are physically transformed via branding, cutting, and adornment into unique creatures. Continuity in these practices is suggested by Late Stone Age rock art imagery, but again disruption, and reactive materiality, has to be recognised. Finally, the significance of this material for considering religious continuations and disruptions in other contexts will be briefly evaluated.

Timothy Insoll is Al-Qasimi Professor of African and Islamic Archaeology in the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, UK. He is particularly interested in the archaeology and
materiality of African indigenous religions and Islam, and archaeological approaches to rituals and religions more generally. He is currently Principal Investigator on a four-year archaeological research project in eastern Ethiopia funded by an Advanced Grant from the European Research Council (Becoming Muslim – 694254-ERC-2015-AdG). Previously, he has completed archaeological fieldwork in Bahrain, northern Ghana, Mali, and western India. He is the author or editor of 22 books and special journal issues, including the book *Archaeology, Ritual, Religion* (Routledge 2004), and his most recent book (with S. Almahari and R. MacLean) is *The Islamic Funerary Inscriptions of Bahrain, Pre-1317 AH/1900 AD* (2018, in press, Brill, Handbook of Oriental Studies Series). He studied at the Universities of Sheffield (BA) and Cambridge (PhD) in the UK.
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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S001A: Insecurities and Uncertainties at the Margins of Institutionalised Religions: Ghosts, Monsters, Witchcraft and Other Dangerous Matters I

Time: Tuesday, 25/Jul/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm
Location: von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 212
Session Chairs: Lidia Julianna Guzy, Õlo Valk

El Tio – Ritual and Rebellion in indigenous Bolivia
   Lidia Julianna Guzy  University College Cork, Ireland

The Shape of Peril. Witchcraft and Nahualism in Contemporary Indigenous Mexico
   Federica Rainelli  Università di Padova, Italy - EHESS, France

The Devil and the Deep Sea: Navigating Neo-Charismatic Eco-Demonologies
   S. Jonathon O'Donnell  University College Dublin, Ireland

S003A: Gender Strategies and Disciplinary Practices in Russian Christianities I

Time: Tuesday, 25/Jul/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm
Location: von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 109
Session Chair: Igor Mikeshin

“It is better to marry than to burn”: Russian Baptist marriage as fulfillment, complement, and a celebration of monogamy
   Igor Mikeshin  St. Petersburg State University, Russian Federation

Religious emotions and family-like communality among Russian Charismatic believers
   Maija Penttilä  University of Helsinki, Finland

Pure equality: Gender relations among Nenets evangelical converts in the Russian Arctic
   Laur Vallikivi  University of Tartu, Estonia
SO04A: From Broken Things to Moving Sanctuaries: Written, Material and Spatial Disruptions in Ancient Greek Religion I

**Time:** Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 129  
**Session Chair:** Jenny Elisabeth Wallensten

Imagined origins, search for continuity and the problem of change in ancient Greek religion. The complex relations revisited  
Petra Pakkanen  *The Open University in London, Sweden*

Tradition and permanence of sacred space: Superpositions, changes, and transfers of structures and rituals  
Ioanna Patera  *Jagiellonian University, Poland*

SO11: Dissolving Disruptions: Establishing Connections between Hindu Temples, Civil Society and Policy-Makers in Europe

**Time:** Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - Senate Hall  
**Session Chair:** Martin Baumann

Inviting everybody in: Hindu-temples and Hindu cultural organizations in Denmark and their adaptation and negotiations with society  
Marianne Qvortrup Fibiger  *University of Aarhus, Denmark*

Hindu temples and authorities in Norway  
Knut Axel Jacobsen  *University of Bergen, Norway*

Establishing bonds and connections with society: Expectation of priests and boards of Hindu temples in Switzerland  
Martin Baumann  *University of Lucerne, Switzerland*
SO29A: Network Analysis, Computational Modelling and Simulation in the Study of Religions I

Time: Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 107
Session Chair: David Zbíral

The Early Spread of the Isiac Cults in the West Coast of Hellenistic Asia
Minor: A Quantitative Evaluation of the Ptolemaic Political Influence
Tomáš Glomb, Adam Mertel, Zdeněk Pospíšil  
Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

The Roman Army and the Spread of Mithraism
Aleš Chalupa, Eva Výtvarová, Adam Mertel, Jan Fousek, Tomáš Hampejs
Masaryk University, Czech Republic

The Spread of Early Christianity in Its Formative Phases: Primary and Secondary Centers of the Christian Dissemination
Dalibor Papousek  
Masaryk University, Faculty of Arts, Czech Republic

SO33A: Wahhabi Oriented Islam between Religious and Liberal Values I

Time: Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm
Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 307
Session Chair: Susanne Olsson

Exploring the “Wahhabi” spectre: Media representation, threat perception, and the formulation of a sectarian other
Gustav Larsson  
Linnaeus University, Sweden

Minority Wahhabism between the will of God and that of the nation state
Susanne Olsson  
Stockholms University, Sweden

Key Dilemmas of the Salafists in Egypt and Tunisia During and After the Arab Revolts
Konrad Pędziwiatr  
Cracow University of Economics, Poland
SO47A: The Blend of Tantra: Continuity and Discontinuity within South Asian Mainstream Religions I

Time: Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 106
Session Chairs: Paolo E. Rosati, Chiara Livio

Blending Sex and Death in Tantra: Ritual and Symbol at Kāmākhyā
Paolo E. Rosati  ‘Sapienza’ University of Rome, Italy

Understanding the Tāntric roots of Karāha– An Esoteric Worship of Kṛṣṇa by Low-caste Hindus of North India
Prabha Shankar Dwivedi  Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati, India

Self and Alien Phantom-bodies: A neurocognitive anthropological framework for the incorporation of numinous ontologies in Tantric Hindu ritualisms of Central Nepal
Fabio Armand  Institut Pierre Gardette, « Intercultural and interreligious », Catholic University of Lyon, France

SO48A: The Regime of “Spirituality” and the Culture of Well-Being in Neoliberal Societies I

Time: Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - Lecture Theatre
Session Chair: Geraldine Mossiere

Spirituality and Wellbeing in Brazil: a study of two intertwined concepts
Bettina Schmidt  University of Wales Trinity Saint David, United Kingdom

Semantics of self-optimization. Mindfulness in contemporary Japan
Silke R. G. Hasper  Heidelberg University, Germany
SO49: Appropriation of Holy “Energy” from Material Shrines in Christian Traditions: From the Middle Ages to Modernity

**Time:** Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 130  
**Session Chair:** Dmitriy Igorevitch Antonov

Protect and attack: Manipulations with icons in Russian tradition  
Dmitriy Igorevitch Antonov  
*Russian State University for the Humanities; School for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, RANEPA, Moscow, Russian Federation*

The drum and the belt on the tree: appropriation of power of sacred objects in vernacular religion of the Mari and Altai people  
Dmitrii Doronin  
*Research Laboratory for Theoretical Folklore Studies of The School for Advanced Studies in Humanities of The School of Public Policy (SPP) of The Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA), Russian Federation*

Reflecting the sacred in the medieval pilgrim sites  
Mikhail Maizuls  
*CEFR, Russian Federation*

SO51A: State Handling of Religion and Political Discourses on Religion in Russia and Scandinavia: Continuity and Change I

**Time:** Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 110  
**Session Chair:** Tim Jensen

Russian Orthodox Monasticism in the Baltic, 1890-1917  
James Matthew White  
*Ural Federal University/Tartu University*

Conservative Discourse in Russian Public Sphere: from Orthodox anti-Westernism to Political Mistrust to Europe  
Ekaterina Grishaeva  
*Ural Federal University, Russian Federation*
SO52: Many Faces of Contemporary Atheism in Central and Eastern Europe: From State-Atheism to Apatheism and Protest

Time: Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm
Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 228
Session Chair: David Václavík

Social History of Irreligion in Lithuania: Marginalisation, Monopoly and Discrimination?
Milda Alisauskiene  Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

Who are Czech Atheists?
David Václavík  Masaryk University, Czech Republic

SO64A: Inertia versus Friction: Choice of Location and Construction of Space in Religious Practices and Beliefs I

Time: Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 306
Session Chair: Soi Agelidis

Sanctuary location and cult transfer in the ancient Greek world
Alaya Palamidis  École des Hautes Études en Sciences Sociales, France

Cult continuity and place-boundedness – the setting of the cults in the Acropolis Propylaea
Constanze Carolin Graml  Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München, Germany

Unlocking the Sacred Landscapes of Cyprus (UnSaLa-CY): Mental and physical spaces for establishing, maintaining and changing social order
Giorgos Papantoniou, Athanasios Vionis  University of Cyprus
SO71A: Continuation and Disruption in Psychiatry and Religion I

**Time:** Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 114  
**Session Chair:** Richard Saville-Smith

**The problem of limits of psychiatry: Antipsychiatric discourse in Orthodoxy**  
Pavel Nosachev  
*National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation*

“Between psychology and religion. The contemporary discourse about ‘demonic’ experiences and exorcism practices in the Roman Catholic Church”  
Nicole Maria Bauer  
*University of Innsbruck, Austria*

**Sensory supernatural experiences in autism – the role of popular culture in making sense of potentially frightening experiences**  
Ingela Visuri  
*Södertörn University, Sweden*

SO76: Continuities and Disruptions in Ritual Practices

**Time:** Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 217

**Ceremonials and Rites of Byzantine Royal Marriages**  
Hadi Taghavi, Ehsan Roohi, Hadi Sabouhi  
*University of California, Irvine*

**The problem of difference: Havdalah ritual among contemporary British Jews**  
Katarzyna Kowalska  
*The Open University, United Kingdom*

**Body, Vesture and Ritual Gestures: Continuities and Disruptions of the Uses of Kolpos**  
Maria Patera  
*Open Hellenic University, Open University of Cyprus*
SO78: Women, Judaism and Literature

Time: Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm  
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 224

God of small things. Jewish women’s piety in Early Modern Poland  
Lena Mari Roos  
Södertörn University, Sweden

Jewish-Canadian Women Authors  
Catherine Caufield  
Concordia University of Edmonton, Canada

Embodying Deconversion: The Lives of Orthodox Jewish and Orthodox Reformed Women in Contemporary Popular Culture  
Nella van den Brandt  
Utrecht University, Netherlands, The

SO82A: New Approaches in the Study of Religious Evolution I

Time: Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm  
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 438  
Session Chair: Volkhard Krech

Natural Selection in the Evolution of Religion  
Armin W. Geertz  
Aarhus University, Denmark

Why Biocultural and not Cultural Evolution as the New Paradigm for the Study of Religion? And why Belief Is a Relatively Novel Phenomenon in the History of Religion  
Anders Klostergaard Petersen  
Aarhus University, Denmark

Religious Evolution and the Axial Age  
Stephen King Sanderson  
University of California, Riverside, United States of America
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SO85A: Sacred Objects in Academic Space: Researchers, Collections and Exhibitions I

Time: Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 230
Session Chair: Aleksandra Belova

The comparative religion as the method of complying of the first anti-religious expositions in Petrograd/Leningrad in 1920s
Marianna Shakhnovich State Saint-Petersburg University, Russian Federation

G.P. Snarev as a collector and researcher of Central Asian Religious Beliefs (on the materials of the collection of the State Museum of the History of Religion, Saint-Petersburg, Russia)
Ekaterina Terioukova Saint-Petersburg State University, The State Museum of the History of Religion, Russian Federation

Christian cross in Yakutian adornments from collections of Russian museums
Tatiana Chumakova Saint-Petersburg State University (Saint-Petersburg, Russia), Russian Federation

SO97: Continuations and Disruptions in Modern Paganism

Time: Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm
Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 227

The Dievturi in Two Latvian Republics - Continuation and Disruption within the Dievturība Tradition
Agita Misane independent researcher, Latvia

‘Till the Stars had Run Away and the Shadows Eaten the Moon’: Druids’ and Witches’ Engagement with Irish History, Folklore, and Ideas of Celticity
Butler Jenny Study of Religions Department, University College Cork, Ireland
S099: Continuations and Disruptions in the History of Near East Religions

**Time:** Tuesday, 25/Jul/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 230

**The construction of the Supreme Deity in the magical papyri: manifestations, attributions, and their contradictions**  
Isabel Canzobre Martínez  
Univeristat Pompeu Fabra, Spain

**Invoking Anahita - from Iran to the borders of Europe**  
Anders Hultgård  
Uppsala University, Sweden

Bryce Alan Wiseman  
Independent Scholar, United States of America

S102: Continuations and Disruptions in Religiosity and Secularity in Contemporary Europe

**Time:** Tuesday, 25/Jul/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 128

**Reaching for a New Sense of Connection? The Sociality of Nonreligion in Europe**  
David Herbert, Josh Bullock  
Kingston University London, United Kingdom

**Freedom of Choosing to Leave Religion? Research on Apostasy, Leaving Religion**  
Teemu T. Mantsinen  
University of Turku, Finland

**The Touch of Luck: a Case Study on the Practices of Touching Monuments in Public Spaces in Moscow**  
Kristina Eiviler  
Russian State University for the Humanities (RGGU), Moscow, Russian Federation. University of Novi Sad, Faculty of Philosophy, Novi Sad, Serbia, Serbia
S105: Comparative Studies in the History of Japanese Religions

Time: Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 336

The Religious Practices of Saigyō in Translations and Interpretations of “Poems from a Mountain Home” (Sankashū)
Alari Allik  Tallinn University, Estonia

The Hole and Chaos - Focused on Snake Myths in Jeju Island of Korea and Okinawa of Japan
Seog Ju Lee  Dongguk University, Seoul in Korea, Korea, Republic of (South Korea);
Yeong Joo Kim  Daejin University, Seoul in Korea, Korea, Republic of (South Korea)

Veneration of Christian Artefacts, Relics and Saints among the Kakure Kirishitan of Japan
Kristian Pella, Fumie Inatani, Sueo Kuwahara  Kagoshima University, Japan

S109: Conceptual and Philosophical Perspectives on Chinese Religions

Time: Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 428

The Concepts of Change and Transformation in the Zhuang-Zi
Mart Tšernjuk  University of Tartu, Estonia

Joseon Jongmyo: The Royal Aspiration for Transnational Confucianism
David W. Kim  Australian National University, Australia

Refining embodied knowledge: Zhuangzi and Spinoza
Margus Ott  Xiamen university, Estonia
S119: Continuations and Disruptions in Contemporary Christian Churches

**Time:** Tuesday, 25/Jun/2019: 5:15pm - 6:45pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 111

The Mariavite movement and Catholicism in Poland in the beginning of the 20th century  
Natalia Vasiljevna Avdeeva  Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation

Modes of the Angolan Pentecostal Church through Africa – Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo and Cape Vert  
Natalia Zawiejska  Jagiellonian University, Poland

Gendered disruptions in the Church of England: The advent of women clergy and the conservative response  
Alex D. J. Fry  Durham University, United Kingdom
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S001B: Insecurities and Uncertainties at the Margins of Institutionalised Religions: Ghosts, Monsters, Witchcraft and Other Dangerous Matters II

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 212  
**Session Chair:** Reet Hiiemäe

**Ghosts in universities**  
Meelis Friedenthal  *University of Tartu, Estonia; Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study, Uppsala, Sweden; Max-Weber-Kolleg, Erfurt, Germany*

“God or Satan?” – Negotiating the origins of a healer’s powers in witchcraft trials in late 17th and early 18th century Sweden  
Marja-Liisa Keinänen  *Stockholms universitet, Sweden*

**Mythic illness-agents and incantation rituals in the early 20th century rural Karelia**  
Siria Emilia Kohonen  *University of Helsinki, Finland*

**Trollkarlar and other threats in the folklore of western Finland**  
Helena Karolina Kouvolá  *University of Helsinki, Finland*

S003B: Gender Strategies and Disciplinary Practices in Russian Christianities II

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 109  
**Session Chair:** Igor Mikeshin

**Fine Bowls and Good Women: Keeping Tableware as a Female Religious Practice in Russian Old Belief**  
Danila Rygovskiy  *Tartu University, Estonia*

**Work, prayer, gender: anthropology of Christianity and the Orthodox work ethic on the Estonian-Russian borderland**  
Agata Ładykowska  *Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland*

**Old Believer grandmas in Koyda, 1990s – 2000s (based on fieldwork)**  
Natalja Komelina  *Institute of Russian Literature (the Pushkin House), Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation*

**Let Your Women Keep Silence in the Churches: Gender Roles and Religious Expertise in post-Soviet Russia**  
Svetlana Tambovtseva  *European University at St Petersburg, Russian Federation*
SO07: Saints in the Wild: Wild Spaces, Wild Beings and Religious Transformations in Late Antique Christian Ascetic Literature and Hagiography

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 128  
**Session Chair:** Laura Feldt

Wild ‘Natures’ and Wild Animals in Hagiography from Gaul: islands, forests and changing forms of identity formation  
Laura Feldt  
*University of Southern Denmark, Denmark*

Crossing rivers, confronting crocodiles: The challenge of fleeting space and ambiguous creatures in monastic life in Late Antiquity  
Ingvild Sælild Gilhus  
*University of Bergen, Norway*

Wild “Natures” and Strange Animals in Jerome’s Life of Paul, the First Hermit  
Jan Nicolaas Bremmer  
*University of Groningen, Netherlands, The*

SO15A: Approaching the Study of Muslim Debates: Reasoning, Relationality, and Frameworks for Disagreement I

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 228  
**Session Chairs:** Ricarda Stegmann, Simon Stjernholm

Challenging Asad or: What is Islam, really?  
Michaela Quast-Neulinger  
*University of Innsbruck, Austria*

Negotiating Islam - global and vernacular patterns of religious orthodoxy and disagreement  
Paula Schrode  
*University of Bayreuth, Germany*

Unity in Diversity: Muslim Debates in Contemporary France  
Frank Peter  
*Hamad Bin Khalifa University, Qatar*
SO26A: The Ideology of Religious Studies: Twenty Years Later I

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - Senate Hall  
**Session Chairs:** Teemu Taira, Suzanne Owen

**Historicizing ‘Religion’ and the Demolition of Religious Studies**  
Departments: Siamese Twins or Contingent Acquaintances?  
Teemu Taira  
*University of Helsinki, Finland*

**Timothy Fitzgerald and the Revival of Religious Studies**  
Naomi R. Goldenberg  
*University of Ottawa, Canada*

**The end of Religious Studies (as we knew it)**  
Suzanne Owen  
*Leeds Trinity University, United Kingdom*

**Religion as the Authoritative Transmission of Tradition: The Significance of Timothy Fitzgerald’s Critique of Religious Studies for a Socially Embedded Definition of Religion**  
James Leland Cox  
*University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom*

SO27: Postglobal Religion

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 232  
**Session Chair:** Jørn Borup

**Who Owns religion? Identity politics and cultural appropriation in post-global Buddhism**  
Jørn Borup  
*Aarhus University, Denmark*

**Migrant Religions and Globalisation**  
Margit Warburg  
*University of Copenhagen, Denmark*

**Sharing and Adapting. Local Theological Reflection over Tradition and Belonging in a Bosnian Muslim Case**  
Catharina Raudvere  
*University of Copenhagen, Denmark*

**Jordan B. Peterson’s Discursive Interventions as Symptoms of Postglobal Religion**  
Dimitry Okropiridze  
*Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, Germany*
SO29B: Network Analysis, Computational Modelling and Simulation in the Study of Religions II

Time: Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 107
Session Chair: Aleš Chalupa

Medieval Inquisitorial Records from the Perspective of Social Network Analysis: Comparing the Automated and the Manual Approaches
David Zbíral, Tomáš Hampejs  
*Masaryk University, Czech Republic*

Social Network Analysis of Religious Nonconformism Based on the Records of the Episcopal Investigations of Lollards in Coventry in 1486-1522
Jan Král  
*Masarykova univerzita, Czech Republic*

Extraction of networks from texts, modelling of the sustenance of religious traditions through social network analysis of actors
Iain Eric Riddell  
*University of Leicester, United Kingdom*

Digital Revival of a Danish ‘Secular Saint’: A Scientific Scholar of Religions’ Concerns Regarding the Creation of an Artificial Intelligence
Katrine Baunvig  
*Aarhus University, Denmark*

SO31A: Indigenous Religions and the Political Imagination I

Time: Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am
Location: von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 214
Session Chair: Arkotong Longkumer

Sami-Naga connections: Indigenous friendships across Northern Norway and Northeast India
Siv Ellen Kraft  
*UiT. The Arctic University of Norway, Norway*
Arkotong Longkumer  
*University of Edinburgh, Scotland*

Contesting Adivasi Identity in the Rathvistar (Gujarat): Religion, Politics, and the Social Imaginary
Gregory D. Alles  
*McDaniel College, United States of America*

Yhyakh: from a ritual to a national day of Sakha people, North-East Russia
Liudmila Nikanorova  
*The Arctic University of Tromsø, Norway*
SO33B: Wahhabi Oriented Islam between Religious and Liberal Values II

Time: Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 307  
Session Chair: Susanne Olsson

Radicalisation among Swedish Muslim Youth  
Anne Sofie Roald  
*Malmö University, Sweden*

Collecting and analyzing data on Wahhabi/Salafi missionary activities in Sweden. A digital humanities approach  
Jonas Svensson  
*Linnaeus University, Sweden*

The Methods and Topics of Conversation Supporting the Deradicalization and Disengagement of Islamists Based on the Practices of Six European Countries  
Heidi Maiberg  
*University of Tartu, Estonia*

SO34A: Methodological Challenges in Studying Digital Religion I – Social Media

Time: Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 129  
Session Chair: Maren Freudenberg

Meaning as Multi-modal and Hyperlinked: A Qualitative Analysis Approach to Muslim Women on Social Media  
Mirjam Aeschbach  
*University of Zurich, Switzerland*

Internet, Hashtags, and Muslims in Europe: a Qualitative Approach  
Giulia Evolvi  
*Ruhr University, Germany*

Atheist Communication in Arabic Online Media: An Analysis of the Hashtag #نوليالقاع (Rationalists)  
Samira Tabti  
*Ruhr University Bochum, Germany*

Computational Approaches to Studying Religious Online Forums  
Frederik Elwert, Samira Tabti  
*Ruhr University Bochum, Germany*
SO40A: Humour, Narrative, Religion I

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 130  
**Session Chair:** Essi Eleonoora Mäkelä

“Humorous” Ritual Costumes: The Significance of Colanders, Hoods and Pirate Costumes for Practitioners of “Invented Religions”
Carole Mary Cusack  *University of Sydney, Australia*

Negotiating The Categories of Parody and Religion: Satanic Temple and Principia Discordia Challenging the Boundaries
Essi Eleonoora Mäkelä  *University of Helsinki, Finland*

The shifting boundaries of humor and politics in the Italian Pastafarianism
Jacopo Ranzato  *Università “La Sapienza”, Roma, Italy*

The Church of the Flying Spaghetti Monster and the shifting discourse on religion
Hanna Karoliina Lehtinen  *University of Turku, Finland*

SO44A: Reconfiguring Concepts and Methods for the Semiotic Understanding of Religious Change I: General Principles for Semiotics of Religion

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 336  
**Session Chair:** Jason Cronbach Van Boom

Discourse Analysis is Not Enough: Or, Why We (Still) Need a Semiotics of Religion
Robert Yelle  *LMU Munich, Germany*

How to understand religion as a semiotic system
Volkhard Krech  *Ruhr Universität CERES, Germany*

Theosemiotics in Dialogue with Juri Lotman
Thomas-Andreas Pöder  *Institute of Theology of the EELC, Tallinn, Estonia; University of Tartu, Estonia*

Semiotics and the death (and life) of God
Andrew Robinson  *Exeter University, United Kingdom*
SO47B: The Blend of Tantra: Continuity and Discontinuity within South Asian Mainstream Religions II

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 106  
**Session Chairs:** Paolo E. Rosati, Fabio Armand

**Poetry and Religion in Medieval Kashmir: when Kāvya meets Tantra**  
Chiara Livio  
*Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy*

**Vernacular Tantrism: An Analysis of the Bengali Tantric Text ‘The Garland of Bones’**  
Lubomír Ondračka  
*Charles University, Faculty of Arts, Czech Republic*

**The persistence and evolution of the ritual knowledge in the Tantric Vaiṣṇava tradition of Bengal**  
Robert Ryszard Czyżykowski  
*Jagiellonian University, Poland*

**Different Paths to the Truth Within: Transformations of Theory and Practice in the North Indian Sant Tradition**  
Jaroslaw Zapart  
*Jagiellonian University, Poland*

SO48B: The Regime of “Spirituality” and the Culture of Well-Being in Neoliberal Societies II

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - Lecture Theatre  
**Session Chair:** Geraldine Mossiere

**Religion, Neoliberalism, the i-zation of Society, and the Compassionate Tax**  
Adam Possamai  
*Western Sydney University, Australia*

**Consumerism and asceticism in the Nordic yoga scene**  
Inga Bårdsen Tøllefsen  
*UiT The Arctic University of Norway, Norway*

**The Rolls-royce guru Osho and “consumerist religion”**  
Madara Vilne  
*Latvia University, Latvia*
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SO53: Classical Mythologies in Christian, Jewish and Islamic Sources

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 110  
**Session Chairs:** Daniel Barbu, Francesco Massa

**Achilles and Polyxene as Adam and Eve: Trojan mythology as a new Genesis story in the Jewish-Christian Pseudo-Clementine novel (4th c.)**  
Benjamin Marguerite De Vos  
*Ghent University, Belgium*

**Mythology versus History: Phaeton and Judaism in Orosius's Historiae adversus paganos 1,10,19**  
Elisa Manzo  
*Università degli Studi di Napoli Federico II, Italy*

**The Curetes between Greek and Christian traditions**  
Mélanie Lozat  
*University of Geneva / University Sapienza of Roma*

**Adversus Nationes: the Controversy against Polytheism**  
Chiara Di Serio  
*University of Rome La Sapienza, Italy*

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SO56A: Controversial Issues in Religious Education (RE) and RE Research: Contexts and Representations

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 227  
**Session Chair:** Wanda Alberts

**Introduction to the panel**  
Wanda Alberts  
*Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany*

**Confessional religious education as a controversial issue in non-confessional Swedish RE**  
Jenny Berglund  
*Stockholm University, Sweden*

**The Hidden (or More Visible?) Contexts of RE: Religious Symbols and Religiously Motivated Behaviour in Public Educational Spaces**  
Ales Crníc, Anja Pogacnik  
*University of Ljubljana, Slovenia*

**From supervisor to publisher: The changing role of the Church in non-confessional religious education**  
Jes Heise Rasmussen  
*University College Copenhagen, Denmark*
SO57A: Muslims in Post-Communist Lands: Between Traditional and Global: Central and South-Eastern Europe I

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 217  
**Session Chair:** Galina M. Yemelianova

**Europeanization of Islam or its de-Islamization?: Patterns of governance of Islam in post-Communist Eastern Europe**  
Egdunas Raciūs  
*Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania*

**Coping with a double stigma: the case of Polish female converts to Islam**  
Katarzyna Górak-Sosnowska  
*SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Poland*  
Beata Abdallah-Krzępowska  
*University of Silesia*  
Anna Piela  
*Northeastern University*  
Joanna Krotofil  
*Jagiellonian University*

**The Invisible Community: Immigrant Muslims in Post-Communist Romania**  
Ion Josan  
*UiO, Norway*

SO58A: Women’s Agency and Religious Networks I

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 224  
**Session Chairs:** Asuman Lätzer-Lasar, Sabine Neumann, Julietta Alexandra Steinhauer-Hogg

**Cherchez la femme: women and the performance of rituals in classical Athens 480-332 BC**  
Radwa Salem  
*Ain Shams University, United Kingdom*

**Women’s agency in cults for non-Greek deities in Classical and Hellenistic Athens**  
Sabine Neumann  
*Institute for Classical Archaeology, Philipps-University of Marburg, Germany*

**Religious associations, women and agency**  
Julietta Alexandra Steinhauer-Hogg  
*University College London, United Kingdom*
S064B: Inertia versus Friction: Choice of Location and Construction of Space in Religious Practices and Beliefs II

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 306  
**Session Chair:** Constanze Carolin Graml

- **From Pharaohs to Tetrarchs? Continuity and Change in Ruler Cult within the Temple of Luxor**  
  Nicola Barbagli  
  *Scuola Normale Superiore, Italy*
- **Standardisation of cult venues in Roman military camps and its impact on military religion**  
  Tomasz Dziurdzik  
  *University of Warsaw, Institute of Archaeology, Poland*
- **Capitoline Continuities: the Capitolium and Roman imagination of eternity**  
  Duncan MacRae  
  *University of California, Berkeley, United States of America*
- **Translating a Deity: Greek and Roman interpretations of the Cappadocian Goddess**  
  Fabio Guidetti  
  *University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom*

S081: Social Aspects of Miraculous Phenomena in the Modern World

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 230  
**Session Chair:** Maciej Krzywosz

- **The secular memory of religious events. The social construction of the memory of the miracle of Zabłudów from 1965 after the transformation of the political system**  
  Maciej Krzywosz  
  *University of Bialystok, Poland*
- **Doctors and Stigmatics in the 19th and 20th centuries**  
  Gábor Klaniczay  
  *Central European University, Hungary*
- **Understanding of Miracles among Estonian-Speaking Orthodox**  
  Liina Eek  
  *Estonian Research Council, Estonia*
- **Sacred Sites Reinterpreted: New Age Phenomena at a Hungarian Marian Shrine**  
  Judit Kis-Halas  
  *Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary*
SO83: Religious Hotspots

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 104  
**Session Chair:** Marianne Qvortrup Fibiger

- **Kataragama – a religious hotspot in Sri Lanka uniting Hindus and Buddhist as well as Muslims, Christian (and tourists)**  
  Marianne Qvortrup Fibiger  
  *University of Aarhus, Denmark*

- **A hot spot in cold mountains. The religious productivity of the Erzgebirge**  
  Katharina Neef  
  *Leipzig University, Germany*

- **Religious hotspot: Ängsbacka, Värmland**  
  Katarina Plank  
  *Karlstad University, Sweden*

- **The Lingsar temple as a shared sacred space: Social actors of Pujawali festival**  
  Anna Marta Mackowiak  
  *Institute for the Study of Religions, Jagiellonian University in Krakow, Poland*

SO84A: Religion and Sustainability I

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 428  
**Session Chair:** Heikki Paavali Pesonen

- **Rethinking Consumerism from the Perspective of Religion**  
  Mikko Sakari Kurenlahti  
  *University of Helsinki, Finland*

- **On the Road to Katowice: Reflecting on Religion and Sustainability through the Pilgrimage for Climate Justice**  
  Carrie Beth Dohe  
  *University of Marburg, Germany*

- **Greening Processes among Religious Organizations – Implementations at a Local Level**  
  Fabian Huber  
  *University of Basel, Switzerland*
S085B: Sacred Objects in Academic Space: Researchers, Collections and Exhibitions II

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 230  
**Session Chair:** Marianna Shakhnovich

- **Artifact anxiety and Greco-Roman inscriptions in secular and confessional scholarship**  
  Dimitri Bratkin   *St Petersburg State University, Russian Federation*
- **Evenki beliefs (on the expedition materials of G. M. Vasilevich)**  
  Aleksandra Belova   *St.Petersburg State University, Russian Federation*
- **Presenting Religion(s) in the Permanent Displays of Estonian Museums**  
  Kerttu Männiste   *Art Museum of Estonia Foundation, Estonia*

S101: Studies on Non-Religiosity and Secularity in Contemporary Europe

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 438

- **Nonreligion and Europe**  
  Stephen Bullivant   *St Mary’s University, United Kingdom*  
  Josh Bullock   *Kingston University, London*
- **Slovakia: postsecular or post-traditional?**  
  Roman Kečka   *Department of Comparative Religion, Faculty of Arts, Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovak Republic*
- **Otherness and Inclusion: Interfaith Scotland and Representations of the Scottish Non-religious - the Threat of ‘Militant Secularism’, the Search for ‘Common Ground’ and Humanism as a ‘Belief’ Tradition**  
  Liam Sutherland   *The University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom*
- **The attitudes of deconverts and lifelong atheists towards religious people: The role of religiosity and spirituality**  
  Teemu Juhani Pauha   *University of Helsinki, Finland*
S114: Comparative and Historical Issues in the History of Indian Religions

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 111

**Born from the Same Tree: The Vedic Canon as a Vedamūla Paramparā**  
Kush Depala  *University of Heidelberg*

**The ‘construction’ of the sociopolitical values of Tulsīdās historical figure in the framework of Hindi literary criticism**  
Fabio Mangraviti  *“Sapienza” University, Rome, Italy*

**Indian Philosophy beyond India: Reception of “Daśapadārthaśāstra” (勝勝勝勝) in East Asia**  
Tadas Snuviškis  *Vilnius University, Lithuania*

**Ambedkar’s Dhamma and it’s Critique of Dharma**  
Neha Singh  *Jawaharlal Nehru University, India*

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S121: Ethnic and Political Aspects of Contemporary Religious Traditions

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 109

**Peoplehood and the Interrelations between Ethnicity and Religion**  
Terje Ostebo  *University of Florida, United States of America*

**A voice of Old Belief. Exploring the inter-revolutionary political imagination of Old Believers**  
Igor Kuziner  *National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation*

**Religious Factor in Interethnic Contacts in Samara Trans-Volga Region**  
Ekaterina Andreevna Iagafova, Valeria Vitalyevna Bondareva  *Samara State University of Social Sciences and Education, Russian Federation*
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S124: Contemporary Religious Trends in Europe

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 114

**Spiritual Practice as Scientific Experimentation: Towards a Discursive History**  
Jens Schlieter, Friedemann Rimbach-Sator, Bas van Rijn  *University of Bern, Switzerland*

**The attitudes towards Indian religious beliefs and practices in Latvia**  
Anita Stasulane  *Daugavpils University, Latvia*

**Multi-religious space as sociocosmic field: multiple dynamics of materialized coexistence in the case of GlaubensGarten (Garden of Faiths) in Germany**  
Rasool Akbari  *Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Islamic Republic of Iran*  
Mahdi Hasanzadeh  *Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Islamic Republic of Iran*  
Helga Kuhlmann  *Paderborn University, Germany*

SO01C: Insecurities and Uncertainties at the Margins of Institutionalised Religions: Ghosts, Monsters, Witchcraft and Other Dangerous Matters III

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 212  
**Session Chair:** Gregory D. Alles

**Jewish Demonology: Marginal Traditions?**  
Hagai Dagan  *Sapir College, Israel*

**Foolhardy Exorcists and Cautious Conjurers in Caesarius of Heisterbach’s Dialogus Miraculorum**  
Frantisek Novotny  *Masaryk University Brno, Czech Republic*

**Unethical Humans and Ethical Ghosts**  
Sudarsan Padmanabhan  *Indian Institute of Technology Madras, India*
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SO02A: Religion and Secret Police Archives 1 – Encounters with the Past

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 307  
**Session Chair:** James A. Kapalo

**How religious minorities look at their past: between the desire to tell their stories and the fear of the archives**  
Iuliana Cindrea *University College Cork, Ireland*

**A story with multiple voices: the case of a Hungarian Calvinist Church choir with the Securitate**  
Agnes Hesz *UCC, Ireland, PTE, Hungary*

**In the absence of men: How women took over the underground church in 1950s Romania**  
Anca Maria Sincan *University College Cork, Romania*

SO03C: Gender Strategies and Disciplinary Practices in Russian Christianities III

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 109  
**Session Chair:** Igor Mikeshin

**Image of Orthodox women in the narratives of contemporary Orthodox community**  
Nadezhda Rychkova *Russian State University for the Humanities, Russian Federation*

**Patterns of feminity in the publications translated from Russian by the Polish Autocephalous Orthodox Church**  
Kaja Kojder-Demska *University of Warsawa, Poland*

**Constructing Socially Constructed Gender: “Gender Ideology” and the Rhetoric of Essentialism among Russian Catholic Intellectuals**  
Ekaterina Khonineva *European University at Saint Petersburg, Russian Federation; Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography (Kunstkamera), Russian Academy of Sciences; Institute for Linguistic Studies of the Russian Academy of Sciences*
SO04B: From Broken Things to Moving Sanctuaries: Written, Material and Spatial Disruptions in Ancient Greek Religion II

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 129  
**Session Chair:** Petra Pakkanen

The connotations of brokenness in sanctuary context  
Jenny Elisabeth Wallensten  *Swedish Institute at Athens, Greece*

Discontinuity of the cult sites in the Hellenistic-Roman Athens  
Margaryta Sardak  *University of Cologne, Germany*

The Role of Reading Communities in the Transmission of Orphic Poems  
Lech Trzcionkowski  *Jagiellonian University, Poland*

SO13: Religious Diversity in Turkey: Encounters and Interactions

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 104  
**Session Chair:** Helen Haas

Turkish Ilahiyat: Space for and Response to Religious Diversity  
Taraneh Rosanna Wilkinson  *FSCIRE (John XXIII Foundation for Religious Studies), Italy*

Turkish Alevi between past and today: influence of Haci Bektaş Veli’s example and teachings among the urban Alevi today  
Helen Haas  *University of Tartu, Estonia*
SO15B: Approaching the Study of Muslim Debates: Reasoning, Relationality, and Frameworks for Disagreement II

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 228  
**Session Chair:** Paula Schrode

**In and out of tradition: A qualitative study on Muslim feminisms in the making**  
Vanja Mosbach  
*Uppsala university, Sweden, Sweden*

**Islamic Heritage Law in Switzerland? The construction of Islam in the light of Talal Asad’s notion of tradition**  
Ricarda Stegmann  
*University of Fribourg, Switzerland*

SO16: The Pope: Continuity, Change and Contestation in Local and Global Spheres of Meaning

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 107  
**Session Chair:** Cecilie Endresen

**Why does the pope matter to non-Catholics?**  
Cecilie Endresen  
*University of Oslo, Norway*

**“Blasphemy is the gravest sin”: The complicated relationship between Pope Francis and the concept of blasphemy**  
Jane Skjoldli  
*University of Oslo, Norway*

**The Pope’s Role in the Process of Unification of the Catholic Church in the People’s Republic of China**  
Magdaléna Masláková  
*Masaryk University, Slovak Republic*
SO48C: The Regime of “Spirituality” and the Culture of Well-Being in Neoliberal Societies III

Time: Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - Lecture Theatre
Session Chair: Geraldine Mossiere

Fasting between religions and wellbeing practices: a diachronic overview
Alessandra Pozzo  CNRS, France

Spiritual Meaning-Making in Times of Great Ill-Being: The Case of Professional Spiritual Caregivers in End-of-life Care
Isabelle Kostecki  Université de Montréal, Canada

Religion, Mental Health and Well-Being in neo-liberal Ghana
Francis Benyah  Abo Akademi University, Ghana

SO50B: Conflict and Coexistence – Christianity and Islam I

Time: Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 230
Session Chair: Orsolya Varsányi

Islam, Christianity, and “No Religion” in Europe and Central Asia: Isolation, Accommodation, and Religious Switching
David Grant Stewart Jr.  University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Medicine, United States of America;
Matthew A. Martinich  Cumorah Foundation, Colorado Springs, Colorado, United States of America

Muslim Minority in a Spanish Catholic majority
Mariana Rosca  University of Deusto, Spain

Secularization of Islamic law in Western European countries
Ivana Uhliarová  University of Pardubice, Poland
SO51B: State Handling of Religion and Political Discourses on Religion in Russia and Scandinavia: Continuity and Change II

Time: Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 110
Session Chair: Tim Jensen

Religious Argument in Public Sphere: Debates on Toleration and Identity
Aleksei Loginov  Ural Federal University, Russian Federation

Questions about Religious Practices and Symbols in the Public Sphere and Public Schools – Identity Politics and ‘Cultural Wars’
Karna Kjeldsen  University College Absalon, Denmark

Contemporary Russian Rap Culture, State and Religion
Nikolai Poliakov  St. Petersburg State University, Russian Federation

SO58B: Women’s Agency and Religious Networks II

Time: Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 224
Session Chair: Asuman Lätzer-Lasar
Session Chair: Sabine Neumann
Session Chair: Julietta Alexandra Steinhauer-Hogg

Women in religious life in Roman Dalmatia. Were they really silent?
Anna Mech  University of Warsaw, Institute of Archaeology, Poland

Women building mosques: feminine patronage in al-Andalus reviewed
Carmen González-Gutiérrez  University of Erfurt, Germany

Islamic Feminism and the Transformation of Iranian Society
Sara Hejazi, Kerstin Wonisch  EURAC, Italy
SO61: Continuity and Change in Shinto

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 217

**Continuity and Change in Tenjin worship**  
Vladlena Fedianina  
*Moscow City University, Russian Federation*

We are what we wear: clothing of Shinto deities in manga comics as an ongoing process of Kami definition  
Saeko Yazaki  
*University of Glasgow, United Kingdom*

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SO62A: Religion as Oppression and Liberation I

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 130  
**Session Chair:** Kristina Garalytė

**Religion in an oppressive context: Experiences of normality in the life of incarceration – the case of inmates in the Philippines**  
Tobias Brandner  
*Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong S.A.R. (China)*

**Women and Caste System as the Complexity of Religion(s) in an Urban Space: A Case Study of Old Delhi**  
Neha Singh  
*Jawaharlal Nehru University, India*

**Decolonial Perspective to Religious Conflict Between Neo-Pentecostal and Afro-Brazilian Religions in Contemporary Southeast Brazil**  
Eleonora Lundell  
*University of Helsinki, Finland*
S063A: More or Less (of) the Same? – Dis/continuities between Secularism and Post-Secularism I

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 306  
**Session Chair:** CJS Lombaard

**The Formation of Irish Freemasonry in the Age of Berkeley**  
Takaharu Oda  
*Trinity College Dublin, Ireland*

**From Nietzsche’s last man to Spengler’s second religiosity: a comeback of religion?**  
Sebastian Fink  
*University of Helsinki, Finland*

S071B: Continuation and Disruption in Psychiatry and Religion II

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 114  
**Session Chair:** Richard Saville-Smith

**Medicating the Vision**  
June Boyce-Tillman  
*University of Winchester, United Kingdom*

**Continuity and discontinuity in psychiatry and the study of religion**  
Richard Saville-Smith  
*University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom*
SO82B: New Approaches in the Study of Religious Evolution II

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 438  
**Session Chair:** Anders Klostergaard Petersen

### Religious Evolution from the Perspective of Social Communication

Volkhard Krech  
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### The evolution of global religions

Anastasia Ejova  
*The University of Auckland, New Zealand; LEVYNA Laboratory for the Experimental Research of Religion, Masaryk University, Czech Republic*

Simon J. Greenhill  
*Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Germany*

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*LEVYNA Laboratory for the Experimental Research of Religion, Masaryk University, Czech Republic*

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Joseph Watts  
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Remco Bouckaert  
*Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Germany*

Quentin D. Atkinson  
*The University of Auckland, New Zealand; Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Germany*

Joseph Bulbulia  
*The University of Auckland, New Zealand*

Russell Gray  
*Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Germany*

### What leads religion’s cultural evolution and change?

Lluis Oviedo  
*Antonianum University*
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SO84B: Religion and Sustainability II

Time: Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 428
Session Chair: Mikko Sakari Kurenlahti

“Save as many as you can”. Eco-apocalyptic themes in popular movies
Heikki Paavali Pesonen  
*University of Helsinki, Finland*

Cosmopolitan theology – studying a utopian theory in practice
Marjukka Taina Maria Laiho  
*University of Helsinki, Finland*

Communicating to diverse religious groups on climate change and sustainability
Laurel Kearns  
*Drew University, United States of America*

SO85C: Sacred Objects in Academic Space: Researchers, Collections and Exhibitions III

Time: Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 230
Session Chair: Ekaterina Terioukova

Marketing the “Tibetan” Kapāla – Tradition vs. Trademark
Martin Hanker  
*Charles University, Faculty of Arts, Czech Republic*

Religious artefacts / human remains: the status of ‘Head-hunting trophies’ from Naga indigenous communities in the museum space
Vibha Joshi Parkin  
*tuebingen university, Germany*

“The Church Organ” in Secularized Spaces
Alexander Meszler  
*Arizona State University, United States of America*

SO88: Archaeologies of Religion – Temporal and Epistemological Disjunctions

Time: Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 106
Session Chair: Peter Kahlke Olesen

Form and Meaning in Scandinavian Rock Art: Images as Sources in the Archaeology of Religion
Peter Kahlke Olesen  
*University of Copenhagen, Denmark*

South Saami pre-Christian religion – between prehistory and history
Minerva Maaria Piha  
*University of Turku, Finland*
SO91: Contemporary Issues in Religion and Literature

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 227

**Westernized Versions of Islam and Clash of Generations in Arab Muslim Communities of the U.S.A.: Arab-American Biographical Novels as Case Studies**  
Ingrīda Kleinhofa  
*University of Latvia, Latvia*

**Atheist-Theist Dialogue in Novels as a Guide to Contemporary Atheist-Theist Dialogue**  
Peter Admirand  
*Dublin City University, Ireland*

**Religion in East-African Travelogues – Narratives of Difference and Self-Affirmation**  
Katharina Wilkens  
*University of Munich, Germany*

SO93: Christian Churches and Contemporary Media

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 336

**Churches’ communication in social media in crisis situations**  
Monika Przybysz  
*Cardinal Stephan Wyszynski University in Warsaw, Poland*

**Forgive and/or Forget? The case of the Tuam babies and the Catholic crisis of credibility in the Irish media**  
Alexandra Bergholm  
*University of Helsinki, Finland*

S100: Comparative Studies in Christian and Apocalyptic Traditions

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 232

**Repentance and Forgiveness in perspective: Continuity and Discontinuity from Enoch to Jesus**  
Daniele Minisini  
*Sapienza University of Rome, Italy*

**The Last Roman Emperor and the Mahdī**  
Hadi Taghavi, Ehsan Roohi, Hadi Sabouhi  
*University of California, Irvine*
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S106: Conceptual and Methodological Studies on Buddhism

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 214

**Conception of absolute and provisional truths in the Chan tradition of Chinese Buddhism**  
Mario Poceski  |  University of Florida, United States of America

**Following the dots: hunting a conceptual success down by tracking the history of a lexicon**  
Andrea Maria Nencini  |  Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

**Buddhist meditation, flow, and ritual**  
Johannes Bronkhorst  |  University of Lausanne, Switzerland

S111: Comparative Studies on Pilgrimage

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - Senate Hall

**Constructing a Sacred Landscape of Memories in Pilgrimage**  
Teemu T. Mantsinen  |  University of Turku, Finland

**Dynamics of Pilgrimages in East-Transylvania: Religious and/or Political?**  
Bulcsú Hoppál  |  National University of Public Service, Hungarian Association for the Academic Study of Religions

S112: Continuations and Disruptions in Judaism

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 111

**Disruption and Continuation within the Multifaceted Judaism and Jewish Community in Hungary**  
Abraham Kovacs  |  Hungarian Association for the Study of Religion, Hungary

**Jewish “Natione” in early modern Venice, rather as a religious confraternity than as a foreign association**  
Mina Lee  |  University of Tokyo, Japan
S122: Comparative Perspectives on Public and Sacred Spaces

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 128

**A Cross in the Most Sacred Place of the Inca Palace in Cuzco: one Interpretation to the Garcilaso´s Chronicle**  
Tarmo Kulmar  
*University of Tartu, Estonia*

**Şehitlik Mosque and Muslim Cemetery at Columbiadamm Street: Islam in Public Space**  
Martin Klapetek  
*University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice*  
*Faculty of Theology, Czech Republic*

**Islamisation of a Muslim Country: the Case of Indonesia**  
Leons Taivans  
*University of Latvia, Latvia*

S125: Possibilities and Perspectives in the Study of Religion

**Time:** Wednesday, 26/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 109

**The Role of Religion in the etnocultural movement of Vepsians in the the Republic of Karelia**  
Elena Eltc  
*Saint-Petersburg State University, Russian Federation*

**New World Order and the Last Judgement; Religious aspects of contemporary conspiracy theories**  
Alfredas Buiko  
*Vilnius University, Lithuania; Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religions*

**Metadata and indexing in RelBib, the bibliography of the study of religion**  
Gabriele Zeller, Mareike Heinritz  
*Universitätsbibliothek Tübingen, Germany*
SCHEDULE OF PRESENTATIONS Thursday 27th

SO01D: Insecurities and Uncertainties at the Margins of Institutionalised Religions: Ghosts, Monsters, Witchcraft and Other Dangerous Matters IV

**Time:** Thursday, 27/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 212  
**Session Chair:** Lidia Julianna Guzy

**Do (Ideas about) the Dead Persist? A Case Study in Eastern Gujarat**
  Gregory D. Alles *McDaniel College, United States of America*

**The dead, ancestors and ghosts: Photography on the margins**
  Uwe Skoda *Aarhus Universitet, Denmark*

**Continuation and disruption in indigenous folklore: a case study on shamanism of Kuttia Kondhs (Odisha – India)**
  Stefano Beggiora *University Ca’ Foscari of Venice, Italy*

**Welcomed and unwanted: uncertainty in spirit-possession practice. Cases of Manasa worship in North Bengal and Assam, India**
  Svetlana Ryzhakova *Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Science, Russian Federation*

SO02B: Religion and Secret Police Archives 2 – Representations and Transformations of the Religious Underground

**Time:** Thursday, 27/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 307  
**Session Chair:** James A. Kapalo

**Religious and political identities in Soviet secret archives: (self) representations of Inochentists in police files**
  Dumitru Lisnic *University College Cork, Ireland*

**Life of Agents: The Soviet Secret Police as a Source of Religious Reproduction**
  Tatiana Vagramenko *University College Cork, Ireland*

**Material religion in the Hungarian Secret Police Archives**
  Kinga Povedák *University College Cork, Ireland*

**The Hidden Galleries Digital Database: A new resource for researching the religious underground**
  James A. Kapalo *Hidden Galleries ERC Project, UCC, Ireland*
S006: Material Representations of Belief: Objects and Wealth in Chinese Religious Traditions

**Time:** Thursday, 27/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 114  
**Session Chair:** Alevtina Solovyova

**Street altars in contemporary Macao: typology, meanings and functions**  
Alevtina Solovyova  
*Tartu University, Estonia*

**The cult of Filial son - the God of Wealth in contemporary Macao**  
Olga Mazo  
*Russian State University for the Humanities; National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation*

**Temple fairs in contemporary Hebei: problems and challenges**  
Aglaya Starostina  
*Russian State University for Humanities, Russian Federation*

**Market for Magic: Transformation of Taoist Talisman Rituals in the Age of E-Commerce**  
Elizaveta Volchkova  
*Institute of Asian and African Studies, Moscow State University, Russian Federation; Institute for Oriental and Classical Studies, National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation*

S019: Interreligious Encounters and Religious Change in Yugoslavia

**Time:** Thursday, 27/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 107  
**Session Chair:** Aleksandra Djuric Milovanovic

**“Hidden Religious Landscapes”: Religious Minorities and Home-grown Religious Movements in the Border Regions**  
Aleksandra Djuric Milovanovic  
*Institute for Balkan Studies SASA, Serbia*

**Conversions of convenience and ‘minority’ religions in interwar Slovenia**  
Gasper Mithans  
*Science and Research Centre Koper, Slovenia*

**Historical and Anthropological Perspectives on Minority Religious Communities during Socialist Time in Croatia**  
Filip Škiljan  
*Institute for Migration and Ethnic Studies*

**Lana Peternel  
*Institute for Social Research in Zagreb, Croatia*

**Ambiguity of religious places: The monastery of St Naum in post-socialist Yugoslavia**  
Evelyn Ivanova-Reuter  
*Friedrich-Schiller-Universität Jena, Germany*
SO21: Surveying the 1960s: Religious and Scientific Entanglements

**Time:** Thursday, 27/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 228  
**Session Chair:** Andrea Rota  

**Emerging religiosity, emerging assessments: A Swiss case study**  
Christina Wyttenbach  *University of Bern, Switzerland*

**The Dynamics of Religion and Social Science: Insights into a Complex Relationship**  
Simon Michel  *Universität Bern, Switzerland*

**Explaining circumpolar religions: Åke Hultkrantz’s religio-ecological model, its history and impact**  
Konsta Ilari Kaikkonen  *University of Bergen, Norway*

**Alternative Histories – Occultist Folklore and History of Religions in Postwar Germany**  
Tilman Hannemann  *Universität Oldenburg, Germany*

SO22: Sensing Religious Disjuncture across Generations in Contemporary Asian Communities

**Time:** Thursday, 27/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 227  
**Session Chair:** Astrid Krabbe Trolle  

**Japanese Buddhist temples as storehouses of dead values – whose value(s)?**  
Paulina Karolina Kolata  *The University of Manchester, United Kingdom*

**Guwonpa, WMSCOG, and Shincheonji: Three Dynamic Grassroots Groups in Korean Christian NRM History**  
David W. Kim  *Australian National University, Australia*

**The crumbling of kasintuwu: death and communitas among the Wana people of Morowali, Indonesia**  
Giorgio Scalici  *Durham University, United Kingdom*

**Moral Demographics: Decline, Continuity, and Mission among Catholic Filipinos in Denmark**  
Astrid Krabbe Trolle  *University of Copenhagen, Denmark*
SO26B: The Ideology of Religious Studies: Twenty Years Later II

**Time:** Thursday, 27/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - Senate Hall  
**Session Chairs:** Suzanne Owen, Teemu Taira

**It’s Not Just About ‘Religion’!**  
Mitsutoshi Horii  
*Shumei University, Japan; Chaucer College, UK*

**Critical Phenomenology: the connection between Fitzgerald and Husserl**  
Jonathan Tuckett  
*Unseen University, United Kingdom*

**Fitzgerald in an ethnological context – theoretically and methodologically**  
Helene Kirstein  
*European Ethnology, Denmark*

**Teaching “The Ideology of Religious Studies”**  
Wanda Alberts  
*Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany*

SO31B: Indigenous Religions and the Political Imagination II

**Time:** Thursday, 27/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 214  
**Session Chair:** Arkotong Longkumer

**Imagined ethnographies and religiographies of Talamanca, Costa Rica**  
Bjorn Ola Tafjord  
*University of Tromso - The Arctic University of Norway, Norway*

**“Rewe or Death” The hungerstrike of the mapuche prisoner machi Celestino Cordova in Chile**  
May-Lisbeth Brew  
*UiT- The Arctic University of Norway, Norway*

**“Sacred” Art at the Interface of Religion, Politics, and Indigenous Heritage: the Case of the Osun Grove in Osogbo, Nigeria**  
Rosalind I. J. Hackett  
*University of Tennessee, United States of America*

**Indigenous Tourism in British Columbia, Canada**  
Helen Jennings  
*UIT The University of the Arctic Norway, Norway*
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S032: Science-and-Religion as a Field Guide to the Contemporary World of Facts and Fictions

Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 230
Session Chair: Anne Kull

Christian Bioethics: Does “Science-And-Religion” Concept Exists In Medicine?
Nataliya Shok  Privolzhsky Research Medical University of the Ministry of Health of the Russian Federation, Russian Federation

Belief in science as a worldview: Preliminary results from the Finnish context
Tiia Roosa Maria Haimila  University of Helsinki, Finland

Feminism and Religion in modern world: are there any ways for reconciliation?
Anastasiia Babash  University of Tartu, Estonia

Techno-Evolution, Manifestation of Religion in Technological Landscape
Ahenkora Siaw Kwakye  Tartu University, Estonia

S034B: Methodological Challenges in Studying Digital Religion II – Websites and Apps

Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 129
Session Chair: Frederik Elwert

Discourse Analysis as a Method for Analyzing Webpages of Religious Organizations. A Case Study of the Polish Orthodox Church
Łukasz Fajfer  Universität Bremen, Germany

Methodological Challenges in Analyzing the Online Self-Representations of Neo-Conservative German Religious Currents
Maren Freudenberg  Ruhr-Universität Bochum, Germany

Quantitative description of religious websites and their classification
Joseph Kloch  Caridal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland

Portable Jainism: Studying Jainism through mobile applications
Tine Vekemans  Ghent University, Belgium
SO40B: Humour, Narrative, Religion II

**Time:** Thursday, 27/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 130  
**Session Chair:** Vassilis Galanos

**How to Kill a Joke and a Saviour by Explaining Them Cybernetically:**  
Liquefaction of Humouristic Ritual and Ritualistic Humour in the Assassination of J.R. “Bob” Dobbs  
Vassilis Galanos  
*University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom*

**Laugh and Learn: Humour at the centre of a Jain didactic narrative**  
Heleen De Jonckheere  
*Ghent University, Belgium*

**Humor, Internal Purity, and Modes of Self-Discipline in 19th-Century Gujarat**  
Ved Patel  
*Emory University, United States of America*

**The Chaste Krishna: Ḫāsyā-Rasa as a Means of Devotion**  
Kush Depala  
*University of Heidelberg, Germany*


**Time:** Thursday, 27/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 438  
**Session Chair:** Philippe Murillo

**The Definition of Quasi- And Pseudo-Religions Movements: New Religions, “No Religion Spiritualities” or Non-Religious Phenomenon?**  
Yaroslav Yuvsechko  
*Khmelnitsky National University*

**The Cultic Oppositional Subcultures of Messianic Jews and Isa’e in an Age of Globalization**  
Richard Croft  
*University of Eastern Finland*

**Diminishing Faith in Central Europe? Some International Comparison on Structural Background of the Nones in Post-Communist countries**  
Tatiana Zachar Podolinska  
*Institute of Ethnology and Social Anthropology SAS, Slovak Republic*

**Scientologists Disguised as “None”? Census and Other Controversies in Counting Scientologists**  
Massimo Introvigne  
*CESNUR, Italy*
SCHEDULE OF PRESENTATIONS Thursday 27th

SO43A: Continuities, Disruptions, and Multiple Religious Identities in Late Antique Egypt (2nd–6th Centuries) I

Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 110
Session Chair: Andrea Annese, Francesco Berno

Religious Plurality and Fluidity in Late Antique Egypt: The Historical Context and Some Case Studies
Andrea Annese, Francesco Berno  Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

Before Plotinus. Orphic Tradition and Platonism in some ‘Basilidian’ Fragments
Daniele Tripaldi  Alma Mater Studiorum - Università di Bologna, Italy

“Prey to Nightmares” (Gos.Truth, 28): Adopting a Platonic Vocabulary of Emotions in Fourth-Century Egypt
Eduard Iricinschi  Ruhr University Bochum, Germany

SO44B: Reconfiguring Concepts and Methods for the Semiotic Understanding of Religious Change II: Applications of Semiotic Methodologies

Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 336
Session Chair: Naomi Janowitz

NeMoSanctI – A semiotic study of sanctity: the Bibliotheca Sanctorum
Jenny Ponzo  University of Turin, Italy

On the semiotics of space in the study of religions: theoretical perspectives and methodological challenges
Tatsuma Padoan  University College Cork, Ireland; SOAS, University of London

Reading images: the iconic turn in semiotics and the theology of icons
Alin Olteanu  University of Tartu, Estonia; Vilnius Gediminas Technical University

The Semiosphere: A Tool for Understanding Religious Aspects of Migration
Jason Cronbach Van Boom  University of Tartu, Estonia
SO45A: Re-Unifying Europe: From the Establishment of the IAHR to the EASR I

Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 224
Session Chair: Valerio Severino

Science and Diplomacy: The Membership of the Hungarian National Group to the IAHR in the Context of the 1956 Revolution
Valerio Severino  University of Rome La Sapienza, Italy - Hungarian Academy of Sciences

Polish research on religion and its connections with the international religious studies organisations
Henryk Hoffmann  University of Pardubice, Czech Republic
Piotr Stawiński  University of Silesia, Poland

From Scientific Atheism to the Study of Religion on the Example of CASR Development
Tomáš Bubík  Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic

The history of religion under the veil of “scientific atheism”: the short life of the Association of the Soviet Historians of Religion
Marianna Shakhnovich  State Saint-Petersburg University, Russian Federation

SO47C: The Blend of Tantra: Continuity and Discontinuity within South Asian Mainstream Religions III

Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 106
Session Chairs: Paolo E. Rosati, Robert Ryszard Czyżykowski

Reasoning against the Hypothesis of the Sculptural Mandalas in the Buddhist Art of Ratnagiri: Probing into the Iconography
Sushma Trivedi  Navyug PG College, University of Lucknow, India

“Devi needs these rituals!” Negotiating popularity and ritual efficacy in a Śrīvidyā tradition in flux
Monika Esther Hirmer  School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) - University of London, United Kingdom

Tantra: Its Brahminical Appropriation and the Present Goddesses Tradition in India
Shubhi Rai  Jawahar Lal Nehru University, India
SO48D: The Regime of “Spirituality” and the Culture of Well-Being in Neoliberal Societies IV

Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - Lecture Theatre
Session Chair: Geraldine Mossiere

Forest Bathing on the Junction between Wellbeing Culture and Enchanted Ecologies
Henrik Ohlsson  Södertörn University, Sweden

The well-being as a “Cargo cult”, or as to transform collective practices into individual mythology
Denise Lombardi  Université de Lorraine, Switzerland

«There are people fighting on Earth, everything is fine in Heaven»: negotiation of religious identity and New Age spirituality in women holistic movement
Aleksandra Belova  European University at St.Petersburg

Spiritual labor and the culture of well-being in organizations
Mira Karjalainen  University of Helsinki, Finland

SO57B: Muslims in Post-Communist Lands: Between Traditional and Global: Central and South-Eastern Europe II

Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 217
Session Chair: Egdunas Racius

“Surrendering to the States of the Heart”: Sufi Ritual as a Psychosocial Intervention in postwar Sarajevo
Zora Kostadinova  University College London, United Kingdom

The Salafi challenge: defining and defending the “Islamic tradition of the Bosniaks”
Zora Hesova  Charles University Prague, Czech Republic

Imams of the Muslim Religious Union in Poland. History, tradition and new developments after the fall of Communism
Agata S. Nalborczyk  Department for European Islam Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland
SO59A: Alternative Religiosities in the Communist Regime and Post-Communist East-Central European Countries: Emerging Diversities within (Trans)Formations, Disruptions, Continuations I

Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 232
Session Chair: Rasa Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson

The Hare Krishna Community in the Light of KGB Persecutions: the Case of the Soviet Republic of Lithuania
Rasa Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson  Vilnius University, Lithuania

Diversity in the Lithuanian Neoshamanic milieu and its post-Soviet context
Egle Aleknaite  Vytautos Magnus University, Lithuania

Statistical Analysis of Jehovah’s Witness, Seventh-day Adventist, and Mormon Growth and Retention in Post-Communist Central and Eastern Europe 1985-2018
David Grant Stewart Jr.  University of Nevada Las Vegas School of Medicine, United States of America

SO64C: Inertia versus Friction: Choice of Location and Construction of Space in Religious Practices and Beliefs III

Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 306
Session Chair: Fabio Guidetti

Western Sicily and Malta between Punics and Romans: alterations of the religious space
Beatrice Lietz  Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes, France

The figure of the θείος ἄνηρ in late antique Athens. A physical and mental key element for maintaining paganism in the late antique world
Marco Alviz Fernández  UNED, MADRID, Spain
Marina Díaz Bourgeal  UCM, MADRID, SPAIN
Sonsoles Costero Quiroga  UAM, MADRID, SPAIN

Sacred space in Egeria’s fourth century pilgrimage to Jerusalem
Giselle Bader  University of Sydney, Australia

From Hades to Hell and back: Continuations and disruptions in the construction of the netherworld
Soi Agelidis  Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany
S067A: History / Memory: The Struggle for Religious Identity in Contested Places I

Location: von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 109
Session Chair: Maria Chiara Giorda

Strastnoi Monastery or Pushkin Square: constructing the history of place and religious identity
Nadezhda Rychkova  
*Russian State University for the Humanities, Russian Federation*

Turning to the past, bypassing the conflict: how the “revived” church and the “survival” of the Soviet Union coexist in the same village
Elena Malaia  
*European University at St.Petersburg (EUSPb); Russian State University for the Humanities (RSUH), Russian Federation*

Debating Russian National Culture: Secular and Religious Claims for Social Space
Alexander Agadjanian  
*Russian State University of the Humanities, Russian Federation*

S068: New Religiosities, Muslims and Islam

Location: von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 104
Session Chair: Martin Riexinger

Session Chair: Cecilie Endresen

Floating Islam: Islamic referents and Muslim identities in New Age spirituality in Albania
Cecilie Endresen  
*University of Oslo, Norway*

Sufism and Paraspsychology in Twentieth-Century Iraq: The Case of the Qādiriyya-Kasnazāniyya
David Jordan  
*Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany*

Turkish Islamic responses to Guénonian Traditionalism
Martin Riexinger  
*Aarhus Universitet, Denmark*
SO74A: Urban Religion and Religious Change. Intellectualization of Religion and Ritual Invention I

**Time:** Thursday, 27/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 111  
**Session Chair:** Cristiana Facchini

**Christian intellectuals in a heterarchical world: Religious changes in the ancient Mediterranean city fabric**  
Emiliano Rubens Urciuoli  
*Max-Weber-Kolleg, University of Erfurt, Germany*

**Ritual and Urban Networking with Ignatius of Antioch**  
Harry O. Maier  
*Vancouver School of Theology, Canada*

**Inventing Prayer, Enforcing Orthodoxy: Athanasios of Alexandria’s Project of Bible-Based Devotion**  
Arkadiy Avdokhin  
*Higher School or Economics (Moscow, Russia), Russian Federation*

SO84C: Religion and Sustainability III

**Time:** Thursday, 27/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 428  
**Session Chair:** Mikko Sakari Kurenlahti  
**Session Chair:** Heikki Paavali Pesonen

**Reforming human-farm animal relations in farm animal sanctuaries**  
Terhi Hannola  
*University of Helsinki, Finland*

**Sustainability and Religious Sensibilities: An exploration of the status of the natural domain in Advaita Vedânta and Yoga**  
Tilak Parekh  
*University of Cambridge, University of Oxford (United Kingdom)*

**Islamic Views on Sustainability and Climate Change in the MENA Region**  
Laura Wickström  
*Åbo Akademi University, Finland*
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SO87: Things and Materiality in New Age Spirituality

**Time:** Thursday, 27/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 128  
**Session Chairs:** Tenno Teidearu, Atko Remmel

**Wearing Crystals in Contemporary New Spirituality: Meaning-making the Materiality of the Practice**

Tenno Teidearu  *University of Tartu; Estonian National Museum, Estonia*

**Processes of meaning making: Individual appropriation of crystal healing and gemstones in everyday religious practices in Germany**

Anna Matter  *Philipps-University Marburg, Germany*

**Material Culture in Rainbow Gatherings**

Katri Marika Ratia  *Fribourg University, Switzerland*

**Exploring Material Engagements and New age interactions with the Megaliths of Carnac (France)**

Yaël Dansac  *EHESS, France*

S108: Continuations and Disruptions in Religious Psychology

**Time:** Thursday, 27/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 230

**Awe’s effects on prosociality require analysis over time**

Anastasia Ejova  *The University of Auckland, New Zealand; LEVYNA Laboratory for the Experimental Research of Religion, Masaryk University, Czech Republic*

Jan Krátký  *LEVYNA Laboratory for the Experimental Research of Religion, Masaryk University, Czech Republic*

Eva Kundtová Klocová  *LEVYNA Laboratory for the Experimental Research of Religion, Masaryk University, Czech Republic*

Radek Kundt  *LEVYNA Laboratory for the Experimental Research of Religion, Masaryk University, Czech Republic*

Jakub Cigán  *LEVYNA Laboratory for the Experimental Research of Religion, Masaryk University, Czech Republic*

Silvie Kotherová  *LEVYNA Laboratory for the Experimental Research of Religion, Masaryk University, Czech Republic*
Thursday 27th

SCHEDULE OF PRESENTATIONS

Joseph Bulbulia  The University of Auckland, New Zealand
Russell D. Gray  Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History, Germany

Will NBIC impact beliefs about reincarnation?
Pedro Garcia Repetto  University Complutense of Madrid, Spain

Enacting Continuity in Modern Postural Yoga
Matylda Ciółkosz  Jagiellonian University, Poland

S117: Continuity and Change in Contemporary Orthodox Christianity

Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 109

Certifying the Sanctity or how rupture blends in a tradition of continuity: Anthropological approach on the construction of religious truthfulness in Orthodox Christianity
Eliza Lefter  University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Christmas and Revolution: Theological Re-reading of the Public Discourse of the Ukrainian Revolution of Dignity
Oleh Melnichenko  KU Leuven, Belgium

Ecumenical Orthodoxy in the 21st century: danger of the split or/and the prospect of preservation
Liudmyla Fylypovych  Ukrainian Association of Researchers of Religion, Ukraine
S001E: Insecurities and Uncertainties at the Margins of Institutionalised Religions: Ghosts, Monsters, Witchcraft and Other Dangerous Matters V

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 212  
**Session Chair:** Ülo Valk

**On the Edge of the Empire: Witches and Symbolic Healing in a Orthodox Parish**
Olga Borisovna Khristoforova  
*Russian Presidential Academy of National Economy and Public Administration (RANEPA) (Moscow), Russian Federation; Russian State University for the Humanities (RSUH) (Moscow), Russian Federation*

**Evangelical Protestants from the Village of Witches**
Art Leete  
*University of Tartu, Estonia*

**Schoolchildren’s Supernatural Experiences in Contemporary Estonian Folklore**
Reet Hiimäe  
*Estonian Literary Museum, Estonia*

**“Pagan” masks in contemporary European winter festivals, popular Frazerism, and the search for festive authenticity (and its heritagisation)**
Alessandro Testa  
*University of Vienna, Austria*

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S008: Being Jewish in Finland: Continuations and Disruptions

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 129  
**Session Chair:** Ruth Illman

**Vernacular Judaism: Theoretical and Methodological Reflections**
Ruth Illman  
*Åbo Akademi University, Finland*

**The Origin of Finnish Orthodoxy**
Riikka Tuori  
*University of Helsinki, Finland*  
Simo Muir  
*University College London, UK; Åbo Akademi, Finland*

**Under the Chuppah, or under the Magistrate? – Finnish Jewish Marriages**
Mercedesz Czimbalmos  
*Åbo Akademi University, Finland*

**Challahpulla and kishke: Finnish Jewish culinary traditions**
Dora Pataricza  
*Åbo Akademi University, Finland*
**SO17A: Religion as a Site of Learning I**

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 128  
**Session Chair:** Terhi Pepitia Utriainen

**Learning new religion and spirituality**  
Helena Kupari  *University of Helsinki, Finland*  
Terhi Utriainen  *University of Turku, Finland*

**Analysing religious transmission and learning: a framework and case study**  
Kim Knott  *Lancaster University, United Kingdom*

**Of learning and learning to un-learn religion: the role of credibility enhancing displays in the shaping of religious and secular worldviews among peruvian young adults**  
Sidney Alberto Castillo Cárdenas  *Central European University, Hungary*


**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 228  
**Session Chair:** Audrius Beinorius

„*Hinduism*, its Criticisms and Ways Forward?“  
Indrek Peedu  *University of Tartu, Estonia*  
Audrius Beinorius  *University of Tartu, Estonia; Vilnius University, Lithuania*

**The doubly disruptive force of the 2015 earthquake in Nepal: a redefining of Hinduism?**  
Albertina Nugteren  *Tilburg University, The Netherlands*

Raj Balkaran  *University of Toronto, Canada*

**On the “ism” in Middle Bengali Religiosity**  
Frank Joseph Korom  *Boston University, United States of America*
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Friday 28th

SO28A: Communism and Its Collapse: Disruptions and Continuities in Russian Orthodox Christianity I

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 230
Session Chair: Regina Elsner

Disruptions to Russian Orthodoxy Resulting from the Russian Revolution and Attempts to Preserve Continuity
Scott Kenworthy  Miami University, United States of America

“How can he see a schism?” Disruption and Discontinuity in American Orthodox Rus’, 1923-1928
Aram Gregory Sarkisian  Northwestern University, United States of America

Russian Orthodoxy meeting French laicité in the 1920s
Sebastian Rimestad  University of Erfurt, Germany

“Atheist Vernacular: Confessional Atheisms Across the USSR”
Victoria Smolkin  Wesleyan University, United States of America

SO39: Continuations and Disruptions of Pilgrimage in Northern Europe

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am
Location: von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 109
Session Chairs: Dirk Johannsen, Marion Irene Bowman

Caledonian Caminos? Caminoisation, co-option and contestation in new pilgrimage in Scotland
Marion Irene Bowman  The Open University, United Kingdom

Half a pilgrim, half a tourist: Pilgrimage trail from Pirita Convent to Vastseliina Episcopal Castle
Tiina Sepp  University of Tartu, Estonia

Ritualized border crossing: two Orthodox pilgrimages in contemporary Finland
Elina I T Vuola  University of Helsinki, Finland

Re-Storied Places, New Pilgrims, and Old Saints: On the Heritagisation of Pilgrimage in Norway
Dirk Johannsen, Ane Ohrvik  University of Oslo, Norway
SO40C: Humour, Narrative, Religion III

**Time:** Friday, 28-Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 130  
**Session Chair:** Hanna Karoliina Lehtinen

**Certifying the Sanctity in Orthodox Christianity - with bits of paradox and humour**  
Eliza Lefter  *University of Copenhagen, Denmark*

**Religious memes as a way of religious humor**  
Juliusz Aleksander Iwanicki  *Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland*

**Biblical Memes - Religious Humor on the Polish Internet**  
Pawel Plichta  *Jagiellonian University, Poland*

SO41: Forum: Religion, Gender and Sexuality in Popular/Populist Discourse – Transnational Perspectives

**Time:** Friday, 28-Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - Senate Hall  
**Session Chair:** Nella van den Brandt

**Questioning/Querying/Queering Religion and Gender Identities:**  
*Cinematic Practices and Artistic Strategies in South Asia*  
Mara Matta  *Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy*

**Navigating Religious and Secular Norms on Intimate Relationships in Flanders**  
Eline Huygens  *Ghent University, Belgium*

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 438  
Session Chair: Massimo Introvigne

Do You Believe in Rock’n’Roll? Popular Music as “Religion”  
Olga Mikhelson  
Saint Petersburg State University, Russian Federation

Discourses on Belonging: Western Yoga Practitioners in India  
Jens U Augspurger  
SOAS, University of London, United Kingdom

Looking for New Age in “elder’s way” and finding more of “none”  
Age Kristel Kartau  
Tartu University, Estonia

New Thought movement and the “none-ing” phenomenon: a secularization or re-sacralization process?  
Philippe Murillo  
Université de Toulouse, France

SO43B: Continuities, Disruptions, and Multiple Religious Identities in Late Antique Egypt (2nd–6th Centuries) II/A

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 110  
Session Chair: Francesco Berno

Ir/rational Enkrateia? The Greek Gospel according to the Egyptians and Its (Early) Interpretations  
Andrea Annese  
Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

The Reception of Philo’s Reincarnational Soteriology in Clement  
Sami Yli-Karjanmaa  
University of Helsinki, Finland

Athanasius and the Gods of the Others  
Chiara Di Serio  
University of Rome La Sapienza, Italy

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 336  
**Session Chair:** Thomas-Andreas Põder

**Finding Spirit in A Letter: Ancient and Modern Attempts to Plumb Language for Religious Progress**  
Naomi Janowitz  
*University of California-Davis, United States of America*

**Vain Repetitions: The Role of Joint, or Unison, Speech in Enacting Collective Subjectivities**  
Fred Cummins  
*University College Dublin, Ireland*

**Religion as relegere: on the role of attention in the discernment of religious meaning**  
Michael L. Raposa  
*Lehigh University, United States of America*

**Blueprint for a Semiotic of the Sacred: Prolegomena of a “Hierosemiotics”**  
Oscar Castro  
*University of Tartu, Estonia*

SO45B: Re-Unifying Europe: From the Establishment of the IAHR to the EASR II

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 224  
**Session Chair:** Valerio Severino

**European, yet exiled: on some Romanian-born historians of religions in IAHR and EASR and the impossibility of a ‘school’**  
Eugen Ciurtin  
*Institute for the History of Religions, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania*

**Institutionalisation, Internationalisation and Transdisciplinary Cooperation: The Case of the Estonian Society for the Study of Religions**  
Ergo-Hart Västrik  
*University of Tartu, Estonia*

**Looking at the History of the Latvian Society for the Study of Religions**  
Janis Priede  
*University of Latvia, Latvia*

**Academic Study of Religions in Lithuania: Historical and Contemporary Overview**  
Milda Alisauskiene  
*Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania*  
Rasa Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson  
*Vilnius University, Lithuania*
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SO46: Rethinking Modernity, Change and Continuity in Japanese Buddhism in the Meiji period (1868–1912)

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 230  
**Session Chair:** Paride Stortini

- An Ancient Language for a Modern Approach to Religion: Sanskrit and the Scientific Study of Buddhism in Meiji and Taishō Japan  
  Paride Stortini  *The University of Chicago, United States of America*

- Continuing intellectual exchange within the disruptions of the Meiji Restoration: the case of the Buddhist priest-scholar Shimaji Mokurai and statesman Kido Takayoshi  
  Mick Deneckere  *Ghent University, Belgium*

- The Predicament of the Non-Modern: Murakami Sensho and the Essence of Buddhism in Meiji Japan  
  Orion Klautau  *Tohoku University, Japan*

- From Philosophy to Faith: Strategic Reformulations of the Concept of Religion among Japanese Buddhist Reformers from the 1880s to the Eve of WWI  
  Bruce Gordon Grover  *University of Heidelberg*

SO54A: Continuations and Disruptions in Muslim Religious Leadership in Europe I

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 307  
**Session Chair:** Simon Stjernholm

- The Mosque as a vehicle of Muslim political participation in Denmark  
  Brian Arly Jacobsen  *University of Copenhagen, Denmark*

- The Accommodation of Islam in the Danish Public Sector  
  Kasper Ly Netterstrøm  *University of Copenhagen, Denmark*

- How to conceptualize and study female authority positions in conservative milieus  
  Maria Lindebaek Lyngsoe  *University of Copenhagen, Denmark*

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 107
Session Chair: Markha Gabrielle Valenta

Democratic Memories of Empire’s Religions Past
  Markha Gabrielle Valenta  Raboud University Nijmegen

Rethinking Islam and Democracy for the 21st century: The ‘Other’ in Modern-Day Sunni Islamic Religious Writings
  Muhammad Al-Atawneh  Ben-Gurion University of the Negev, Israel

Who leads Leitkultur? How populist claims about ‘Christian Identity’ impact Christian-Democrats in Western Europe
  Ernst van den Hemel  Meertens Institute, Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences, Netherlands, The

Mosques in a transcultural Europe: an enterprise of compromises
  Muhammad Ahsan Qureshi  University of Tampere, Finland

S056B: Controversial Issues in Religious Education (RE) and RE Research: Contents of RE

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am
Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 227
Session Chair: Maria Chiara Giorda

“Dead man walking” – Teaching and learning from dead religions in Swedish RE-contexts
  Heike Peter  Halmstad University, Sweden

Mother’s Brother’s Daughter: Teaching about ‘religion and gender’ through kinship studies
  Irene Dietzel  University of Potsdam, Germany

RE as intercultural didactics? Between the danger of religification and prosperity of inclusion
  Søren Sindberg Jensen  University of Southern Denmark, Denmark

Making Room for ‘This Sort of Religion’: Can Religious Education Incorporate Reflexivity?
  Kornel Zathureczky, Jack Laughlin  University of Sudbury, Canada
S057C: Muslims in Post-Communist Lands: Between Traditional and Global: Russia

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 217
Session Chair: Katarzyna Górak-Sosnowska

“Parallel” muftiates as the “third force” among spiritual administrations of Muslims in Russia
Renat Bekkin  Södertörn University, Russian Federation

The Role of Religious Communities for Uzbek Migrants in Moscow
Kaarina Aitamurto, Sherzod Eraliev  University of Helsinki, Finland

Daily practice of wearing hijabs in non-Muslim Russian regions
Alena Shisheliakina  Tartu University, Institute for Cultural research, Estonia

Religion in Service of Chechen Political Establishment
Marat Iliyasov  University of St Andrews, United Kingdom

S060A: Discursive Study of Religion I

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - Lecture Theatre
Session Chair: Titus Hjelm

Rereading Peter L. Berger for the Critical Discursive Study of Religion
Titus Hjelm  University of Helsinki, Finland

Don’t Say ‘Religion,’ Be More Specific
Mitsutoshi Horii  Shumei University, Japan; Chaucer College, UK

Religion in International Relations Discipline; Subject or Object?
Roohol amin Saeidi  Imam Sadiq University, Iran, Islamic Republic of

Situating oneself towards Discourse, Meaning and Matter in the Study of Religion
Sophia Löwe  Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Netherlands, The
SO66A: Literature and Modern Western Esotericism: Continuities and Changes I

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 214  
**Session Chair:** Tiina Mahlamäki  

**Rider Haggard and the Imperial Occult: Hermetic Discourse and Romantic Contiguity**  
Simon Magus  *University of Exeter (Alumnus)*

**From Politics to Ritual: The Satanic Temple and its Literary Influences**  
Miguel Pastor Pérez-Minayo  *Complutense University of Madrid, Spain*

**Ambivalence of Supernatural Phenomena in A. Blackwood’s fiction**  
Tatiana Samarina  *Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation*

**A jacket full of stars: Jack London’s fiction of reincarnation**  
Marco Pasi  *University of Amsterdam, Netherlands, The*

SO73A: Texts as Agents of Religious Change – Interpreting Agency

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 114  
**Session Chair:** Eviatar Shulman  

**It is all in the Book: The Mahabharata as a Complex Agent in the Western Indian Himalaya**  
Ehud Halperin  *Tel Aviv University, Israel*

**Modern apocrypha: intertextuality, memory and the religious change**  
Małgorzata Jankowska  *Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, Poland*

**Meditating Texts or Meditating Texts? Understanding the Agency of Great Perfection Philosophy Through Extended Mind Theory**  
Flavio Alessio Geisshuesler  *University of Virginia/ University of Bern*

**The Torah as an Authorless Text in Rabbinic Literature**  
Yakir Paz  *Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel*
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SO74B: Urban Religion and Religious Change. Intellectualization of Religion and Ritual Invention II

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 111
Session Chair: Emiliano Rubens Urciuoli

Utopias and urban imagination in the early modern period
Cristiana Facchini  University of Bologna, Italy

Affinity, Conflict and Change in the Music of the Venetian Ghetto
Avery Gosfield  Ensemble Lucidarium, Italy

Rituals of Death in Early Modern German Cities
Martin Christ  University of Erfurt, Germany

SO86: Do the Gods Make Us Moral? Psychological, Ecological and Cognitive Exploration

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 306
Session Chair: Renatas Berniūnas, Ryan McKay

Abolish the oath? Moral prejudice against atheists may bias courtroom decisions
Ryan McKay, Colin Davis, Will Gervais  Royal Holloway, University of London, United Kingdom

Moral of the Gods in the Lydian confession inscriptions
Jarkko Tapio Vikman  University of Helsinki, Finland

Rewarding the Good and Punishing the Bad: the moral importance of karma and afterlife beliefs in Singaporean Chinese culture
Aiyana Koka Willard  Brunel University London, United Kingdom
Adam Baimel  University of Oxford
Jonathan Jong  Coventry University
Harvey Whitehouse  University of Oxford

Between Karma and Buddha: exploring the sources of moral behavior among Mongolian Buddhists
Renatas Berniūnas  Vilnius University, Lithuania
S090: Peaceful Co-Existence of Religions: Past and Present

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 232  
**Session Chair:** Alessandro Saggioro

**Dialogue between religions as premise for peace: De pace fidei of Nicola Cusano**  
Beatrice Tramontano  *Università di Roma La Sapienza, Italy*

**From missed tolerance to civil equality: Hebrews and Christians in Transylvania and the Old Kingdom of Romania**  
Daniel Dumitran  *University of Alba Iulia, Romania*

**Promoting peace in an overextended empire: Dārā Shīkōh and the Indo-Muslim relationships (17th c.)**  
Marianna Ferrara  *Sapienza University of Rome, Italy*

**“The Akshardham Response”: Religious Leadership and Peaceful co-existence**  
Tilak Parekh  *University of Cambridge, University of Oxford*

S110: Critical Perspectives on Religion and Politics

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 106

**Is War Secular?**  
Dr Stacey E Gutkowski  *King’s College London, United Kingdom*

**Bloody, intense, and durable: A critical examination of contemporary research on religious conflicts**  
Tomas Lindgren  *Umea University, Sweden*

**Religion and Politics in Pre-War Lebanon. Between Informal Practices and Formal Constraints**  
Borja Wladimiro Gonzalez Fernandez  *Universidad Autónoma de Madrid, Spain*

**International institutions and religious minorities: past and present perspectives**  
Sabrina Pastorelli  *CNRS (Centre Maurice Halbwachs), France*
S126A: Materiality of Religion I

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 428  
**Session Chair:** Tõnno Jonuks

The Theological Books of Roman Paganism, Considered as Material Objects
Ludwig Maisel  *Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany*

The Material Qur’an: On Why the ‘Material Turn’ has been Ignored in the Field of Qur’anic Studies
Johanne Louise Christiansen  *University of Copenhagen, Denmark*

Icons and ideas: The roles of visual images in the ecclesiastic space
Dmitriy Igorevitch Antonov  *Russian State University for the Humanities; School for Advanced Studies in the Humanities, RANEPA, Moscow, Russian Federation*

S001F: Insecurities and Uncertainties at the Margins of Institutionalised Religions: Ghosts, Monsters, Witchcraft and Other Dangerous Matters VI

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 212  
**Session Chair:** Stefano Beggiora

Title: On the Side of the Motorway: A Ritual for Casting Away a Haunting Ghost and Fetching Back a Frightened Soul in a Baima village (Sichuan, PRC)  
Valentina Punzi  *University of Tartu; EPHE, Paris*

Body, Memory and the Cosmos: Illness and the Shu Spirits Healing Ceremony among the Naxi of Southwest China  
Cristiana Turini  *University of Macerata (Italy), Italy*

Spiritual agency among the Naga of northeast India: Angami everyday living and healing  
Vibha Joshi Parkin  *Tuebingen University, Germany*
S014: Continuity and Disruption in the Erasmian Reformation/s

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 106
Session Chair: Maria Fallica

“Ego sane in hoc dissentire ab Erasmo non dubito …” Erasmus’ influence on Luther’s early theological standpoint (1516-1525)
Marta Quatrale  
Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Juan de Valdés: a Debated Erasmianism
Ludovico Battista  
La Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

Marguerite’s Folly. Erasmian Influences in the “Comédie de Mont-de-Marsan”
Maria Fallica  
Università di Roma La Sapienza, Italy

S018B: Religion as a Site of Learning II

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 128
Session Chair: Helena Maria Kupari

“Rebuild my understanding of the whole world”: “Unlearning” as a key category in the process of conversion to Orthodox Christianity in the USA
Kseniya Medvedeva  
Freie Universität Berlin, Germany

Insights and embodied understanding in contemporary mindfulness training
Ville Husgafvel  
University of Helsinki, Finland

Pedagogical pilgrimage and conversion in Justin Martyr’s ‘Dialogue with Trypho’
Giselle Bader  
University of Sydney, Australia
SO24B: Moving Beyond “Hinduism” – but How? II

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 228
Session Chair: Audrius Beinorius

Hinduism and Hindustani musicians: moving beyond and apart. Religious patterns and approaches among hereditary artists of North India
Svetlana Ryzhakova Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Science, Russian Federation

Cult Hindu Movements and the Religious Rhetorics among the Karbi of Northeast India
Margaret Lyngdoh University of Tartu, Estonia

SO28B: Communism and Its Collapse: Disruptions and Continuities in Russian Orthodox Christianity II

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 230
Session Chair: Scott Kenworthy

Identity and Acculturation among Old Believers
Roy Raymond Robson Penn State University, Abington College, United States of America

Discontinuities in the lives of parish priests, monks and nuns in post-Soviet Russia
Tünde Komáromi Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary, Hungary

Peace-Ethics in Unpeaceful Times. (Dis)Continuities of Post-Soviet Russian-Orthodox Ethics of Peace and War
Regina Elsner Center for East European and international Studies (ZOiS), Germany
SO43C: Continuities, Disruptions, and Multiple Religious Identities in Late Antique Egypt (2nd–6th Centuries) II/B

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 110  
Session Chair: Andrea Annese

Use and Re-Use of the Watchers’ Tale in Coptic Literature  
Francesco Berno  Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy

Sethian texts and groups in Christian Egypt of the 4th and the 5th centuries  
Przemysław Piwowarczyk  Uniwercity of Silesia, Poland

Reconstructing Cultural Landscape of Christian Western Thebes: Contextualization of Literary Texts  
Marta Addessi  Sapienza University of Rome, Italy

SO50A: Conflict and Coexistence – Christianity and Islam II

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 230  
Session Chair: Orsolya Varsányi

Islamic Vocabulary in the Garden of the Monks  
Moa Christina Airijoki  University of Bergen, Norway

Continuations and Disruptions in Ninth-Century Arabic Christian Controversy  
Orsolya Varsányi  Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary
SO54B: Continuations and Disruptions in Muslim Religious Leadership in Europe II

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 307  
**Session Chair:** Kasper Ly Netterstrøm

**Gramscian Perspectives on European Muslim Preachers**  
Simon Stjernholm  
*University of Copenhagen, Denmark*

**A comparative analysis of Islam in Spain and Austria: similarities, differences and problems resulting from a single-catch-all policy**  
Kerstin Wonisch  
*EURAC Research, Italy*  
Mariana Rosca  
*University of Deusto, Spain*

SO59B: Alternative Religiosities in the Communist Regime and Post-Communist East-Central European Countries: Emerging Diversities within (Trans)Formations, Disruptions, Continuations II

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 232  
**Session Chair:** Rasa Pranskevičiūtė- Amoson

**“Orthodox atheist” as a hybrid type of religiosity: Ukrainian cases**  
Liudmyla Fylypovych  
*Ukrainian Association of Researchers of Religion, Ukraine*

**Alternative religiosity in contemporary Ukraine**  
Ruslan Khalikov  
*Ukrainian Association of Researchers of Religion (UARR), Ukraine*
SO60B: Discursive Study of Religion II

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - Lecture Theatre  
**Session Chair:** Titus Hjelm

**Becoming an “authentic Muslim”: a discursive, ethnographic approach to the study of “salafism”**  
Carmen Becker  *Leibniz Universität Hannover, Germany*

**“Theorizing Back”: The Influence of Religious Studies on the Catholic Theological Reflection on Religion and Religious Studies**  
Tereza Huspeková  *Pontifical University of John Paul II, Poland*

**Continuations and Disruptions of Worldviews and Discourses: A Theoretical Approach**  
Zuzana Kosticova  *Hussite theological faculty, Charles University, Czech Republic*

SO62B: Religion as Oppression and Liberation II

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 130  
**Session Chair:** Kristina Garalytė

**Ambedkar, Conversion to Buddhism, and the Performativity of Self-Worth: A Transgenerational Network Analysis of Converts in Nagpur, India**  
Sanjeev Kumar  *SPM College, University of Delhi, India*

**Consciousness not without Danger: A sociological Analysis of Consciousness of Conversion among Dalits**  
Afsara Ayub  *JAWAHARLAL NEHRU UNIVERSITY, India*

**The Dalits of The Salvation Army: Identity, Religion and Social Movements**  
Johanna Weirich  *University of Heidelberg, Germany*
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S063B: More or Less (of) the Same? – Dis/continuities between Secularism and Post-Secularism II

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 306
Session Chair: CJS Lombaard

Sacred Music in a post secular world – continuities and discontinuities in the Cathedrals Group of Universities in the UK
June Boyce-Tillman  
University of Winchester, United Kingdom

From Anti-Science to the War on “Gender Ideology”: The Secularization of Discourse in the Latin American Neoconservatism
Jerry Espinoza-Rivera  
University of Costa Rica, Costa Rica

Secularisation and desecularisation in conditions of mediatisation – using the example of the Polish press in the years 2014-2018
Ewa Stachowska  
University of Warsaw, Poland

S066B: Literature and Modern Western Esotericism: Continuities and Changes II

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 214
Session Chair: Tiina Mahlamäki

The interpretations of Emanuel Swedenborg’s image of afterlife in Laura Lindstedt’s Oneiron
Tiina Mahlamäki  
University of Turku, Finland

The ‘Gnostic’ Cosmology in the (Post)Modern Science Fiction
Jan Kozak  
University of Bergen, Norway

Creating imaginary spiritual spaces through esoteric metaphors in the song lyrics of Sa-Roc
Sophia Löwe  
Rijksuniversiteit Groningen, Netherlands, The
S067B: History / Memory: The Struggle for Religious Identity in Contested Places II

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 109
Session Chair: Nadezhda Rychkova

From non-memory sites to heritage spaces - the case of prewar cemeteries in postmigrant territories of Poland
Małgorzata Zawiła  Jagiellonian University, Poland

The Sufi Lodge: Contesting Authenticity in the Process of Religious Tradition Continuity
Ksenia Trofimova  Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation

S070: Religion and Right Wing Populist Politics in Contemporary Baltics and Nordics

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 438
Session Chair: Anna Maria Haapalainen

The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland and right-wing populist agendas
Anna Maria Haapalainen  University of Turku, Finland

Religion and the Finns Party’s political agenda in the light of party and election platforms
Jere Kyyrö  University of Turku, Finland
SO72A: Media, Marginalization, Mobilization and Religion, Representation, Resistance I

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 224  
**Session Chair:** Mara Matta

**Aghoris – the Saiva Tantriks of Banaras: Towards a Dialectical Study of Truth, and Myth Generated through Indian Cinema**  
Vamshi Krishna Reddy Vemireddy  
*Indian Institute of Technology Tirupati, India*

**Observing Cultural Changes Through the Subculture of Tibetan Hip-Hop**  
Martin Hanker  
*Charles University, Faculty of Arts, Czech Republic*

SO73B: Texts as Agents of Religious Change – Agency of Texts from the Viewpoint of Religious Traditions

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 114  
**Session Chair:** Yakir Paz

**The concept of bhāvanā and the agency of Vedic injunctive texts**  
Naphtali S. Meshel  
*The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel*  
Anand Mishra  
*Heidelberg University, Germany*

**Textual enlightenment or enlightened textuality? Contemplative practices in early Buddhism**  
Eviatar Shulman  
*Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel*

SO77: Agency of Women in Buddhism and Islam

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 217

**Women as Agents of Change: contribution to Buddhism in Latvia**  
Marika Laudere  
*Daugavpils University, Latvia*

**Dynamic Agency of British Muslim Women**  
Hengameh Ashraf Emami  
*University of Nottingham, United Kingdom*
S094B: Continuations and Disruptions in Religious Education I

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 336  
**Session Chair:** Olga Schihalejev

- **Continuity and change in Finnish university students’ worldviews**  
  Karoliina Dahl  
  Åbo Akademi University, Finland

- **Moral development among school children in a secular context; the relation to religious and existential questions and sense of coherence**  
  Åsa Schumann  
  Uppsala University, Sweden

- **The role of personal bias of Estonian religious education teachers in choosing the teaching content**  
  Silja Härm  
  University of Tartu, Estonia

S103: Continuations and Disruptions in Contemporary Catholicism

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 129

- **Humanist marriage ceremonies: in search of an alternative to Catholicism as a cultural religion in Poland**  
  Agata Rejowska  
  Jagiellonian University, Poland

- **Rethinking the Boundaries between Secular and Religious Formations in Flanders through “Catholic Secularity”**  
  Eline Huygens  
  Ghent University, Belgium

- **The place of Catholic Church in the contemporary Polish politics. Hidden playmaker whether colossus with legs of clay?**  
  Paweł Kusiak  
  Polish Naval Academy, Poland; Polish Society for the Study of Religions, Poland
S104: Conceptualizing Change: Methodological and Historical Studies

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - Senate Hall

Path Dependencies, Critical Junctures and the Formation of Secularities  
Christoph Kleine  
*Universität Leipzig, Germany*

Sacred Spaces: Hybridized Daily Religious Habitus at Two Shrines in Bangkok  
David Albert Dayton  
*Florida International University, United States of America*

Dislocating the Buddha Mind: Hara Tanzan and the Notion of “Experience” in Early Meiji Buddhism  
Stephan Kigensan Licha  
*Heidelberg University, Germany*

S115: Continuations and Disruptions in the History of the Islamic World

Time: Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 111

An Ignored Arabic Account of a Byzantine Royal Woman  
Hadi Taghavi, Ehsan Roohi, Hadi Sabouhi  
*University of California, Irvine*

Jihad by the Sword against Muslims and Infidels (The Phenomenon of Jihad by the Sword with focus on the Islamic State)  
Tadeáš Vala  
*University of Pardubice, Czech Republic*

“I keep praying to the same God”: Continuity of belief in the narratives of Muslim converts in Switzerland  
Amir Sheikhzadegan  
*University of Fribourg, Switzerland*
S118: Philosophical and Semiotic Perspectives and the Study of Religion

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 107

**Plantinga's Model of Faith Facing Religious Diversity**  
Roomet Jakapi  
*University of Tartu, Estonia*

**Eucharist Semiotics: Peirce's pragmatism rooted in Berkeley's quasi-reference**  
Takaharu Oda  
*Trinity College Dublin, Ireland*  
Raul Veede  
*Tartu Ülikool, Estonia*

S126B: Materiality of Religion II

**Time:** Friday, 28/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 428  
**Session Chair:** Tõnno Jonuks

**“Pearls of Faith” - a turning point to an individualized Protestant religious practice?**  
Edith Franke  
*University of Marburg, Germany, Germany*

**The sacred bricks in Brazil**  
Adriano Godoy  
*Utrecht University, Netherlands, The*

**The Materiality of Pentecostal Prayers in sub-Saharan Africa**  
Francis Benyah  
*Abo Akademi University, Ghana*
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S001G: Insecurities and Uncertainties at the Margins of Institutionalised Religions: Ghosts, Monsters, Witchcraft and Other Dangerous Matters VII

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 212  
**Session Chair:** Uwe Skoda

- **The Persistence of Shadows. Nepalese Ghost Stories from Classical Texts and Folklore to the Social Media.** Davide Torri *University of Heidelberg, Germany*
- **Narratives of Ambiguity about Dhuk lha (Poison Deity) in Sikkim** Kikee D. Bhutia *University of Tartu, Estonia*
- **Belief Narratives of the Supernatural, Liminality and Epistemological Uncertainty: Field Notes from North Eastern India** Ülo Valk *University of Tartu, Estonia*

S005: Fissure and Continuity in Himalayan and South Asian Buddhism of the First Millennium CE

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 307  
**Session Chair:** Nicholas Witkowski

- **Domestic or Ascetic: The Pragmatics of Begging for Food as Female Monastics in the Early Indian Buddhist Monastery** Nicholas Witkowski *Nanyang Technological University, Singapore*
- **The Lama is in the Bar: crazy ascetics and their royal foils in early Tibetan Buddhism** Lewis Doney *NTNU Trondheim, Norway*
- **Notes on Textual Portrayals of Mendicants among the Buddhism** Charles DiSimone *Buddhist Digital Resource Center/Mahidol University*
- **Buddhist Scholastic Education System Hinted at a Newly Identified Yogācāra Commentary Manuscript Fragment** Jinkyoung Choi *Ludwig-Maximilian-Universität München, Germany*
SO10: Teaching Christianity in the Jewish State

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 129  
**Session Chair:** Orit Ramon

**“Jesus was a Jew”: Presenting Christians and Christianity in Israeli School-Textbooks**  
Orit Ramon  
*The Open University of Israel, Israel*

In Teaching Christianity, I learned what it means to be a Jew: Israeli teachers’ monologues  
Ines Gabel  
*The Open University, Israel*

Educating Soldiers- Encounters with Christianity in educational programs for the Israeli Army (IDF)  
Hana Bendcowsky  
*Rossing Center for Education and Dialogue, Israel*

Teaching Christianity in Higher Education: a personal perspective  
Sharon Roubach  
*Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel*

SO12: Paranormal as a Category in Science-Religion Debate

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 106  
**Session Chair:** Kristel Kivari

The supernatural experience in the naturalistic worldview: the case of Polish and Ukrainian natural scientists  
Maria Roginska  
*Uniwersytet Pedagogiczny im.KEN, Poland*

Divulgating NDEs: how individual experiences become matters of proof for spiritual domain  
Michele Tita  
*University of Tartu, Estonia*

Exorcism and diabolical imaginary in Brazil: supernatural discursivities, empowerment and existential strategies (1859-1933)  
Tiago Pires  
*PhD Candidate - University of Campinas, Brazil*

Rifts and faults on the landscape, supernatural and debate over paranormal  
Kristel Kivari  
*University of Tartu, Estonia*
S020: Shifting Ontologies and Religious Meaning Systems’ Processing: Practical Events and Mental Fallout

Time: Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - Senate Hall  
Session Chair: Giuseppina Paola Viscardi

Religion as a culturo-immunological system  
   Jesper Sørensen  
   *Aarhus University, Denmark*

An indigenous Central Eurasian belief and ontological categorization system: The totemic marriage between the hunter and the wild reindeer doe  
   Attila Mátéffy  
   *University of Bonn, Germany*

We are what we represent. Shifting ontologies and construction of meanings in the iconography of the horse in the Gallo-Roman culture  
   Francesco Amatruda  
   *University of Salerno, Italy*

Ontological aspects of forms of incorporação (embodiment) in Afro-Brazilian cults compared with the tarantism as conceived by E. de Martino  
   Márcia Maria Enéas Costa  
   *Universidade Federal da Paraíba - UFPB, Brazil*  
   Giovanni Casadio  
   *Università degli Studi di Salerno - UNISA*

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Time: Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 128  
Session Chair: Robert Yelle

Sovereignty and the Sacred  
   Rudolf Ulrich Berner  
   *University of Bayreuth, Germany*

The economics of religion perspective  
   Anne Koch  
   *University College of Education Linz, Austria*

The Latching of Religious Anarchy in the Field of Politics. Perspectives from the History of Religions in Europe  
   Helmut Zander  
   *Université de Fribourg, Switzerland*

   Robert Yelle  
   *LMU Munich, Germany*
SO25A: Distance and Closeness. Areas of Religious Discourses I

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 227  
**Session Chairs:** Anna Gomóła, Kamila Gęsikowska

**Distance and closeness in the perspective of Kamilla Termińska’s religious language concept**  
Anna Gomóła  
*University of Silesia, Faculty of Philology, Poland*

**Self, Other, and Alien – on distance and closeness in Leviticus Chapter 24**  
Kamila Gęsikowska, Anna Zaczkowska  
*University of Silesia, Faculty of Philology, Poland*

**How to bring closer that which is unavailable through sensual cognition? On the religiosity of the 17th and 18th century Polish nobility**  
Ewa Kosowska  
*University of Silesia/Faculty of Philology, Poland*

**Dialogue between human and God – on closeness and distance in Tadeusz Kijonka’s poetry**  
Ewa Bartos  
*University of Silesia, Faculty of Philology, Poland*

SO30: Ancient Near Eastern Text as a Source for Tracking Change

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 230  
**Session Chair:** Urmas Nõmmik

**Sirius and drought**  
Vladimir Emelianov  
*St-Petersburg State University, Russian Federation*

**Poetical, Literary and Religious Motives in Early Arabic an-Nābiğa aḥ-ḥubyānī’s poetry and Late Hebrew „Solomon's“ Tradition**  
Alice Vijard  
*University of Tartu, Estonia*

**Sargon and Naram-Sin in synchronous royal inscriptions - religious and ideological changes**  
Iakov Kadochnikov  
*Tartu University, Estonia*

**Tracing Mesopotamian Religion through Early Islam: The case of Ibn al-Nadim’s Fihrist**  
Imar Y. Koutchoukali  
*University of Tartu*
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SO37B: Discursive Strategies and Ritual Practices: Inventions, Continuities, Ruptures (Tibetan Cases)

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 214  
**Session Chair:** Alevtina Solovyova

**Old and New Kadampas in 15th Century Tibet: The Case of the Gyama Tradition**  
Volker Caumanns  
*University of Bern, Switzerland*

**Film: “A Bya rregon ritual in a Baima village (Sichuan, PRC)”**  
Valentina Punzi  
*University of Tartu, Estonia*


SO55B: The Political Lives of Religion in Democracy II – Practicing Politics

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 107  
**Session Chair:** Markha Gabrielle Valenta

**State forced Religion in Hungary and Turkey**  
András Máté-Tóth, Fadime Yilmaz  
*University of Szeged, Hungary*

**Progressive ‘Muslim parties’ fighting right-wing populism. The rise of DENK and NIDA in the Netherlands**  
Sakina Loukili  
*Meertens Institute, KNAW HuC, Netherlands, The*

**Divine democracy secularized?**  
Timo Petri Kallinen  
*University of Eastern Finland, Finland*

**Essential Reasons for Doing Good: Women’s Pathway to Political Participation in Egypt**  
Ülle Tammemägi - Abuelnaga  
*University of Tartu, Estonia*
SO57D: Muslims in Post-Communist Lands: Between Traditional and Global: The Caucasus and Central Asia

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 217  
**Session Chair:** Agata S. Nalborczyk

**Islamic Leadership, the State and Global Islam: The Case of Central Asia**  
Galina M. Yemelianova  
*Centre for Eurasian Perspectives, United Kingdom*

**Various Facets of Islam in contemporary Georgia – New Perspectives on Muslim Identities in post-soviet Georgian Society (3 case studies)**  
Sophie Zviadadze  
*Ilia State University, Georgia*

**Descendants of Muhammad-Sharif Al-Bulgari in the Modern Khorezm**  
Igor Pankov  
*Peter the Great Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography (the Kunstkamera), Russian Federation*

**The rapprochement between the secular and religious opposition and the evolution of ideas of democracy, secularism, and state-religion separation in the narratives of the Islamic movement in Azerbaijan**  
Murad Ismayilov  
*University of Cambridge, United Kingdom*

SO59C: Alternative Religiosities in the Communist Regime and Post-Communist East-Central European Countries: Emerging Diversities within (Trans)Formations, Disruptions, Continuations III

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 232  
**Session Chair:** Rasa Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson

**Alternative Religiosities Before, Under and After the Communist Regime in Czechoslovakia/Czech Republic**  
Matouš Vencálek  
*Masaryk University, Czech Republic*

**Lyudmila Zhivkova and the spread of esoterical teachings in socialist Bulgaria of the 1970s**  
Victoria Vitanova  
*Leipzig University, Germany*

**Pagan representations in the contemporary Bulgarian public sphere – fields of influence, meaning, and functions**  
Zornitsa Petrova Petrova  
*Sofia University, Bulgaria*
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S060C: Discursive Study of Religion III

Time: Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - Lecture Theatre
Session Chair: Titus Hjelm

Tweeting on Religion. Finnish Parliamentary Election Campaign in 2019
  Johanna Konttori  University of Helsinki, Finland

Constructing religious discourse in marketing communication texts of new spirituality
  Siiri Lepasaar  Estonian Society for the Study of Religions, Estonia

The Specifics of the Field of Education Based on Bourdieu: Religious Education in Schools
  Rimgaile Diksaite  Vytautas Magnus university, Lithuania

S069: Scientific Atheism: Disruption in Religious Studies or Its Continuation?

Time: Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 130
Session Chair: Anna Mariya Basauri Ziuzina

The study of true orthodox movements in USSR: scholarship or propaganda
  Elena Vorontsova  Moscow State university, Russian Federation

Scientific Atheism and Religious Studies in Soviet Ukraine: from Confrontation toward Identification
  Oleg Kyselov  H.S. Skovoroda Institute of Philosophy of the NAS of Ukraine, Ukraine

Women and Religion: Soviet Atheistic Pattern of Criticism
  Anna Mariya Basauri Ziuzina  National Pedagogical Dragomanov University, Ukraine
SO72B: Media, Marginalization, Mobilization and Religion, Representation, Resistance II

Time: Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 224
Session Chair: Giulia Evolvi

Marginalizing the Hindu Bangladeshs in Social Media
Habibul Haque Khondker  Zayed University, United Arab Emirates

Sikh women online: Then and Now
Doris Jakobsh  University of Waterloo, Canada

Role of media products in religious and languages changes in Christian migrant community from Turkey
Iryna Kaplan  Youth Association for the Study of Religions, Ukraine

Migrants and New Italians’ Counter Gazes: Religious Identification, Multi-Sited Belonging and Politics of Representation
Mara Matta  Sapienza Università di Roma, Italy

SO73C: Texts as Agents of Religious Change – Dimensions of Agency

Time: Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 114
Session Chair: Ehud Halperin

The agency of vernacular biblical and Orthodox Christian liturgical texts in the formation of the contemporary religious and ethnic identity of the Turkic and Finno-Ugric peoples of Russia’s Volga-Kama region
Alison Ruth Kolosova  Tartu University, Estonia.

Language as creative agents: Buddhist meditation in translation
Xiaoming Hou  École Pratique des Hautes Études, France

Reciprocity in Contemporary study of classical Jewish texts
Elisabeth Goldwyn  Haifa University, Israel
SO80: The so-called „Oriental Cults“ in the Roman Empire: Mithras, Isis, Cybele, Attis, Sabazios, Jupiter Dolichenus

**Time:** Saturday, 29/ Jun/ 2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 228  
**Session Chair:** Jaan Lahe

**One Oriental Goddess or Many? Divine Identity in Ancient and Modern Scholarship**  
Ludwig Maisel  
*Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany*

**Masks in the Oriental Cults according to Archaeological and Narrative Sources: Age of the Roman Empire**  
Aleksey Panteleev  
*St.-Petersburg State University, Russian Federation*

**The cult of Magna Mater: integration and exclusion**  
Nunzia Ciano  
*WWU Münster, Germany*

**Possible Associations Between Roman Mithras and Iranian Miθra**  
Jaan Lahe  
*Theological Institute of EELC, Estonia*

SO94A: Future Perspectives in Religious Education

**Time:** Saturday, 29/ Jun/ 2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 336  
**Session Chair:** Olga Schihalejev

**Religion in 50 years: Predictions and dreams of young people**  
Olga Schihalejev  
*University of Tartu, Estonia*

**Transnational Educational Policies – Consequences for Religion in Education?**  
Zrinka Stimac  
*Georg Eckert Institute, Germany*

**The issue of religion/spirituality in psychology training programs**  
Krisztina Barcsa  
*University of Vienna, Hungary*

**Religious education of Russian Old Believers in Latvia: a century-long experience of keeping interrupted traditions**  
Maija Grizāne  
*Daugavpils University, Latvia*
S113A: Contact(s) between Religious Systems: A “Work-in-Progress-Topic“ I

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 438  
**Session Chair:** David Villar

A new chronology for the kings of Israel and Judah thanks to the translation of the Bible into Greek  
David Villar  *Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain*

Some reflections on Qumran dualism  
E. Macarena Garcia Garcia  *Universidad Complutense de Madrid, Spain*

Manufacturing an in-between deity: the case of Sarapis in Hellenistic Egypt  
Efstathia Dionysopoulou  *University of Strasbourg, France*

S120: Conceptual and Theoretical Reflections on Terms and Models

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am  
**Location:** von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 109

**Religion as a Path**  
Antoaneta Nikolova  *Leipzig University/South West University, Bulgaria, Germany*

Multiple Religious Belonging in Light of Russian Exclusivism  
Elizabete Taivane  *University of Latvia, Latvia*

Barangaroo and New Maps of Meaning: Psychogeography as an Innovative Methodology for Understanding New Sacred Space  
Raymond Radford  *University of Sydney, Australia*
S123: Contemporary Religious Trends in Europe

Time: Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 110

Continuity and disruptions in political and socio-legal constructions of hate crimes in Finland
Malin Sofia Fredriksson  Åbo Akademi University, Finland

Fate, spells and evil eye: folk beliefs and psychology of free will
Vilius Dranseika  Vilnius University, Lithuania

Blurred Boundaries: Religion in Professional Practice in Norway
Cato Christensen  Oslo Metropolitan University;
Therese Dille  University of South-Eastern Norway

Religion-Based Refugee Claims in Trans-National Perspective: Asylum Cases Involving The Church of The Almighty God
Massimo Introvigne  CESNUR, Italy
James T Richardson  University of Nevada Reno, USA
Rosita Soryte  Observatory of Religious Liberty of Refugees, Lithuania

S126C: Materiality of Religion III

Time: Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 9:15am - 11:15am
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 428
Session Chair: Tõnno Jonuks

Ritual handling and human-thing entanglement in Finnish folk magic
Sonja Hukantaival  Åbo Akademi University, Finland

Magical items in Vepsian herding magic
Madis Arukask  University of Tartu, Estonia

Materialization of the sacred in Mari Kumaltish rites
Jan Podloboshnikov  University of Bologna, Italy
SO09: Toward an Aesthetics of the Secular

Time: Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
Location: von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 212  
Session Chair: Stefan Binder

“Beating Evolution: Transhuman Bodies and an Aesthetics of Absolute Progress”  
Alexandra Grieser  
Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

Cosmopolitan Escapes: Neo-spiritual wellness, yoga and meditation places and their aesthetics  
Anne Koch  
University College of Education Linz, Austria

The aesthetics of atheism: Secular activism as an “aesthetic politics” of rupture and continuity  
Stefan Binder  
Georg-August-University of Göttingen, Germany

SO25B: Distance and Closeness. Areas of Religious Discourses II

Time: Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 227  
Session Chairs: Anna Gomóła, Kamila Gęsikowska

Past in the present. On religious types of collective memory  
Marta Wójcicka  
Maria Curie Skłodowska University in Lublin, Faculty of Humanities, Poland

Distance or closeness, reason or superstitions? Religious studies terminology in the Enlightenment period - chosen examples  
Małgorzata Rygielska  
University of Silesia/Faculty of Philology, Poland

The influence of linguistics research on formation of the religious studies  
Henryk Hoffmann, Ivana Uhliarová  
University of Pardubice, Czech Republic
SO36: Contemporary Topics in the Theory of Religion

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 307

‘Material dynamics’: Assessing David Chidester’s key term for studying religious change  
Johan Strijdom  
*University of South Africa, South Africa*

From religiosity to religion and back: Georg Simmel as a theorist of modern religion  
Dominika Motak  
*Jagiellonian University, Poland*

Eugène Burnouf, Max Müller, Abel Bergaigne: Vedic canons of the 19th century  
Eugen Ciurtin  
*Institute for the History of Religions, Romanian Academy, Bucharest, Romania*

SO37A: Discursive Strategies and Ritual Practices: Inventions, Continuities, Ruptures (Tibetan-Mongolian and Mongolian Cases)

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 214  
**Session Chair:** Karénina Kollmar-Paulenz

Tibetan Buddhism In the Construction of the Mongolian Identity: Reactions of Monks, Politicians and Nationalistic Groups to the Visit of the 14th Dalai Lama to Mongolia  
Iuliia Liakhova  
*University of Bern, Switzerland*

From the Tibetan burial ground to the Mongolian steppe: Reinventing a Buddhist ritual practice in Mongolia today  
Karénina Kollmar-Paulenz  
*Bern University, Switzerland*

Alevtina Solovyeva  
*Tartu University, Estonia*

The Genealogy of the Ongon Discourse: between indigenous epistemology and Buddhist re-interpretations  
Piotr Sobkowiak  
*Universität Bern, Switzerland*
SO38: Invisible Changes? Monotheistic Trends and Cultic Practice in Ancient Near East

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 230  
**Session Chair:** Vladimir Sazonov

**Sumerian lamentsations: Documents of a sophisticated polytheism or concealed monotheism?**  
Sebastian Fink  
*University of Helsinki, Finland*

**Monotheistic Trends in Sumerian Religion. Origins and Later Developments**  
Peeter Espak  
*University of Tartu, Estonia*

**The Rise of Ahura Mazda and Monotheism in Achaemenid Persia**  
Vladimir Sazonov  
*University of Tartu, Estonia*

SO59D: Alternative Religiosities in the Communist Regime and Post-Communist East-Central European Countries: Emerging Diversities within (Trans)Formations, Disruptions, Continuations IV

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 232  
**Session Chair:** Rasa Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson

**Hungarian folk prophets and prophetesses in Socialist and Post-Socialist era**  
László Koppány Csáji  
*University of Pécs, Hungary*

**Esoteric Healing Systems in Post-Communist Hungary**  
Judit Kis-Halas  
*Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Hungary*
SCHEDULE OF PRESENTATIONS Saturday 29th

S065: Religion and Pragmatic Strategies of Handling Every-Day Life Issues

Time: Saturday, 29 Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: von Bock (Ülikooli 16) - 109
Session Chair: Milan Fujda

Break-leg charm: Uncertainty and the importance of “staying by”
Milan Fujda  Masaryk University, Czech Republic

Spirituality as a tool for managing a life crisis in the context of alternative psychotherapeutic treatment
Matej Paulík  Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

Religion/Spirituality as a strategy to tackle every-day life issues? The cases of women using menstrual cups
Michaela Žáková  Masaryk University, Czech Republic

S079: New Martyrs in the Former Communist Countries: Political Violence and Religious Commemoration

Time: Saturday, 29 Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 228
Session Chair: Irina Paert

The blood of the martyrs: Bishop Platon (Kulbusch) and the making of Estonian Orthodoxy, 1890s-2000s
Irina Paert  University of Tartu, Estonia

Martyr and Confessor John (Karhapää) of Iломantsi (d. 1918): One hundred years of making the first Finnish Orthodox saint
Pekka Juhani Metso  University of Eastern Finland, Finland

The Empty Page of Truth - The Case of Father Paisi of Pechenga
Elina Marja Kahla  Aleksanteri Institute, Helsinki University, Finland
SO89: Normalising Islam/Religion: Addressing the Muslim Question

Time: Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 130
Session Chair: Heidi Maiberg

Normalising Muslim question in Estonian context: “the other as self-picture”
Elo Süld  University of Tartu, Estonia

Islamic religious education: the situation in Spain
Mariana Rosca  University of Deusto, Spain

The role and Importance of Religion during the Process of Deradicalisation and Disengagement: Analysis of Activities and Programs for Islamic Extremists
Heidi Maiberg  University of Tartu, Estonia

SO92: New Media and Religion

Time: Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm
Location: Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - Senate Hall

Videogames and religion: Conservation or Disruption?
Pietro Addis  Ca’ Foscari - English Studies, Italy

Social Media and the Religious Subjectivities of Minority Groups: A Case Study of Muslim and Druze Young Adults in Israel
Sawsan Kheir  University of Haifa, Israel; Abo Akademi University, Finland

Media coverage of Islam: Commonalities and Specificities of the Portuguese case
Francisco Silva  ISCTE-IUL, Portugal
SCHEDULE OF PRESENTATIONS  Saturday 29th

SO95C: Continuations and Disruptions in Religious Education II

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 336  
**Session Chair:** Olga Schihalejev

**Religious Schools – Continuations and Disruptions**  
Triin Käpp  *University of Tartu, Estonia*  

Sunday School values-education through science experiments  
Egle Hollman  *Tartu Ülikool, Estonia*

SO96: Religious Life in the Soviet Union

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 110

**To break trough: 1977 Tallinn Awakening, Pentecostals and Charismatic movement behind the Iron Curtain**  
Ganna Tregub  *Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine*

**Censorship of religion in the Soviet Estonia and the strategies applied by the publishers of theological literature**  
Immanuel Volkonski  *University of Tartu, Estonia*

SO98: Studies on Vernacular Religion

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Main Building (Ülikooli 18) - 128

**The first people in Belorussian and Baltic-Finnic tradition**  
Mare Kõiva  *Estonian Literature Museum, Estonia*;  
Elena Boganeva  *Belorussian Center for Study of Language, Culture and Literature, Belorussian National Academy of Sciences*

**Mari animistic beliefs in interaction with world religions**  
Tatiana Alybina  *Estonian National Museum, Estonia*

**Vernacular discourses on eternity**  
Kaarina Koski  *University of Helsinki, Finland*
S113B: Contact(s) between Religious Systems: A “Work-in-Progress-Topic” II

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 438  
**Session Chair:** David Villar

**Delos: a religious melting pot in the Greco-Roman Mediterranean**  
Beatriz Pañeda Murcia  *Universidad Carlos III de Madrid; École Pratique des Hautes Études-PSL, Paris*

A lack of religion? The Jesuit missionary work in Brazil and in Japan in the face of the local beliefs (XVI century)  
Mariana Boscariol  *CHAM - Centre for the Humanities, Portugal*

S116: Religious Elements in Western Cultural Traditions – Case Studies

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 107

**Molières theatre: An example for multiple deviance? - or how blasphemy became the order of the day!**  
Manuel Stadler  *Universität Leipzig, Germany*

Re-Imagining ‘Keening’ (lament): The theoretical and practical challenges of re-purposing an old tradition for use in the modern world  
Marian Caulfield  *University College Cork, Ireland*

**Dybbuk: reincarnation or possession?**  
Pedro Garcia Repetto  *University Complutense of Madrid, Spain*
S126D: Materiality of Religion IV

**Time:** Saturday, 29/Jun/2019: 2:30pm - 4:00pm  
**Location:** Philosophicum (Jakobi 2) - 428  
**Session Chair:** Tõnno Jonuks

**A most material transcendence: Greco-Egyptian magical amulets and the fiery soundscapes of craftsmanship**  
Anija Dokter  
*University of Cambridge, United Kingdom*

**Exploring the Ritual Use of Nails in Ancient Rome**  
Silvia Alfayé  
*Universidad de Zaragoza, Spain*

**From Idols to Icons. Some Notes on Contemporary Cult Objects among the Eastern Highlands Otomies (Mexico)**  
Federica Rainelli  
*Università di Padova, Italy - EHESS, France*