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# Welcome

## **Welcome to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions!**

The Annual Conference of the EASR is about to demonstrate once again the strength and variety of the scientific study of religion in Europe. With 158 sessions, six keynote lectures and a total of 538 papers this year's conference continues the steady growth in attendance that we have seen over the past few years. This record of success is due not least to the devotion of our national member associations, who freely undertake the hard work of organising our conferences and confront the many challenges involved with energy and professionalism. Each year, they also manage to come up with a conference theme that proves to be attractive and inspiring, spawning a host of sessions on a great variety of topics that nevertheless appear interconnected when viewed through the lens of the common theme.

This year's theme, 'multiple religious identities' is no exception. Of acute contemporary relevance in an age of 'multiculturalism', the questions raised by confronting the terms 'religion', 'identity' and 'multiplicity' have universal importance in the history of religions. They serve to probe fundamental assumptions in our field of study, they can be approached empirically with a variety of interdisciplinary methodologies, they open new insights by means of cross-cultural and cross-historical comparison.

On behalf of the EASR I would like to thank the Swiss Society for the Study of Religions, and our Bern colleagues in particular, for

their hard work in creating the platform that enables us to meet our European colleagues this year, to learn, debate, be inspired, and collaborate.

I wish you all a wonderful conference!

*Einar Thomassen*  
*EASR President*

## **Welcome to the 'Preeminent European Forum for the Academic Study of Religion'!**

[...] while it is rather easy to call up the general idea of “Europe”, it is not so easy to find the right organizational form for a European association which would respect both the international framework of the IAHR and the interests of its very supportive member associations,

said (*IAHR Bulletin*, 36, July 2000, 37) the then IAHR President, Michael Pye, in a letter in which he informed the European IAHR member associations of the establishment of the EASR, – in Kraków, Poland, May 2000.

When welcoming the participants, members of the IAHR, the EASR, as well as the various national associations, to this 2018 IAHR Regional and EASR Annual Conference in Bern, I find it safe to say this: the EASR, beyond a doubt, did the trick! The EASR has proved to be exactly *that*, the one and only European association for the academic study of religion. Respecting and supporting the IAHR and now also the EASR national member associations, asso-

ciations which, time and again, have proved supportive of the EASR as well as of the IAHR. *Inter alia* by frequently hosting the annual EASR conferences and also IAHR Regional or Special conferences.

I therefore gratefully extend, on behalf of the IAHR Executive Committee, my sincere thanks to the EASR and its member associations for their continuous support and steadfast efforts in helping to promote and strengthen the historical, social, and comparative study of religion. While the IAHR, proudly, and I think, rightly, claims to be the “preeminent international forum for the critical, analytical and cross-cultural study of religion, past and present”, the EASR, proudly and rightly, I think, can claim the same with regard to Europe.

This Bern 2018 conference, gracefully hosted by the Swiss Society for the Study of Religions (SGR-SSSR), no doubt will provide evidence of this, and I thank the Swiss and local organisers for their highly skilled and efficient preparatory work and cooperation. Considering the long list of eminent past and present Swiss scholars of religion, and the impact of their scholarship on the furthering of the international, academic study of religion, I think it is now ‘high time’ for the EASR as well as the IAHR to pay tribute to the Swiss Society for the Study of Religions and thus to Swiss scholarship on religion.

Allow me to direct a personal ‘thank you’ to Prof. Jens Schlieter, the President of the Swiss Association for the Study of Religion, for his collaboration and kind willingness to also accommodate (in between two IAHR world congresses) the 2018 IAHR International Committee Meeting.

Last, but not least, allow me to extend special thanks to the EASR President and General Secretary, Profs. Einar Thomassen and Marco Pasi. It has been a pleasure and a privilege to collaborate with you, – also in regard with the need for a prompt response to an outspoken challenge to the EASR, and thus also to the IAHR. Your reflections and balanced yet clear responses, including the joint statement of the EASR and the IAHR (see <http://www.easr.eu-/2018/02/20/easr-iahr-joint-statement-on-the-european-academy-of-religion/>), left no doubt, neither did the outspoken support received from member associations. The EASR, a regional IAHR member association, with its European corporative and individual members and its annual conferences, *is* the preeminent European forum for the academic study of religion.

*Tim Jensen*  
*IAHR President*

## **To the attendants and delegates of the EASR 2018 Conference in Bern**

It is a great pleasure to welcome the attendees of the EASR to Bern for its annual conference (which is also a regional congress of the IAHR). We are particularly honoured as this is the first year that the conference will be held in Switzerland. The response to the conference has been overwhelming, and I would like to express my gratitude to all colleagues, committees, and collaborators who offered their kind help in making the event a reality. Preparing for the conference can be demanding, but as Friedrich Nietzsche puts it: “In all moments when we *do* our best, we do not work. Work is

only a means for achieving these moments" ("In allen Augenblicken, wo wir unser Bestes *thun*, arbeiten wir nicht. Arbeit ist nur ein Mittel zu diesen Augenblicken"). Therefore, I do hope you will experience the conference as one of such moments – whether in presenting and discussing your work, socialising with colleagues, or, last but not least, in enjoying the beautiful city of Bern.

*Jens Schlieter*

*President of the SGR-SSSR, the Swiss Society for the Study of Religion  
Conference Director*

# Bern and Bern Tourism

## The City of Bern and its Attractions

*"It is the most beautiful city that we have ever seen."*

These are the words that Johann Wolfgang von Goethe used to describe Bern in a letter to his friend Charlotte von Stein during his stay in the city in 1779. Founded in the 12<sup>th</sup> century, Bern developed from a free imperial city of the Holy Roman Empire to a large city-state of the Old Swiss Confederacy to the capital or "federal city" of the modern federal state. Today, Bern still enchants its visitors with its charm. It is the fourth-largest city in Switzerland (with ca. 140'000 inhabitants; 400'000 incl. urban agglomeration) and is located in the German-speaking part of the country.

Bern offers much to experience, here are some of the attractions:

### *The Old Town*

At the heart of Bern is its beautiful Old Town with six kilometres of arcades that offer shelter or shade to visitors strolling through the city. Besides these unique arcades, Bern's historical townscape, dating back to 1191, is characterized by the Clock Tower (Zytglogge), the Prison Tower (Käfigturm), the Renaissance sculptural fountains, the Cathedral (Münster), and the well-kept sandstone facades. Visitors can discover bars, cultural venues, and specialty shops in countless converted cellars. Thanks to its well-preserved medieval townscape, the Old Town of Bern, surrounded by the river Aare, was entered onto UNESCO's listing of World Heritage Sites in 1983.

### *The Bern Minster*

The Bern Minster is Switzerland's largest ecclesiastical building. Construction started in 1421 and continued under a series of different builders for generations. The spire was finally completed in 1893. The portal with its depiction of the Last Judgment is one of its most remarkable features. The highest vantage point from this masterpiece is located 344 steps above the entrance, in the 100m-high cathedral spire.

### *Einstein House*

Albert Einstein spent part of his life in Bern. In 1902 he came to the Swiss capital and took up a post at the federal patent office. In 1903, he and his wife Mileva moved into an apartment on the third floor of Kramgasse 49, in the heart of the UNESCO World Heritage Site. Today, the apartment is open to tourists. It is furnished in the style of Einstein's time and documents the life of the physicist during his years in Bern. This was the most creative period of scientific discovery in Einstein's career and included the *annus mirabilis* (1905) during which he published some of his most revolutionary papers.

### *The BearPark*

The Bear Park is home to Finn, Björk, and their daughter Ursina. The animals have been living in the new park along the bank of Aare since 2009. The new BearPark provides a landscape where the brown bears can climb, fish and play, but also just retreat and relax. The grounds cover nearly 6,000 square meters and extend from the former BearPits down to the river's edge. With wooded areas, bushes, grottos, and a spacious pool running parallel with the Aare, the bears are able to live a real bear's life. Finn, the father bear, is especially fond of the pool.

### *House of Parliament*

After Bern was declared the Swiss capital in 1848, a new building had to be constructed for its parliament. The construction of today's west wing began in 1852. The east wing was added in 1884 – a mirror image of the west wing. The imposing centre section with its dome and golden ribbing was completed in 1902. The dome is clad in copper and had a reddish hue in the time right after its completion. Over time, the turquoise patina developed that is typical of aged copper. The decorations in and on the Parliament Building were the work of a total of 38 artists from all over the country. The Parliament Square was inaugurated on July 31 and August 1, 2004 (Swiss National Day). The square now serves as a gathering place for young and old, and rather than providing parking spaces for cars as it used to, it now hosts the traditional weekly market.

### *The Rose Garden*

The Rose Garden is one of Bern's most beautiful parks, offering an unrivalled view of the Old Town and Aare Loop. When the weather is clear, the view extends far beyond the city. Not only is the Rose Garden a welcoming recreational area, it is also a popular spot for taking memorable photos. As the name suggests, the park is most notable for its wealth of blossoms. It is home to 223 rose, 200 iris and 28 rhododendron varieties, as well as an enchanting water lily pond. A pavilion and a reading garden make the Rose Garden the ideal place to relax, while the restaurant tempts visitors to linger a while longer. The park also caters to children, with a big playground where the little ones can run wild.

## Bern Tourism

For Tourist information, please consult <https://www.bern.com/en/home> or visit the Tourist Information Office at the railway station, Bahnhofplatz 10a, 3011 Bern. It is open daily from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm (6:00 pm on Sunday).

## Mobility

Please note that with your **Bern Ticket** that you have obtained from your hotel or from us, you can use the public transport in and around the city of Bern for free (zones 100 and 101).

Bus and tram in and around Bern:  
[www.bernmobil.ch](http://www.bernmobil.ch)

Train, PostBus, bus and tram everywhere in Switzerland:  
[www.sbb.ch](http://www.sbb.ch)

Nova Taxi service:  
Tel. 0 313 313 313

## Food and Drinks

### *Restaurants in Länggasse (Conference venue area)*

*Ali Baba; Oriental cuisine*

Lerchenweg 35, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4131 305 39 00

*Arkadas Café, Restaurant; Turkish cuisine*

Länggassstrasse 14, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4131 302 76 76

*Pittaria; Oriental cuisine*

Falkenplatz 1, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4131 301 65 55

*Beaulieu; Swiss cuisine*

Erlachstrasse 3, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4131 331 25 25

*Casa d'Italia; Italian cuisine*

Bühlstrasse 57, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4131 301 90 74

*Crêperie le Carrousel; French crêpes*

Hallerstrasse 1, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4131 301 12 80

*Restaurant Grosse Schanze; restaurant and cafeteria, great city view*

Parkterrasse 10, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4131 318 72 00

*Royal Punjab, Indian cuisine*

Länggassstrasse 43, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4131 301 24 36

*Migros Zähringer; self-service*

Zähringerstrasse 43, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4158 567 66 50

*Tingel-Kringel; bagel sandwiches, coffee & cakes*

Mittelstrasse 12, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4131 301 22 91

*Veranda; Italian cuisine*

Schanzeneckstrasse 25, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4131 305 21 80

*Warteck; Italian cuisine*

Hohgantweg 5, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4131 301 80 55

*Zebra; international cuisine*

Schwalbenweg 2, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4131 301 23 40

*Injera; Ethiopian cuisine*

Gesellschaftsstrasse 38, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4131 301 37 02

*Tulsi; Indian cuisine*

Freiestrasse 65, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4131 508 22 02

*Jimmy's Sushi; Korean cuisine*

Gesellschaftsstrasse 22, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4179 458 76 96

*Curry Legend; Indian ayurvedic cuisine*

Länggassstrasse 32, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4131 302 39 59

*Gelateria di Berna; Italian ice cream*  
Mittelstrasse 15, 3012 Bern

### ***Downtown Restaurants***

*Altes Tramdepot Brauerei & Restaurant; traditional and international (\$\$), near Bear Park, great view of the Old Town and the river Aare*  
Grosser Muristalden 6, 3006 Bern, Tel. +4131 368 14 15

*Dampfzentrale; regional cuisine (\$), club, bar and restaurant with a beautiful garden on the river*  
Marzilistrasse 47, 3005 Bern, Tel. +4131 312 33 00

*Desperado; Mexican cuisine (\$\$)*  
Bubenbergplatz 5A, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 311 91 93

*Kornhauskeller; specialities from Bern and Italian cuisine (\$\$\$), awe-inspiring interior spaces, pillars and vaulted ceilings are painted with scenes from Bernese and German history and mythology*  
Kornhausplatz 18, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 327 72 72

*Le Lötschberg; traditional (\$)*  
Zeughausgasse 16, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 311 34 55

*Pangäa; international cuisine (\$\$)*  
Schwanengasse 8, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 311 61 30

*Papa Joe's; American cuisine & Caribbean Cocktail Bar (\$\$)*  
Schauplatzgasse 23, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 310 11 55

*Restaurant Domino; Lebanese cuisine,*  
Schwanengasse 3, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 311 41 91

*Restaurant Harmonie; traditional (\$\$), one of the oldest and most traditional restaurants in the heart of Bern's old town*  
Hotelgasse 3, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 313 11 41

*Restaurant Moléson; Swiss/French cuisine (\$\$\$)*  
Aarberggasse 24, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 311 44 63

*Restaurant National; traditional/international cuisine (\$\$\$), tradition and innovation combined in 'slow food', seasonal dishes and awareness of good nutrition*

Hirschengraben 24, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 552 15 15

*Tibits; vegan and vegetarian cuisine (\$\$)*

Bahnhofplatz 10, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 312 91 11 or Gurtengasse 3,  
3011 Bern, +4131 313 02 22

*Cha Cha Thai; Thai cuisine, modern ambience*

Von Werdt Passage 8, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4158 568 38 30

*Kung Fu Burger; burgers in a former Asian restaurant*

Speichergasse 27, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 351 36 36

*Mekong; Vietnamese cuisine*

Kornhausplatz 7, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 311 26 00

*Restaurant Arirang; Korean cuisine*

Hirschengraben 11, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 329 29 45

## **Bars**

*Cuba Bar*

Kornhausplatz 14, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 311 64 86

*Gut Gelaunt*

Schauplatzgasse 22, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 312 89 89

*Jack's Brasserie (traditional)*

Bahnhofplatz 11, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 326 80 80

*Junkerebar*

Gerechtigkeitsgasse 1, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 311 86 86

*Kapitel (new lounge)*

Bollwerk 41, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 311 60 90

*Kornhauskeller (sophisticated)*

Kornhausplatz 18, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 327 72 72

*Mr. Pickwick Pub Bern*

Wallgasse, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 311 28 62

*MusigBistrot (some nights with live music)*

Mühlemattstrasse 48, 3007 Bern, Tel. +4131 372 10 32

*Parterre (students' bar)*

Hallerstrasse 1, 3012 Bern, Tel. +4131 305 70 39

*Turnhalle (formerly a gym, now part of a cultural centre)*

Speichergasse 4, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 311 15 51

*Burgunder*

Speichergasse 15, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 311 11 15

*Volver (tapas and drinks)*

Rathausplatz 8, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 312 04 04

*Einstein Café (located in Einstein's former Bern residence)*

Kramgasse 49, 3011 Bern, Tel. +4131 312 28 28

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Toxicological emergency	Tel. 145
Bern University Hospital (24/7)	Tel. +4131 632 21 11
City Notfall / Doctor's surgery (07:00–22:00)	Tel. +4131 326 20 00
Centre for dental medicine and emergency	Tel. +4131 381 56 55

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# **The Conference Venue**

## **The University of Bern**

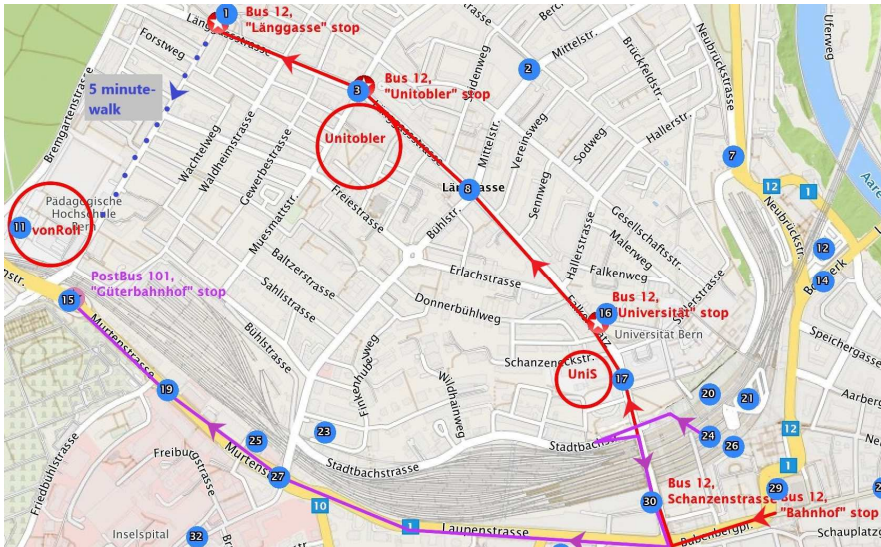
Since its foundation in 1834, the University of Bern – replacing a Theological Seminary from the 16<sup>th</sup> century – conducts teaching and research for the benefit of society. Switzerland's Capital University is an authority in medicine and dentistry, a leader in climate research and a pioneer in space research and fundamental physics. It has set milestones in biomedical engineering and has revolutionised forensic medicine with virtopsy. For its 17'500 students, the third-biggest university in Switzerland offers a broad range of subjects and programmes in eight faculties and some 150 specialized institutes ([www.unibe.ch](http://www.unibe.ch)).

The EASR 2018 conference takes place at three different sites of the University of Bern: vonRoll, Unitobler, and UniS:



## How to Get There

The conference sites are located in the Länggasse quarter, near the city centre. They are within walking distance of each other and to the main railway station. All sites are within a two to seven-minute bus ride from the main railway station. The best option to reach UniS and Unitobler is Bernmobile Bus 12 (heading for “Länggasse”). It frequently runs from the railway station (“Schanzenstrasse” stop or “Bahnhof” stop) to the Länggasse quarter and stops near the conference sites. The vonRoll lecture hall can be reached by Bernmobile Bus 12 (“Länggasse” stop) and a five-minute walk through Fabrikstrasse. The “Güterbahnhof” stop is even closer and can be reached by PostBus 101, departing from the PostBus station in the railway station (“Hauptbahnhof”) or from “Schanzenstrasse” stop, and heading for “Schlossmatt”.



*Getting to the conference sites from the train station.*

## **VonRoll**

For over 130 years, vonRoll was an industrial site housing a bridge building workshop, an engineering work and eventually the iron-works of the international Von Roll company. In the 1990s, the production facility on Fabrikstrasse had to close its doors after the company was restructured. The Canton of Bern acquired part of the area to build facilities for the university and the Pädagogische Hochschule Bern. VonRoll has been part of the university since the early 2010s. Room 001 at the vonRoll lecture hall is the conference location for:

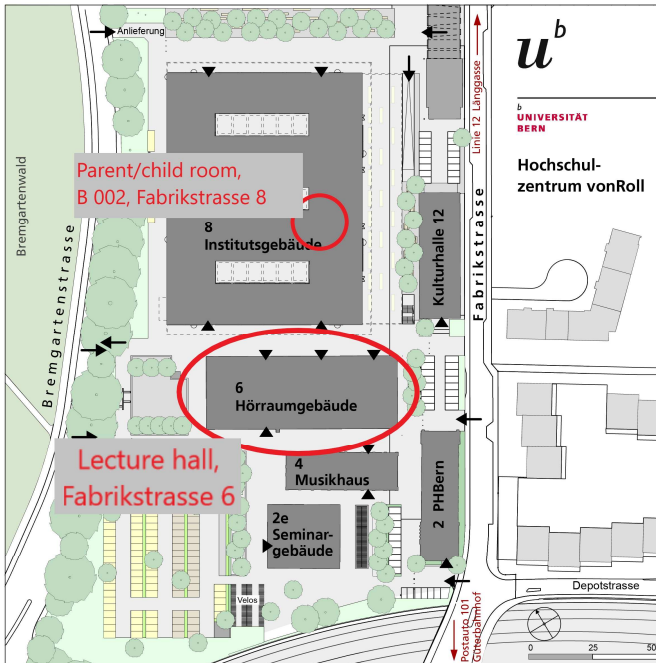
- Welcome Reception
- Opening Event
- Closing Event

Daycare for participants' children will take place in the parents / child room B 002 in the vonRoll main building at Fabrikstrasse 8.

## **Unitobler**

When the city of Bern was awarded the Wakker Prize in 1997 for the conversion of industrial buildings, the Unitobler was a show-case example. The former factory of the Chocolat Tobler AG is now the Centre of Humanities. Unitobler is the conference location for:

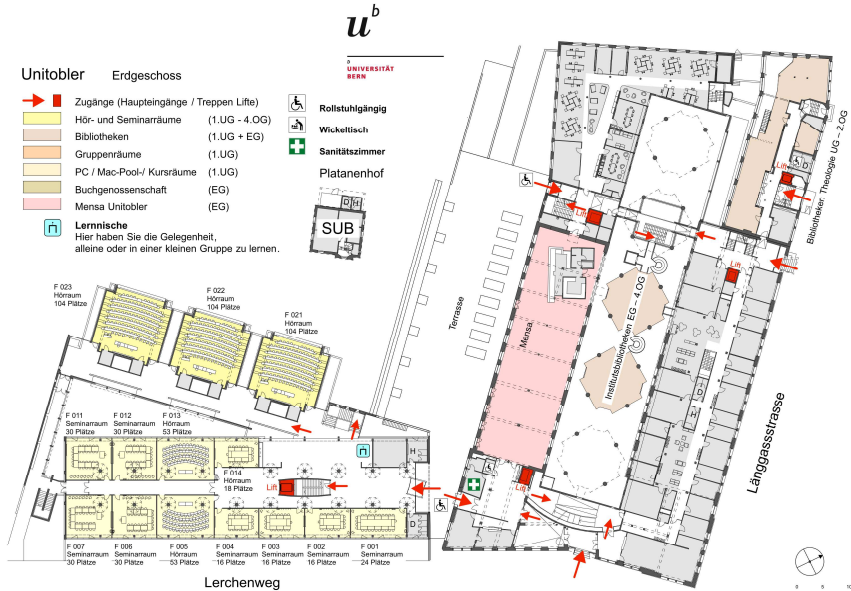
- Sessions / presentations
- Workgroup meetings
- IAHR / EASR / SGR meetings
- Lunches, coffee breaks



*VonRoll: The lecture hall and the parent/child room B 002 at Fabrikstr. 6 and 8.*



*UniS: Room A 003 (largest yellow) at Schanzeneckstr. 1*



*The Unitobler conference rooms (yellow) on the ground floor: F 005 to F 023. The conference rooms on the basement floor are: F-105 to F-123.*

## UniS

The UniS building on Schanzeneckstrasse 1 is a former maternity hospital that became a university property in 2006. It meets the requirements of a faculty building for law, business, economics and social sciences. Room A 003 at UniS is the conference location for the keynote speeches.

## **Services**

We are pleased to provide you with the following services at the EASR 2018 conference:

### **Welcome Desk / Reception Desk / Help Desk**

Our Welcome Desk is located in the entrance hall at Unitobler lecture room building, Lerchenweg 36. We are here to assist you during the conference times. If you have questions or need help with anything, you can also ask our staff (red T-shirts) at the conference sites.

### **Childcare – Daycare and childcare infrastructure**

Daycare for the children aged (4 months to 7 years) of participants is provided by Stiftung KIHOB, the childcare foundation of the higher education area Bern. The children are cared for by fully-trained personnel of the foundation. The service includes a snack, lunch, an evening meal (if the daycare lasts longer than 6:30 pm), as well as activities like drawing, handicraft work, puzzles games, singing, active games, storytelling and playing with toys. Daycare will be provided in the parent/child room (B 002) in the vonRoll main building at Fabrikstrasse 8. Nursing rooms and changing tables are available at vonRoll and Unitobler:

	<i><b>vonRoll</b></i>	<i><b>Unitobler</b></i>
<i>Nursing room</i>	Room A 015, Fabrikstrasse 8	Room D 411, fourth floor, Muesmattstr. 45 (ask for the key at the Welcome Desk)
<i>Changing tables</i>	In all the toilets for the mobility impaired, Fabrikstrasse 6 and 8	B -163, basement floor, Lerchenweg

Furthermore, all student cafeterias (vonRoll, Unitobler, B hlplatz) provide high chairs for children.

## **Lunches & coffee breaks**

Lunches and coffee breaks are included in the conference fee. For the breaks, coffee, tea, mineral water, and pastries will be available at Unitobler in the ground and basement floors of the lecture hall, as well as in the student cafeteria.

Lunches will be served at the student cafeteria (“Mensa”) Unitobler. In your Welcome Package, you will find your personal lunch vouchers, one for each day, stating your name and dietary preference. According to your choice, your meals either include meat or are “vegetarian/vegan”, that is basically vegan, unless declared otherwise. Please hand in your voucher at the food counter in the cafeteria to receive your meal.

## Internet

At the EASR 2018 venue, we offer free wireless internet access. Please connect to the Wi-neFi access point “eduroam”. Eduroam is the international roaming service for users of the research and education community. Log-in with your own username and password.

If your university is not part of the eduroam network, you can still access wireless internet by choosing access point “public-unibe”. Select the menu item “Guest Login” and register with your mobile number and the below voucher code. You will receive your access code by text message (SMS).

Voucher code: **ciah-ugg**.

If there is any problem with connecting to the wireless network, please contact one of the conference staff members or the help desk of the IT services (+41 31 631 49 99).

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# Events

## Opening Event

Sunday, 17.6. – 16:00–17:00 – vonRoll, 001, Fabrikstrasse 6

After registration and Welcome Coffee, the Opening Event takes place in vonRoll room 001 of the vonRoll lecture hall at Fabrikstrasse 6. Short welcoming speeches will be delivered by

- **Prof. Christian Leumann**, President of the University of Bern
- **Prof. Stefan Rebenich**, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities
- **Prof. Tim Jensen**, President of the IAHR
- **Prof. Einar Thomassen**, President of the EASR
- **Prof. Jens Schlieter**, President of the SGR-SSSR, conference director

After the welcoming speeches, **Reinhard Schulze** (University of Bern) will deliver a keynote lecture on *“The ambiguity of the religious self in pre- and postnational social worlds. Examples from 17<sup>th</sup>-century Morocco and 20<sup>th</sup>-century Germany”* (17:00–18:00).

## Tuesday evening activities

### *Bern Tour*

Tuesday, 19.6. – 17:30–19:30 – Old Town or Haus der Religionen

Our Tuesday activity includes a memorable tour through beautiful Bern. Discover the **Old Town of Bern** whose well-preserved medieval townscape has qualified as a UNESCO World Heritage Site. Or visit the **Haus der Religionen**, the House of Religions, a unique community of adherents of eight religions who are living, worshipping, and entering into dialogue under one roof.

### *2018 FIFA World Cup in Russia*

Tuesday, 19.6. – from 17:00 – Unitobler, F023

Don't miss the World Cup! On Tuesday evening, you may want to relax and share the football fever by **watching the matches on a large format screen**.

<i>Time (CET)</i>	<i>Teams playing on Tuesday evening</i>
17:00	Poland – Senegal
20:00	Russia – Egypt

### *Barbecue*

Tuesday, 19.6. – from 19:30 – Mensa Unitobler, Mensa Bühlpplatz

Join our **Barbecue** on Tuesday evening, June 19. Savoury steaks, spare ribs and sausages will be available along with vegetables skewers, grilled cheese and delicious salads. We also provide

vegan options. This event is not included in the conference fee. If selected, you will find your Barbecue voucher in your Welcome Package.

### *Network Dance*

Tuesday, 19.6. – from 20:30 – Mappamondo

We invite you to conclude the evening with **music** and **dance** at Mappamondo, the restaurant and bar on Länggassstr. 44 across the road from Unitobler. DJ Christoph Balsiger knows how to thrill a mixed audience. The experienced DJ and former music editor at SRF 3 (Switzerland's biggest pop/rock radio station), offers a variety of dance music from the latest decades and is quick to respond to the audience's preferences.

### **Book Exhibition**

Monday to Thursday, several publishers will take the opportunity to exhibit their recent books relevant to the conference topics. The book tables are located on the ground floor of the lecture hall at Unitobler.

### **Closing Event**

Thursday, 21.6. – 15:15–15:45 – vonRoll, 001, Fabrikstrasse 6

The closing event will conclude the conference and bring together some of the impressions from the last few days.

## Keynote lectures

Sunday, 17.6. – 17:00–18:00 – vonRoll, 001, Fabrikstrasse 6

*The ambiguity of the religious self in pre- and postnational social worlds. Examples from 17<sup>th</sup>-century Morocco and 20<sup>th</sup>-century Germany*

*Reinhard Schulze, University of Bern, Switzerland*

In the framework of the European nation-state, the religious self became standardized as confessional personal identity. The homogenization of religious and nation-state fundamentally contrasts with narratives of contingent varieties of religious self-expressions which were common both in early modern times, as for example in Morocco and in early post-modern self-interpretations as for example in Berlin after World War I. Pre- and postnational constructions of religiousness, however, are seldom studied, in contrast to the definiteness and unambiguity of modern national religious identities. Instead, the modern paradigm of religiousness is often viewed as a transhistorical model, valid even for the analysis of the pre-modern constitution of “religiosity”. Reconstructing evidences for an ambiguity of the religious self in pre- and postnational biographies enables us to define the confines of the specifically modern model of religion and to bring out alternative social models of religious self-interpretations.

**Reinhard Schulze** is professor for Islamic Studies and Oriental Philology at the University of Bern. His main research interests focus on Muslim social and cultural history from early modernity to contemporary times, with a special interest in political dimensions of

modern Islam (Islam and Enlightenment, or the genealogy of political Islam). His studies emphasise the relevance of the Muslim world for the systematic study of religion. Latest publications include *Der Koran und die Genealogie des Islam* (Schwabe, 2015).

Monday, 18.6. – 11:00–12:00 – UniS, A 003, Schanzeneckstrasse 1

### ***Multiple Religious Identities: Realities and Reflections***

*Grace Davie, University of Exeter, United Kingdom*

*Introduction: Andrea Rota, Bern*

This presentation will draw from the work that I have undertaken as part of the International Panel on Social Progress (see <https://www.ipsp.org/>). This is a wide-ranging project covering economic, political and cultural issues. A dominant theme within the chapter on religion – “Religions and social progress: Critical assessments and creative partnerships” – concerns the documentation and management of religious diversity in different parts of the world. In this presentation I move from the global outlines to the European case, concentrating in particular on two neighbouring societies: France and Britain. I interrogate the following question: France is, without doubt, a more democratic society than Britain, with regard to both constitutional and institutional questions. Britain, however, is – or until very recently has been – a more tolerant society than France in, for example, its acceptance of minorities over the long term and the habits of mind that come with this. What, then, is the relationship between democracy and tolerance in

the European case? And what might be the consequences of current political choices – among them the decision that has become known as BREXIT?

**Grace Davie** is professor of sociology at Exeter University (ret.). She has done extensive research on religion in contemporary European societies. She continues to work closely with the Uppsala Religion and Society Research Centre, more specifically with the Linnaeus Centre of Excellence: The Impact of Religion – Challenges for Society, Law and Democracy. Latest publications include *Religion in Britain: A Persistent Paradox* (Wiley-Blackwell, 2015).

Monday, 18.6. – 17:15–18:15 – UniS, A 003, Schanzenneckstrasse 1

***Diversification of Religious Identities in Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe: the case of the Baltic States***

*Milda Ališauskienė, Vytautas Magnus University Lithuania*

*Introduction: Martin Baumann, Lucerne*

Thinking about the role of religion in the everyday lives of Central and Eastern European societies becomes a very complicated issue as these societies are undergoing the transition from totalitarian to liberal democracy regimes. Religious revival expressed through high rates of beliefs and participation in the nineties has gone in most of the cases. More recent empirical data provides ground for discussing further changes in these societies where different patterns of religious lives have emerged from more secular (Estonia, Czech Republic and Eastern Germany) to more religious and conservative (Poland, Slovakia, Hungary). Additionally, one might see

challenges in finding explanation for religious transformations in the Orthodox countries or the countries where Orthodox communities form an influential minority. In this paper, I will discuss the changes that societies of Eastern and Central Europe have undergone during the last three decades focusing on the individual level of religiosity, indicating and defining the diversity of religious identities in these societies and searching for the explanation of this process from the sociological point of view. The paper will be based upon the analysis of empirical data of European Value Survey and a 2017 Community Survey in Lithuania.

**Milda Ališauskienė** is Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Sociology at Vytautas Magnus University, Kaunas, Lithuania. Her research interests include sociology of religion, New Age, New Religious Movements and secularisation. She co-edited (with Ingo Schroeder) *Religious Diversity in post-Soviet Societies: Ethnographies of Catholic Hegemony and the New Pluralism in Lithuania* (Ashgate, 2011). She is currently President of the International Association for the Study of New Religions.

Tuesday, 19.6. – 11:00–12:00 – UniS, A 003, Schanzeneckstrasse 1

### ***Urbanity and multiple religious identities in antiquity***

Jörg Rüpke, *University of Erfurt, Germany*

*Introduction: Karénina Kollmar-Paulenz, Bern*

Religious identities imagined as collective and publicly affirmed were a late-comer in the ancient Mediterranean world, slowly developing in Hellenistic and Roman empires. Before, people en-

gaged in different cults and easily shifted piety from one local god to the other when they were moving. Only in rare situations self-definitions were invoked with regard to religious beliefs or belongings. Family or political belonging could be expressed by referring to religious symbols, but only very specific religious roles produced anything like religious identities. The talk will explore changes in the use of specifically religious identities and the driving forces behind such changes. Building on concepts of ‘lived ancient religion’ and religious spatiality, particular attention will be paid to processes related to urbanisation and urban growth as the most important dynamic factors. Such factors include urban aspirations that triggered migration, identification and ethnogenesis, but also the density and diversity of living quarters, and the political interests of administrating and dominating urban space. A closer inspection of these combined factors will highlight their role in the development of intermittent and multiple religious identities as forms of urbanity that combined rather than mutually excluded choice and control.

**Jörg Rüpke**, since 1999 chair of comparative religion at the University of Erfurt, is the co-director of the Max-Weber-Kolleg für kultur- und sozialwissenschaftliche Studien, and co-director of the Research Group “Religious Individualization in Historical Perspective”. His research interests focus predominantly on religion in the Roman world. Latest publications include *On Roman Religion: Lived Religion and the Individual in Ancient Rome* (Cornell University Press, 2016), and *Religious Deviance in the Roman World: Superstition or Individuality* (Cambridge University Press, 2016).

*Religious demarcation, border violation and deviance discourses in medieval religious groups*

*Dorothea Weltecke, University of Frankfurt, Germany*

*Introduction: Anja Kirsch, Basel*

Empirical research on the “ways that never parted” in Late Antiquity has shown that theology as well as orthodoxy and religious demarcation in Jewish, Christians and Muslim traditions developed only gradually. It has also been shown that speculative theology and philosophy matured through both demarcation as well as exchange, sharing theoretical concepts. Many cases of dual religious affiliations have also been highlighted. Moreover, it has been demonstrated in trans-religious studies in the European West as well as in the Islamic world that a wide range of shared spaces beyond religious borders in material culture, philosophy, theology and literature, never ceased to exist during this first period of Christian and Muslim rule. Within this frame of recent empirical research, this presentation will turn back to the limits of free choice on the religious marketplace in the Middle Ages. The paper will examine cases of sanctioned border violations or unclear affiliations, especially cases of (suspected) apostasy under Christian and Muslim rule. Border violation is part of the deviance discourse as well as a target of legal and social intervention, yet the borders are voluble, and they vary in rigor. While set religious propositions seem to rule the deviance discourse they apparently do not define the position of border guards and the limits of fluidity.

**Dorothea Weltecke** is professor for History at the University of Frankfurt (till 2017 professor for the History of Religions, Universi-

ty of Constance). Her research interests include inter- and intra-religious dynamics in the history of religions in Europe and the Middle East, focusing on the medieval history of religious minorities, religious deviance, atheism and non-belief, and religious violence. Latest publications include *“Der Narr spricht: Es ist kein Gott”: Studien zu Atheismus, Unglauben und Glaubenszweifel vom 12. Jahrhundert bis zur Neuzeit* (Frankfurt 2010), *“Beyond exclusivism in the Middle Ages: On the Three Rings, the three Impostors and the discourse of multiplicity”*, *The Oxford Handbook of Abrahamic Religions* (Guy Stroumsa, ed., Oxford 2015).

Thursday, 21.6. – 11:00–12:00 – UniS, A 003, Schanzeneckstrasse 1

***A Comparative History of saṃsāra in Early India: In and Out the Vortex of Transmigration***

*Eugen Ciurtin, Romanian Academy, Romania*

*Introduction: Maya Burger, Lausanne*

The lecture presents a new outline of the doctrine of *saṃsāra* in Indic religions. ‘Karman and rebirth’ have played a seminal role in the generalist and comparative history of religions in India and beyond, regardless of the standard difficulty of their origin considered by many to be “the single greatest problem of Indological studies” (Salomon 1982, 410). In contrast, *saṃsāra* as the inscrutable realm of transmigration – operating precisely for multiple religious identities – is decidedly less studied and understood. The word itself made its most likely first appearance in the Kāṭha-upaniṣad III.7 and the Śvetāśvatara-upaniṣad VI.15–16. Vedic-Brahmanical, Jain, Buddhist, Ājīvika and Hindu doctrinal and narrative assort-

ments of transmigration will be corroborated in order to define the shared landscape of *saṃsāra*. Variouslly seen as a most vast ‘sea’, ‘ocean,’ ‘whirlpool,’ ‘prison,’ wilderness’ and the like, *saṃsāra* will subsequently provide the best analytic tool in discerning and differentiating the religious dynamics in India, through selected comparisons: transmigration and memory (the string of predecessors of a *jina* or a *buddha*); interdictions (from dietary to conjugal to funeral); salvific pessimism (with all heavens and hells becoming enduringly purgatorial), and cosmo-ecology (the unbreakable solidarity and circum-relevance of life). While discussing a range of recent studies, the lecture will lay emphasis on lesser aspects of the “program of transmigration” (Roşu 1978, 147), as the *saṃsāric* ‘winds’ (in embryology), the evocative ‘scents’ (in psychology), and the prevalence of flaming/ burning/ blazing in the pan-Indian *saṃsāra* imaginaire. The consequences are manifold – Indians being consequential, and the category of ‘religion’ even more. It was e.g. the resolute wrestling of Sanskrit medical thinking with the all-pervasive notion of *saṃsāra* as true horizon of the psychosomatic entity which offered to Indians the full discovery of the unconscious (some two millennia before von Hartmann and Freud). As an exercise in macrohistory of religions, the lecture will conclude by advocating a basic distinction between religions either grounded in or excluding a form of transmigration – more effective than some older (and always Western) grand dichotomies (monotheism vs. polytheism, etc.) still prevalent in the academic study of religions.

**Eugen Ciurtin** is senior researcher at the Institute for the History of Religions, Romanian Academy, Bucharest. His main fields of research comprise Indian Studies, Buddhist Studies, and History of Religions, including their historiography. He serves as Secretary of

the Romanian Association for the History of Religions ([www.ra-hr.ro](http://www.ra-hr.ro)). Latest publications include a critical edition of *Mircea Eliade, Yoga. Essai sur les origines de la mystique indienne* (Studia Asiatica, December 2016).

# Programme Overview

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## Sunday, 17 June

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15:00–16:00	Registration / Welcome Coffee	vonRoll, 001
16:00–17:00	Opening Event	vonRoll, 001
17:00–18:00	<b>Keynote 1: Reinhard Schulze</b> <i>The ambiguity of the religious self in pre- and post-national social worlds. Examples from 17<sup>th</sup>-century Morocco and 20<sup>th</sup>-century Germany</i>	vonRoll, 001
18:00–19:00	Welcome Reception	vonRoll, 001

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<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, the room numbers refer to the Unitobler lecture hall at Lerchenweg 36. Room numbers that include a minus sign (e.g., F-122) indicate basement locations.

## Monday, 18 June

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	S20: Religion as political opposition	F-121
	S27-A: Multiple Religious Identities in Late Antiquity – with a focus on the individual I	F006
	S38-A: Multiple religious identities in Japan I	F013
	S42-A: Self-conceptions and identity discourses within religious communities and traditions I	F-113
	S43-A: Contrasting religious multiple identities: efforts to mark orthodoxies and differences in complex societies I	F005
	S50-A: Who Are the 'Nones' in Europe? I	F022
	S7-A: Gendered eco-spirituality: conceptual reflections I	F-112
	S71: Religious education in Russia in post-secular context	F-107
	S75: Re-configuring core concepts of the Study of Religions? – More than 30 years after the 'cultural turn'	F021
	S96-A: Multiple religious belongings in the past and the present I	F012
	S97-A: Conversion and the handling of converts I	F-111
10:30–11:00	☿ <i>Coffee Break</i> ☿	

11:00–12:00	<b>Keynote 2: Grace Davie</b> <i>Multiple Religious Identities: Realities and Reflections</i>	UniS, A 003
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13:30–15:00	Slot 2	
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	S12-A: Wild and Monstrous Identities – Religious Identity Formation and Natural Spaces in Ancient Religions I	F011
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	S27-C: Multiple Religious Identities in Late Antiquity – with a focus on the individual III	F006
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17:15–18:15	<b>Keynote 3: Milda Ališauskienė</b> <i>Diversification of Religious Identities in Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe: the case of the Baltic States</i>	UniS, A003
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## Tuesday, 19 June

9:00–10:30	Slot 4	
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	S78: How to foster peaceful coexistence of differing religious and secular perspectives: Results from latest empirical studies	F006
	S81: Multiple religious and maternal identities: othermothers, self-conceptions, conformity and non-conformity	F012
10:30–11:00	☿ <i>Coffee Break</i> ☿	
11:00–12:00	<b>Keynote 4: Jörg Rüpke</b> <i>Urbanity and multiple religious identities in antiquity</i>	UniS, A003
12:00–13:30	☿ <i>Lunch</i> ☿	
12:30–15:00	IAHR International Committee meeting	F021

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	S59: Multiple belongings of German-speaking Muslims: Negotiating religious and secular identity positions	F013
	S62: The relationship between school education about religion and the academic discipline of the Study of Religions	F-122
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	S87: Reflecting on Communal Identities – Comparing different Methods and Approaches in the Study of Religious Communities	F-105
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15:00–15:30	☼ <i>Coffee Break</i> ☼	
15:30–17:30	<b>EASR General Assembly</b>	F021
16:30–17:30	<b>SGR General Assembly</b>	F013
17:30–19:30	<b>Bern Tour</b>	
From 19:30	<b>Barbecue &amp; Network Dance</b>	

## Wednesday, 20 June

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	S19-A: Regulating Religious Plurality I	F-111
	S29-A: The unseen forms of Russian Christianities I: Russian Protestantisms	F011
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	S39-A: Where, who, what: The interrelation of religious identities with religious spaces and practices I	F006
	S51-A: National identities, secularization and sacralization of nature I	F005
	S60: Mountain Religion	F013
	S68-A: Indigenising movements in Europe I	F023
	S79-A: Young adults in a global perspective: a critical discussion of research on religion from the perspective of a mixed-method study of contemporary religiosities	F-106
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	S86: Deregulating European master narratives of diversity: fringes and mainstream in genealogical perspective	F-123
	S93-A: Self-conceptions and identity discourses: Indian traditions I	F-122
	S95-A: Self-conceptions and identity discourses within religious communities and traditions I	F012
	S98-A: Debates on orthodoxy and heterodoxy, conformity and non-conformity I: Gender and Magic	F-112
10:30–11:00	☼ <i>Coffee Break</i> ☼	

11:00–12:00	<b>Keynote 5: Dorothea Weltecke</b> <i>Religious demarcation, border violation and deviance discourses in medieval religious groups</i>	UniS, A003
12:00–13:30	☒ Lunch ☒	

<b>13:30–15:00</b>	<b>Slot 7</b>	
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	S26: Religion, Art and Space	F007
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	S37: Plurality and Materiality	F013
	S51-B: National identities, secularization and sacralization of nature II	F005
	S57: Dance and religious identities	F-107
	S58-A: ‘Contemporary Spiritualities’ and ‘New Age’: Ethnographic and Historical-Comparative Approaches to a Transnational Field I: Concepts and terms	F022
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	S94: Religion and right-wing thinking – contemporary composites and constellations	F006
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	S98-B: Debates on orthodoxy and heterodoxy, conformity and non-conformity II: Society and Politics	F-112
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15:30–17:00	Slot 8	
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## Thursday, 21 June

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	S52: Religious Identities, Media, and Communication	F023
	S55: Missionary Projects and Indigenous Responses in the Asia Pacific	F-111
	S66: Polish religious studies thought in the context of the 19 <sup>th</sup> century culture studies	F005
	S77-A: The Highgate Cemetery in London: Diversity of Religious Practices in a Single Space I	F-107
	S88: Life reform networks in transnational context: c. 1900–c. 1970	F022
	S92-B: Self-conceptions and identity discourses of Muslim traditions	F006
10:30–11:00	☿ Coffee Break ☿	
11:00–12:00	<b>Keynote 6: Eugen Ciurtin</b> <i>A Comparative History of saṃsāra in Early India: In and Out the Vortex of Transmigration</i>	UniS, A 003
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	S10-B: Secular sensibilities & minority religious subjects II	F-105
	S103-B: Secularity, secularities and forms of non-belief II	F021
	S11-B: Space, Religion, and the Internet II	F-121
	S2: Religious identities in the making: Praxeological approaches to the study of religious identities in antiquity	F-111
	S25-B: Christians and the Dynamics of Religious Belonging in India: Looking Beyond Boundaries II	F-112
	S4: Death as a Process: Debating the Polyvalence of Chthonic Cults in Graeco-Roman Antiquity	F012
	S48: Varieties of Multiple Religious Identities – a summing-up conversation	F023
	S5-B: Esotericism and Eastern Christianities II: Language Games	F007
	S58-D: ‘Contemporary Spiritualities’ and ‘New Age’: Ethnographic and Historical-Comparative Approaches to a Transnational Field IV: Indigenieties, landscapes and media	F022
	S77-B: The Highgate Cemetery in London: Diversity of Religious Practices in a Single Space II	F-107
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## Programme Details

### Saturday, 16 June

#### IAHR Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, 16.6. – 14:30–18:00 – Unitobler, F007, Lerchenweg 36

### Sunday, 17 June

#### EASR Executive Committee Meeting

Sunday, 17.6. – 9:00–14:00 – Unitobler, F005, Lerchenweg 36

#### IAHR Executive Committee Meeting

Sunday, 17.6. – 13:00–15:00 – Unitobler, F007, Lerchenweg 36

#### Opening Event

Sunday, 17.6. – 16:00–17:00 – vonRoll, 001, Fabrikstr. 6

**Keynote 1: Reinhard Schulze** (University of Bern, Switzerland):  
*The ambiguity of the religious self in pre- and postnational  
social worlds. Examples from 17<sup>th</sup> century Morocco and  
20<sup>th</sup> century Germany*

Sunday, 17.6. – 17:00–18:00 – vonRoll, 001, Fabrikstr. 6

## Monday, 18 June

### S104-A: Conceptual and theoretical reflections on terms and models I

Monday, 18.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F007, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Carool Kersten (King's College London, United Kingdom)

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1. Motak, Dominika (Jagiellonian University, Poland)  
*Beyond the religious/secular divide: rethinking Georg Simmel's concept of religion*
  2. Fridlund, Patrik (Lund University, Sweden)  
*From Logic to Relation when Analysing Religious Identities*
  3. Zeller, Gabriele; Heinritz, Mareike (University of Tübingen, Germany)  
*Some little known features of RelBib, the new Religious Studies Bibliography*
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### S15-A: Ernesto De Martino's Multiple Identities: Between Coherence and Contradiction I

Monday, 18.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F023, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Marco Pasi (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

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1. Geisshuesler, Flavio Alessio (University of Virginia, United States of America / University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*Ernesto de Martino's Critical Thinking: Biographical, Thematic, and Systematic Reflections*
  2. Zinn, Dorothy (Free University of Bozen-Bolzano, Italy)  
*Which Ernesto De Martino Will Be the Winner?*
  3. Testa, Alessandro (University of Vienna, Austria)  
*Unexpected Resonances and Troubled Relationships: Problematic Philosophical Parallels between de Martino, Eliade, and Lévi-Strauss on Magic and Shamanism*
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## S16-A: Multi-faith places and urban religious diversity I

Monday, 18.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-122, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Maria Chiara Giorda (Roma Tre University, Italy) & Mar Grieria (Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain)

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1. Burchardt, Marian (1); Astor, Avi (2); Grieria, Mar (2) (1: Leipzig University, Germany; 2: Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain)  
*Shadows of Stone: Political Governance and the Management of Interreligious Patrimony in Spain and Turkey*
  2. Kuppinger, Petra (Monmouth College, United States of America)  
*Religion, Dialogue, Materiality and the Creation of More Inclusive Cityscapes*
  3. Dohe, Carrie B. (Philipps University of Marburg, Germany)  
*Multiple faiths, mixed identities, countless co-beings: Urban interreligious cooperation on nature conservation in Germany*
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## S18-A: Divided or Disjointed Belonging in a Polytheistic Environment I

Monday, 18.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-106, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Marja-Leena Hänninen (University of Tampere, Finland / University of Helsinki, Finland)

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1. Rauhala, Marika Inkeri (University of Helsinki, Finland)  
*When Devotion Becomes Dissidence: Enforcing Religious Authority in Ancient Greece*
  2. Sterbenc Erker, Darja (Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany)  
*The worship of Concordia Augusta in Ovid's Fasti*
  3. van der Ploeg, Ghislaine (University of Cologne, Germany)  
*Multifaceted Military Religious Identities in Rome*
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**S20: Religion as political opposition**

Monday, 18.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-121, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Ansgar Jödicke (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)

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1. Mohamed Tabriz, Ata (Istanbul University, Turkey)  
*From partnership of political order to order making: Politicization of the Shia in the Pahlavi era*
  2. Makarychev, Andrey; Kakabadze, Shota (University of Tartu, Estonia)  
*The Tale of Two Orthodoxies: Europe in Religious Discourses of Russia and Georgia*
  3. Bekkin, Renat (Södertörn University, Sweden)  
*Russian Muslims as an opposition group within the Islamic community of Russia*
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**S27-A: Multiple Religious Identities in Late Antiquity – with a focus on the individual I**

Monday, 18.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F006, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Mar Marcos (University of Cantabria, Spain)

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1. Herrero de Jáuregui, Miguel (Complutense University of Madrid, Spain)  
*Literary identities at religious crossroads*
  2. Carnevale, Laura (University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy)  
*Abraham, Isaac and the Altar of the Sacrifice: Recognizing and Locating an “Interreligious” Sacred Place*
  3. Tommasi, Chiara O. (University of Pisa, Italy)  
*Pagan Intellectuals after Theodosius: nostalgic antiquarianism or engaged militancy?*
  4. Tronca, Donatella (University of Bologna, Italy)  
*Dancing Outside the Christian Chorus: To Be or Not to Be a Pantomime in Late Antiquity*
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### S38-A: Multiple religious identities in Japan I

Monday, 18.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F013, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Michael Pye (Philipps University of Marburg, Germany / Otani University, Japan)

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1. Pye, Michael (Philipps University of Marburg, Germany / Otani University, Japan)  
*Exclusivism and tolerance among religious orientations in Japan*
  2. Iwasawa, Tomoko (Reitaku University, Japan)  
*Buddhist Elements at Suwa Shrine in Mediaeval Times*
  3. Moerman, D. Max (Columbia University, United States of America)  
*Underground Buddhism: the Subterranean Landscape of the Ise Shrines*
  4. Kenney, Elizabeth Read (Kansai Gaidai University, Japan)  
*Buddhism and Shinto in the Life of Yoshida Bonshun (1553–1632)*
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### S42-A: Self-conceptions and identity discourses within religious communities and traditions I

Monday, 18.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-113, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Hugh McFaul (The Open University, United Kingdom)

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1. Dusacova, Natalia (Russian State University for the Humanities, Russian Federation)  
*“Different Old Believers Going to the Same Church”: Constructing Group Boundaries from within*
  2. Adna, Gerd Marie (VID Specialized University, Norway)  
*Turkish Muslims’ Multiple Belonging(s) in a Norwegian city*
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**S43-A: Contrasting religious multiple identities: efforts to mark orthodoxies and differences in complex societies I**

Monday, 18.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F005, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Renata Salvarani (European University of Rome, Italy)

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1. Aslanov, Cyril (Aix-Marseille University, France / Saint Petersburg State University, Russian Federation)  
*When Sacred Languages Generated Puristic Metalanguages: Sanskrit, Hebrew and Arabic in a Comparative Perspective*
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**S50-A: Who Are the ‘Nones’ in Europe? I**

Monday, 18.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F022, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Teemu Taira (University of Helsinki, Finland)

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1. Rimmel, Atko (University of Tartu, Estonia)  
*No identity, no cry – ‘Nones’ in Estonia*
  2. Taira, Teemu (University of Helsinki, Finland)  
*Who Are the ‘Nones’ in Finland?*
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## S7-A: Gendered eco-spirituality: conceptual reflections I

Monday, 18.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-112, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Irene Becci (University of Lausanne, Switzerland) & Manéli Farahmand (University of Lausanne, Switzerland) & Francesca Prescendi (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)

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1. Prescendi, Francesca (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)  
*La femme comme un sillon à ensementer : Réflexions autour d'une construction culturelle*
  2. Verderame, Lorenzo (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*Engendered cosmic spaces in ancient Mesopotamian myths*
  3. Fabiano, Doralice (University of Geneva, Switzerland)  
*Gendered Perceptions of Current Water in Ancient Greek Religion*
  4. Jaeggi, Sandra (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)  
*Le divin au féminin : Sabazios et son cortège rampant*
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## S71: Religious education in Russia in post-secular context

Monday, 18.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-107, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Tim Jensen (University of Southern Denmark, Denmark)

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1. White, James Matthew (Ural Federal University, Russian Federation)  
*Orthodox Religious Education in the Russian Empire, c. 1700–1917.*
  2. Stepanova, Elena (Ural Federal University, Russian Federation)  
*Moral education and religious education: rivals or partners?*
  3. Iakimova, Olga (Ural Federal University, Russian Federation)  
*In Search of Alternative to Religious Education in European Union and Russia*
  4. Palkin, Alexander S. (Ural Federal University, Russian Federation)  
*Discussions on implementation of theology in higher education in Russia*
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**S75: Re-configuring core concepts of the Study of Religions? –  
More than 30 years after the ‘cultural turn’**

Monday, 18.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F021, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Karsten Lehmann (University College Vienna/Krems, Austria)

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1. Echtler, Magnus (University of Bayreuth, Germany)  
*Useless religion? Transgression and social effervescence at the Swahili New Year*
  2. Lehmann, Karsten (University College Vienna/Krems, Austria)  
*Systematic Comparison as a theoretical enterprise*
  3. Johannsen, Dirk (University of Oslo, Norway)  
*Re-configuring the numinous*
  4. Schüler, Sebastian (Leipzig University, Germany)  
*Re-configuring evolution as a core concept for the study of religion*
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**S96-A: Multiple religious belongings in the past and the present I**

Monday, 18.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F012, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Michael W. Hamilton (The Mary Baker Eddy Library, United States of America)

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1. Kafle, Anuradha (Free University Amsterdam, The Netherlands)  
*Shiva is Buddha, Buddha is Shiva – Multiple Religious Belonging in Kathmandu, Nepal*
  2. Kovacs, Abraham (Partium Christian University, Romania)  
*A Disputed Conversion: A turn to Jesus Christ, the Messiah, a shift of allegiance from Judaism to Christianity, or Apostasy? The Multifaceted Identity and Belonging of a Hungarian Jew, Mór Ballagi*
  3. Jha, Priyanka (Ambedkar University, India)  
*The making of ‘Religious self’ in the Nation*
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**S97-A: Conversion and the handling of converts I**

Monday, 18.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-111, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Kaarina Aitamurto (University of Helsinki, Finland)

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1. Sobkowiak, Piotr (University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*Non-Orthodox Idolaters and Shamanic Quasi-Buddhists. Politics of conversion and multiple religious identities of Transbaikalia in the 19th-century Tsarist Russia*
  2. Lu, Jin (Purdue University Northwest, United States of America)  
*Christianity and Chinese Spiritual Traditions: Catholic Conversion Narratives before Vatican II*
  3. Malita-Król, Joanna (Jagiellonian University, Poland)  
*“Coming home” metaphor in the narrations of Polish Traditional Wiccans*
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**Keynote 2: Grace Davie** (University of Exeter, United Kingdom):  
*Multiple Religious Identities: Realities and Reflections*

Monday, 18.6. – 11:00–12:00 – UniS, A 003, Schanzeneckstr. 1

**S1-A: Multiple religious and secular identities in the public school I: The representation of religion in school: developments in different contexts**

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F021, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Maria Chiara Giorda (Roma Tre University, Italy)

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1. Crnic, Ales; Pogacnik, Anja (University of Ljubljana, Slovenia)  
*Religion and education in Slovenia and other countries of Central and Eastern Europe*
  2. Wurzbainer, Robert (University of Vienna, Austria)  
*Religious education in Austria – Current situation and upcoming challenges*
  3. Oetting, Lea (University of Bremen, Germany)  
*Teachers' Perceptions of Religious Plurality – A Comparison between multi-faith Religious Education (RE) in Bremen and Hamburg*
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**S104-B: Conceptual and theoretical reflections on terms and models II**

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F007, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Patrik Fridlund (Lund University, Sweden)

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1. Nikolova, Antoaneta (Leipzig University, Germany / South West University, Bulgaria)  
*West meets East: towards seeking of Self-identity*
  2. Kersten, Carool (King's College London, United Kingdom)  
*The Unnaming of Religion in the political theology & hermeneutics of Hamid Dabashi*
  3. Taggart, Declan Ciaran (University College Cork, Ireland)  
*De-anthropomorphizing Old Norse religion*
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S12-A: Wild and Monstrous Identities – Religious Identity  
Formation and Natural Spaces in Ancient Religions I

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F011, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Laura Feldt (University of Southern Denmark, Denmark) &  
Ingvild Sælid Gilhus (University of Bergen, Norway)

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1. Gilhus, Ingvild Sælid (University of Bergen, Norway)  
*Beastly demons and saintly animals: Identity formation in Athanasius' Life of Antony and Jerome's Paul the First Hermit*
  2. Bergot, Chen Morgane (University of Geneva, Switzerland)  
*Between sanctuary and natural spaces: the wild manifestation of Yhwh in the book of Habakkuk*
  3. Viscardi, Giuseppina Paola (University of Salerno, Italy)  
*The wilderness experience: The mountain cave and the birth of the god in ancient Greek narratives*
  4. Feldt, Laura (University of Southern Denmark, Denmark)  
*Monsters in the Mesopotamian Forest: Relational Identities and the Wilderness in the Gilgamesh Epic*
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**S15-B: Ernesto De Martino's Multiple Identities: Between Coherence and Contradiction II**

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F023, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Flavio Alessio Geisshuesler (University of Virginia, United States of America / University of Bern, Switzerland)

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1. Pasi, Marco (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)  
*The relevance of Ernesto de Martino for the study of magic and of western esotericism*
  2. Ferrari, Fabrizio (University of Chester, United Kingdom)  
*On Ernesto de Martino's ethnographic method, with special reference to magic, healing and medicine.*
  3. van Loyen, Ulrich (University of Siegen, Germany)  
*An end of all ending – Ernesto de Martino's answer to apocalyptical thought*
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**S16-B: Multi-faith places and urban religious diversity II**

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-107, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Marian Burchardt (Leipzig University, Germany) & Mar Grier (Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain)

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1. Russo, Carmelo (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*La Goulette (Tunisia): Muslims, Jews and Virgin Mary of Trapani*
  2. Bossi, Luca (University of Turin, Italy / University of Lausanne, Switzerland)  
*Forgotten Cities. The Urban as an Intrinsic Inter-Religious Space*
  3. Burchardt, Marian (1); Grier, Mar (2) (1: Leipzig University, Germany; 2: Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain)  
*"Multifaith" as Urban Spectacle: Iconic Architecture and the Ideology of Interreligious Coexistence*
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## S18-B: Divided or Disjointed Belonging in a Polytheistic Environment II

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-106, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Marika Inkeri Rauhala (University of Helsinki, Finland)

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1. Hänninen, Marja-Leena (University of Tampere, Finland / University of Helsinki, Finland)  
*Mithraea in Ancient Ostia: Seclusion in middle of Urban Life*
  2. Heikonen, Juhana Henrik (Aalto University, Finland)  
*Building Private Boundaries – The Correlation between the Mithrae, Domus, Church and the Public Space in Roman Late Antique Topography*
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## S27-B: Multiple Religious Identities in Late Antiquity – with a focus on the individual II

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F006, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Mar Marcos (University of Cantabria, Spain)

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1. Saggioro, Alessandro (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*Homo sum. Alone or member of a group?*
  2. Arcari, Luca (University of Naples Federico II, Italy)  
*“Bon à communiquer”: Experiencing the “Otherworld” as a Meter for Multifaceted Individualities in Late-Antiquity*
  3. Sanchez de Mayo, Pablo (University of Cantabria, Spain)  
*To be or not to be a vegetarian. Criticism of abstinence among pagans and Christians in Late Antiquity.*
  4. Alampi, Marco (Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic)  
*The Many-Faced Sun: Polyvalent Role of Solar Worship in Late Antiquity*
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**S28-A: Prayer, pop and politics: researching religious youth in migration society I**

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-105, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Astrid Mattes (University of Vienna, Austria)

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1. Loth, Martina; Tepeli, Dilek Aysel (Ruhr University Bochum, Germany)  
*Understandings of Minority and Majority among Migrant Youth in Germany – Negotiating Multiple Identities of Alevis and Sunnis in the Context of Diaspora*
  2. Tunger-Zanetti, Andreas; Endres, Jürgen; Martens, Silvia (University of Lucerne, Switzerland)  
*Committed, but not bound. Swiss Muslim youths and young adults in search of religious orientation*
  3. Novak, Christoph (University of Vienna, Austria)  
*Politics of Belonging in Diverse Space. Examples from Young Muslims in Zurich and Vienna.*
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**S35: Religion, co-imagining and controversial relationships**

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-121, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Minna Opas (University of Turku, Finland)

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1. Pannofino, Nicola Luciano (University of Turin, Italy)  
*This is a time for ghosts. Lost (sacred) imaginations in everyday life*
  2. Mahlamäki, Tiina Tuulikki (University of Turku, Finland)  
*Imagination, Unicorns, and Gender*
  3. Opas, Minna (University of Turku, Finland)  
*Help or harm? Imagining Indigenous People in Voluntary Isolation*
  4. Kouri, Jaana (University of Turku, Finland)  
*“All shamanic cultures are animistic – but not all animistic cultures are shamanic”*
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## S38-B: Multiple religious identities in Japan II

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F013, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Michael Pye (Philipps University of Marburg, Germany / Otani University, Japan)

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1. Fedianina, Vladlena (Moscow City University, Russian Federation)  
*The conception of deities (kami) in writings of the Tendai monk Jien*
  2. Rhodes, Robert F. (Otani University, Japan)  
*Why does Shin Buddhism Reject the Worship of Shintō Kami?*
  3. Ruesch, Markus (Free University of Berlin, Germany)  
*A Shintō shrine in a Shin Buddhist temple.*
  4. Triplett, Katja (Leipzig University, Germany)  
*Response to presentations on multiple religious identities in Japan*
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S40: Late Antique Geographies of Heresiology: Fashioning Local Orthodoxies in early Christianity and Manichaeism

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-123, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Flavia Ruani (Ghent University, Belgium) & Eduard Iricinschi (Ruhr University Bochum, Germany)

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1. Iricinschi, Eduard (Ruhr University Bochum, Germany)  
*How Gullible Were the Women of Late-Antique Rhone and Asia Minor? Redescribing the Valentinian Marcosians in Irenaeus of Lyon's Against the Heresies (1.13–21)*
  2. Setién, Carla (University of Cantabria, Spain)  
*Creating a Christian Cosmography in the Fourth Century CE: Philastrius of Brescia's Diversarum hereseon liber*
  3. Gardner, Iain (University of Sydney, Australia)  
*The Construction of an Iranian lineage for Manichaeism*
  4. Ruani, Flavia (Ghent University, Belgium)  
*Bringing Heresy Down from Paradise to Mosul: The Historical Background of Moses bar Kepha's Heresiology (Ninth-Century Iraq)*
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S42-B: Self-conceptions and identity discourses within religious communities and traditions II

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-113, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Jessica Alexandra Giles (The Open University, United Kingdom)

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1. Haddad, Laura (Academy of World Religions, Germany)  
*The normativity of openness – Pluralization in the context of academic theologies*
  2. Zhou, Liqun (Beijing Foreign Studies University and Needham Research Institute, United Kingdom)  
*Was India Divided into Five or Nine Parts? A Study beginning with the Buddhist Canon*
  3. McFaul, Hugh (The Open University, United Kingdom)  
*Inventing Traditional Religion*
  4. Vanoni, Luca; Ragone, Giada (University of Milan, Italy)  
*From the secularisation theory to the pluralist approach: reconciling religious traditions and modernity in the Italian case-law*
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**S43-B: Contrasting religious multiple identities: efforts to mark orthodoxies and differences in complex societies II**

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F005, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Giovanni Casadio (University of Salerno, Italy)

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1. Salvarani, Renata (European University of Rome, Italy)  
*Martyrdom as identity choice: Christian communities during the first Islamic period (Spain, Egypt, Syria)*
  2. Grinberg, Alexander (IDC Herzliya, Tel-Aviv University, Israel)  
*Islamic Orthodoxies and Orthopraxies in Libya, Saudi Arabia and Iran: The Performance of Religious Identities in Shifting Geopolitical Contexts.*
  3. Mirianashvili, Lado {Vladimer} (Fund of Science Udabno, Georgia)  
*Politically Conditioned Form of Multiple Religious Belonging in Medieval Georgia*
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**S50-B: Who Are the 'Nones' in Europe? II**

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F022, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Atko Remmel (University of Tartu, Estonia)

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1. Tyrała, Radosław (AGH University of Science and Technology, Poland)  
*The power of negative reference. The case of Polish non-religion*
  2. Bowman, Marion Irene (The Open University, United Kingdom)  
*'Nones' in the Cathedral: nuancing the praxis and worldviews of 'Nones'*
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S7-B: Gendered eco-spirituality: conceptual reflections II

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-112, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Irene Becci (University of Lausanne, Switzerland) & Manéli Farahmand (University of Lausanne, Switzerland) & Francesca Pre-scendi (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)

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1. Ferrara, Marianna (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*Earth, heart, art: 're-tracing' religion and identity in the Indian graphic novels*
  2. Pibiri, Roberta (Fondazione Benvenuti in Italia, Italy)  
*Goddess Spirituality, Nature and the Wheel of the Year: The Italian Circle of Avalon and Diana*
  3. Crockford, Susannah (Ghent University, Belgium)  
*What Gender is 'Nature'? An approach to new age ecospirituality in theory and practice*
  4. Becci, Irene (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)  
*Gender binarity in contemporary ecospirituality*
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**S80: “Islamic radicalisation” and extremism from a study of religions perspective**

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-122, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Susanne Olsson (Stockholm University, Sweden)

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1. Larsson, Göran (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)  
*The Sunni-Shia divide and the study of violent interpretations of Islam*
  2. Poljarevic, Emin (Uppsala University, Sweden)  
*Identifying master narratives in radicalization studies*
  3. Olsson, Susanne (Stockholm University, Sweden)  
*Approaching extremist and radicalized Islam*
  4. Svensson, Jonas (Linnaeus University, Sweden)  
*“We have avenged the Prophet!”: Sacred values and radicalization processes*
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**S96-B: Multiple religious belongings in the past and the present II**

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F012, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Priyanka Jha (Ambedkar University, India)

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1. Mackowiak, Anna Marta (Jagiellonian University, Poland)  
*The plurality of contemporary Toraja religious identities: Constructing meanings of Rambu Solo’ funeral ceremonies*
  2. Cuciniello, Antonio (ISMU Foundation / Catholic University of Milan, Italy)  
*Islam in (some) Religion Textbooks in Italy*
  3. Olali, David O. (Comparative Heritage, United States of America)  
*Signifying ‘a Witch for Jesus’: Gender, Class, and Witchcraft in Postcolonial Nigeria*
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S97-B: Conversion and the handling of converts II

Monday, 18.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-111, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Joanna Malita-Król (Jagiellonian University, Poland)

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1. Brandner, Tobias (Chinese University of Hong Kong, China)  
*Religious conversions in prison: a critical examination of the interaction between missionary initiative and inmates' responses*
  2. Stadlbauer, Susanne (University of Wyoming, United States of America)  
*Forced Migration and Emergent Identities: A Case Study of Mass Conversions to Christianity among Refugees in Germany*
  3. Aitamurto, Kaarina (University of Helsinki, Finland)  
*The way of the National Organisation of Russian Muslims to political opposition*
  4. Brusi, Frédéric, idris, ove (Stockholm University, Sweden)  
*The complexeties of orientalism: Ivan Aguéli in Egypt at the turn of the century*
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**S1-B: Multiple religious and secular identities in the public school II: The relationship between RE and religious and secular belonging**

Monday, 18.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F021, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Tim Jensen (University of Southern Denmark, Denmark)

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1. Maddox, Marion (Macquarie University, Australia)  
*How formal representation of religion in public schools affects religious and secular belonging. Comparing France and Australia*
  2. Berglund, Jenny (Södertörn University, Sweden)  
*Moving between secular and confessional education*
  3. Kjeldsen, Karna (University College Absalon, Denmark)  
*Theoretical and methodological reflections and approaches pertaining to the Study of Religions as an integrated part of RE in public schools: Current situation and way ahead.*
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**S104-C: Conceptual and theoretical reflections on terms and models III**

Monday, 18.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F007, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Dominika Motak (Jagiellonian University, Poland)

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1. McCarthy, David Bruce (Hastings College, United States of America)  
*Rattling the Bars of the “Iron Cage”: Weberian Models, Neo-institutionalism, and Multiple Religious Allegiances in the Woman’s Auxiliary of the Southern Presbyterian Church in the United States*
  2. Huber, Stefan (1); Prutskova, Elena (2) (1: University of Bern, Switzerland; 2: Saint Tikhon’s Orthodox University, Russian Federation)  
*Centrality of religiosity in four Christian denominations in Russia: minority vs. majority effect*
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## S12-B: Wild and Monstrous Identities – Religious Identity Formation and Natural Spaces in Ancient Religions II

Monday, 18.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F011, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Laura Feldt (University of Southern Denmark, Denmark) & Ingvild Sælid Gilhus (University of Bergen, Norway)

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1. Johnston, Jay (University of Sydney, Australia)  
*Shifty Beasts: Considering Images of Beings that Transgress the Categories of Animal–Human–Supernatural on Coptic Late-Antique Papyri and Amulets.*
2. Undheim, Sissel (University of Bergen, Norway)  
*Virgins in the wilderness? Desert metaphors, gender and social reality in Ambrose and Jerome's constructions of female sanctity.*
3. Verderame, Lorenzo (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*"Canine instincts and monkeys' features": the construction of the other in the Sumerian thought*

## S16-C: Multi-faith places and urban religious diversity III

Monday, 18.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F013, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Maria Chiara Giorda (Roma Tre University, Italy) & Marian Burchardt (Leipzig University, Germany)

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1. Salimei, Guendalina (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*Architecture and inter-faith dialogue. The inter-religious centres will be places of study, dialogue and prayer for the three monotheistic religions*
  2. Hejazi, Sara (Fondazione Bruno Kessler, Italy)  
*Good Dids, Good words, Good thoughts. Praising Zoroastrian roots and temples in modern shi'a Iran*
  3. Haddad, Laura (University of Hamburg, Germany)  
*From church to mosque and beyond – the conversion of a religious space in Hamburg*
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**S27-C: Multiple Religious Identities in Late Antiquity – with a focus on the individual III**

Monday, 18.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F006, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Mar Marcos (University of Cantabria, Spain)

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1. Alvar Nuño, Antón; Gasparini, Valentino (Carlos III University, Spain)  
*Identity, embracement and sensory experience: towards a new paradigm in Late Antiquity*
  2. Avdokhin, Arkadiy (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation)  
*Religious Identity as Schroedinger's Cat: A Fourth-Century Aristocrat from Aegina and the Magic of Statistics*
  3. Manzo, Elisa (University of Naples Federico II, Italy)  
*Romanitas, Christianitas and Mater Hispania in the early fifth century A.D. Orosius' multiple identities in Historiae adversus paganos VII 40–43*
  4. Canella, Tessa (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*Conversions and Political Attitude in Ostrogothic Italy (VI century)*
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S28-B: Prayer, pop and politics: researching religious youth in migration society II

Monday, 18.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F-105, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Astrid Mattes (University of Vienna, Austria)

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1. Güleç, Yasemin (Karlsruhe Education Attache, Germany)  
*Perceptions about their French Peers in Drawings of Muslim-Turkish Children: A Case Study of Strasbourg, France*
  2. Evolvi, Giulia (Ruhr University Bochum, Germany)  
*#NousSommesUnis: Muslim Youth, Internet Spaces, and European Islam*
  3. Mattes, Astrid (University of Vienna, Austria)  
*Fighting (for) Identity: Political and Religious Orientations of Urban Young People in the Age of Migration*
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**S36: Alternative Religious Belongings in the Communist  
Regime Countries up to 1990**

Monday, 18.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F022, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Rasa Pranskevičiūtė (Vilnius University, Lithuania)

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1. Csáji, László Koppány (University of Pécs, Hungary)  
*Parallel realities. (Multiplied religious identities in a Hungarian NRM during the 80s)*
  2. Maiello, Giuseppe (University of Finance and Administration, Czech Republic)  
*On the Decoding of the Czechoslovak society (1968–1989) through its films: The point of view of the young Pagans*
  3. Stasulane, Anita; Ozolins, Gatis (Daugavpils University, Latvia)  
*Mapping the Trajectories of Neopaganism in Latvia (1940–1990)*
  4. Iwanicki, Juliusz Aleksander (Adam Mickiewicz University, Poland)  
*Issues of spirituality and religiosity in the Fighting Solidarity movement*
  5. Pranskevičiūtė, Rasa (Vilnius University, Lithuania)  
*“The Aim of which You are Obligated to Think Constantly”: Lithuanian Hare Krishnas’ Printing and Distribution of ISKCON Literature throughout the Soviet Union*
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## S41: Metropolitan Religion Speakers

Monday, 18.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F023, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Jörg Rüpke (University of Erfurt, Germany) & Karsten Lehmann (University College Vienna/Krems, Austria)

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1. Rüpke, Jörg (University of Erfurt, Germany)  
*Time in ancient Rome: Between urban and imperial*
  2. Lätzer-Lasar, Asuman (University of Erfurt, Germany)  
*The imperial intercity-network of Rome. Distribution of religious practices in a transcultural perspective*
  3. Lehmann, Karsten (University College Vienna/Krems, Austria)  
*Imperial Structures in Context – The religious landscape in Vienna (1804–1918)*
  4. Opacic, Zoe (Birkbeck College, University of London, United Kingdom)  
*Between Private Devotion and State Piety: The making of religious landscape in the Imperial Cities of Central Europe*
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## S42-C: Self-conceptions and identity discourses within religious communities and traditions III

Monday, 18.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F-113, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Eva Saenz-Diez (Catholic University of Louvain (UCL), Belgium)

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1. Taylor, Mason (The Open University, United Kingdom)  
*Exploring the differences between religion, culture, and tradition: a legal perspective*
  2. Calo, Zachary (Hamad bin Khalifa University, Qatar)  
*Islam, Peace, and the Idea of Secular Europe*
  3. Giles, Jessica Alexandra (The Open University, United Kingdom)  
*Tradition and engendering plural living together*
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**S6-A: Norms and Normativity in the Study of Religion I**

Monday, 18.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F-123, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Andrea Rota (University of Bern, Switzerland)

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1. Barbu, Daniel (The National Center for Scientific Research, France)  
*Teaching Contempt: Emotions and the Construction of Religious Identities*
  2. Amsler, Monika (University of Zurich, Switzerland)  
*On the Normativity of Classical Logic in the Study of Religion and the Difficulty to Think Out of the Category*
  3. Meylan, Nicolas (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)  
*Constructing a Scholarly Category, the Case of R. H. Codrington*
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**S63: Convenience or Conversion? An exploration of collaborative method in material religion**

Monday, 18.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F-107, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Stefanie Lenk (University of Oxford / British Museum, United Kingdom)

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1. Lenk, Stefanie; Bracey, Robert; Dalglish, Dominic (University of Oxford/ British Museum, United Kingdom)  
*Problems of Reuse: Convenience and Conversion? An exploration of collaborative method in material religion*
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**S64: Comparison as Method and Topic in the History of Religion**

Monday, 18.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F005, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Markus Dressler (Leipzig University, Germany)

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1. Kleine, Christoph (Leipzig University, Germany)  
*Historicising comparison – or why we need a comparative history of comparisons within the academic study of religion*
  2. Freiburger, Oliver (The University of Texas at Austin, United States of America)  
*Beyond Genealogy: Rehabilitating Analogical Comparison*
  3. Schlieter, Jens (University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*“Comparative Religion” avant la lettre? Multiple Religious Traditions as treated in Pre-modern Asian Doxography*
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**S76: Indigenous Religion(s). Local Grounds, Global Networks**

Monday, 18.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F-111, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Arkotong Longkumer (University of Edinburgh, Scotland)

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1. Alles, Gregory D. (McDaniel College, United States of America)  
*Upscale Downscale: Indigenous Peoples’ Day in Gujarat*
  2. Longkumer, Arkotong (University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom)  
*The Time of the Nation: Indigenous Sovereignty and the Effects of the Nation-state*
  3. Kraft, Siv Ellen (The Arctic University of Norway, Norway)  
*New Directions in the Study of Indigenous Religion(s)*
  4. Tafjord, Bjørn Ola (The Arctic University of Norway, Norway)  
*Connecting indigeneities while doing religious studies in Talamanca, Tromsø, and elsewhere*
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**S8: Multiple Religious Identities in Late Antique Egypt  
(2<sup>nd</sup>–6<sup>th</sup> Centuries)**

Monday, 18.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F-122, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Francesco Berno (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy) & Andrea Annese (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)

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1. Annese, Andrea (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*The Diverse Reception of the Gospel of Thomas in Late Antique Egypt*
  2. Berno, Francesco (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*Enoch in Egypt*
  3. Brand, Mattias (Leiden University Centre for the Study of Religion, The Netherlands)  
*Are Manichaeans Christians? Questions for the new consensus*
  4. Sol Jiménez, Elena (University of Cantabria, Spain)  
*A “few and uninstructed” against the children of the Greatness in Second Treatise of the Great Seth*
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S82: Researching Popular Culture and Religion. Discourses, Negotiations, and Reception

Monday, 18.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F-121, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Heikki Paavali Pesonen (University of Helsinki, Finland)

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1. Blom, Minja (University of Helsinki, Finland)  
*Vampires, values and meanings – Researching modern religiosity in television fandom*
  2. Mäkelä, Essi Eleonoora (University of Helsinki, Finland)  
*Parody and fiction-based, invented and authentic-fakes: Negotiating emic and etic concepts when researching new religious movements*
  3. Maskulin, Nina Piritta (University of Helsinki, Finland)  
*Narrating possible future worlds. A reception study of an Apocalyptic film among teenagers in Finland*
  4. Rautalahti, Heidi Marika Josefina (University of Helsinki, Finland)  
*How video games changed my life – You Tube-videos as life-changing testimonials*
  5. Frosti, Reeta Maarit (University of Helsinki, Finland)  
*Francis Bacon and the Church Universal and Triumphant. From 17<sup>th</sup> Century's Popular Fiction to a Contemporary Religious Movement.*
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S96-C: Multiple religious belongings in the past and the present III

Monday, 18.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F012, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Anna Marta Mackowiak (Jagiellonian University, Poland)

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1. Hamilton, Michael W. (The Mary Baker Eddy Library, United States of America)  
*The multiple national and religious identities of Count Helmuth Adolph von Moltke and Dorothy Innes von Moltke, Christian Scientists*
  2. Kafle, Anuradha (Free University Amsterdam, The Netherlands)  
*Multiple Religious Belonging and its Challenges: Solutions from Non-dualism*
  3. Long, Micol (Ghent University, Belgium)  
*An intersectionalist approach to intra-religious mobility in the twelfth-century West*
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Keynote 3: **Milda Ališauskienė** (University of Kaunas, Lithuania): *Diversification of Religious Identities in Contemporary Central and Eastern Europe: the case of the Baltic States*

Monday, 18.6. – 17:15–18:15 – UniS, A 003, Schanzeneckstr. 1

Women Scholars Network

Monday, 18.6. – From 18:30 – Unitobler, F021, Lerchenweg 36

## Tuesday, 19 June

S1-C: Multiple religious and secular identities in the public school III: Communication about religions and worldviews at school

Tuesday, 19.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F021, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Wanda Alberts (Leibniz University Hannover, Germany)

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1. Snoek, Lina Engelstad (MF Norwegian School of Theology, Norway)  
*Knowledge and attitude goals in upper secondary school RE in Norway*
  2. Bråten, Oddrun Marie Hovde (Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Norway)  
*Worldviews in Norwegian RE*
  3. Jahnke, Fredrik (Södertörn University, Sweden)  
*Religion and meaning. How Swedish pupils in religiously diverse schools talks about religion.*
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S100: Normative concepts of plurality

Tuesday, 19.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-122, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Jakub Havlicek (Palacky University Olomouc, Czech Republic)

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1. Havlicek, Jakub (Palacky University Olomouc)  
*Identity Formation and Education on Religions in the Czech Republic*
  2. Pastorelli, Sabrina (The National Center for Scientific Research, France)  
*Religiously oriented schools in European countries: what is at stake? Case-law analysis and national issues*
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S102-A: The plurality of ritual practices I

Tuesday, 19.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F023, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Giorgio Ferri (Individual Researcher, Italy)

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1. Ferri, Giorgio (Individual Researcher, Italy)  
*The Roman devotio: Invoking the Gods of the Underworld as Extreme Religious Weapon*
  2. Severino, Valerio Salvatore (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*Connecting Catholicism and the religion of the state. Architectural structure and ritual practices of Fascist Shrines in Italy in the interwar period*
  3. Rejowska-Pasek, Agata (Jagiellonian University, Poland)  
*The inner splits of humanistic rites of passage in Poland*
  4. Rychkova, Nadezhda (Russian State University for the Humanities, Russian Federation)  
*Imaginary Monastery: a Religious and a Secular History of Pushkin Square*
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**S17: Religion in Sustainability Transitions: Empirical Insights**

Tuesday, 19.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-105, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Alexandre Grandjean (University of Lausanne, Switzerland) & Jens Köhrsen (University of Basel) & Christophe Monnot (University of Strasbourg, France)

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1. Köhrsen, Jens (University of Basel, Switzerland)  
*Transitions toward Sustainability: What is Religion doing here?*
  2. Dohe, Carrie B. (Philipps University of Marburg, Germany)  
*Of Green Roosters and Solar Crosses: A Greening of Christianity in Germany?*
  3. Monnot, Christophe (University of Strasbourg, France)  
*Greening of the Church or Gaining Visibility for Green Actors within the Church?*
  4. Grandjean, Alexandre (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)  
*From technological to cosmological resources: “Pragmatic faith” and the alternative “greening” of the swiss vineyards*
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**S22-A: Religion and Revolution: Self-images, identity discourses, and the demarcation of religion and politics in nineteenth century Europe I**

Tuesday, 19.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-106, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Anja Kirsch (University of Basel, Switzerland)

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1. Cyranka, Daniel (Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg, Germany)  
*Scientific Religion as a Revolution in Nineteenth-Century Germany*
  2. Kovacs, Abraham (Hungarian Association for the Study of Religion, Romania)  
*The Portrayal of Protestantism as a just religion by Scottish Evangelicals, German and Hungarian Pietists in the Hungarian Revolution of 1848*
  3. Kirsch, Anja (University of Basel, Switzerland)  
*Migration, enthusiasm, and the making of a new world*
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**S32-A: Identity, religion and resonance I**

Tuesday, 19.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F011, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Anita Neudorfer (University of Graz, Austria / University of Erfurt, Germany)

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1. Spickermann, Wolfgang; Schmölzer, Astrid (University of Graz, Austria)  
*Multiple religious identities on Roman inscriptions in the province of Germania Inferior (Astrid Schmölzer/Wolfgang Spickermann)*
  2. Begemann, Elisabeth (University of Erfurt, Germany)  
*What about justice? Roman gods between rationality and resonance*
  3. Bergmann, Bennet Lee (Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Germany)  
*Meditation, Identity and Resonance*
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**S34: Contested Religious Belongings in Europe. Membership, Practice and Identity in Comparative Perspective**

Tuesday, 19.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-111, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Anastas Odermatt (University of Lucerne, Switzerland) & Antonius Liedhegener (University of Lucerne, Switzerland)

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1. Hackett, Conrad (Pew Research Center, United States of America)  
*The current and future size of Europe's growing Muslim population*
  2. Odermatt, Anastas (University of Lucerne, Switzerland)  
*The Swiss Metadatabase of Religious Affiliation "SMRE": Methodology, Data Collection and Algorithms.*
  3. Liedhegener, Antonius (University of Lucerne, Switzerland)  
*Religious Pluralisation in Contemporary Europe. Evidence, Revisions and Insights Based on New Estimates on Religious Affiliation*
  4. Vekovic, Marko (University of Belgrade, Serbia)  
*Belonging Without Believing? A "Paradox" of Orthodox Christianity in Eastern Europe*
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S54: New Age/ New Religiosities in non-Western context:  
Toward a comparative approach

Tuesday, 19.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-121, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Martin Riexinger (Aarhus University, Denmark)

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1. Fibiger, Marianne Qvortrup (Aarhus University, Denmark)  
*When guruism in India transforms in a global context – The worship of Mātā Amṛtānandamayī (“Hugging Amma”) in Kerala*
  2. Hansen, Jacob Hartvig Sandager (Aarhus University, Denmark)  
*Through the Eyes of Dharma – Re-contextualizing the Spiritual Practices of Ananda Sangha to an Indian Context*
  3. Borup, Jørn (Aarhus University, Denmark)  
*Prosperity and spirituality in Japanese religion*
  4. Riexinger, Martin (Aarhus Universitet, Denmark)  
*New religiosities and Islam: An attempt at mapping*
  5. Kim, Chae Young (Sogang University, South Korea)  
*A Comparative Sketch of Daisaku Ikeda as a “Psychotherapeutic Healer”:  
With Special Reference to William James’s Psychology of Religion*
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## S6-B: Norms and Normativity in the Study of Religion II

Tuesday, 19.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-123, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Daniel Barbu (The National Center for Scientific Research, France)

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1. Rota, Andrea (University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*Regulative and Constitutive Rules: Individual Attitudes and Collective Norms among Jehovah's Witnesses*
  2. Hagen, Carla (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)  
*Normative rifts: Yenish people and Catholic institutions in 20<sup>th</sup> Century Switzerland*
  3. Stegmann, Ricarda (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)  
*Islamic normativity at the Grand Mosque of Paris versus normativity in the discursive study of religion – a critical discussion*
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## S65-A: Healing Narratives in Asian Religions: Interactions, Circulation, Legitimacy I

Tuesday, 19.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F005, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Chiara Ghidini (University of Naples "L'Orientale", Italy)

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1. Ferrari, Fabrizio (University of Chester, United Kingdom)  
*The myth of Dhanvantari, Lord of Āyurveda, and its Vedic antecedents*
  2. Cerulli, Anthony (University of Wisconsin-Madison, United States of America)  
*Rāmāyaṇa in media res: Hanumān's epic hunt for healing herbs*
  3. Dahnhardt, Thomas (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy)  
*Pleasure: Family planning and contraception in contemporary South Asian Sufi Sources*
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**S69: Labeling religion: Migration and ascriptions of religious identities in contemporary Europe**

Tuesday, 19.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-113, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Adrian Hermann (University of Bonn, Germany)

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1. Maltese, Giovanni (University of Bonn, Germany)  
*Response*
  2. Eulberg, Rafaela (University of Bonn, Germany)  
*Contact zones and tower politics: Labeling processes and the incorporation of Tamil Hindus in Switzerland*
  3. Tillessen, Petra (University of Bonn, Germany)  
*Building borders by searching for bridges? (Un)Labeling religion in the education of conflict managers*
  4. Jacobsen, Annika (University of Hamburg, Germany)  
*Arabic refugees in Germany. Ascription processes in the context of religious identities*
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**S72: Muslim Secularities: New Inquiries into Muslim Engagements with Religion, Politics and the Social**

Tuesday, 19.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F022, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Christoph Kleine (Leipzig University, Germany)

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1. Yavari, Neguin (Leipzig University, Germany)  
*The Political in Medieval Islamic Thought*
  2. Dressler, Markus (Leipzig University, Germany)  
*Muslim Secularities. Theoretical and Methodological Considerations*
  3. Srikantan, Geetanjali (Tilburg University, The Netherlands)  
*Experiencing Religion through the Secular. Legal Consciousness in the Production of Anglo-Muhammadan Law*
  4. Krstic, Tijana (Central European University, Hungary)  
*Are 'Confessionalization' and 'Secularity' Useful Heuristic Devices for Studying Dynamics in Early Modern Ottoman Islam?*
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**S73: Negotiations of Religious and Secular Gender Scripts in Women's Conversions in Contemporary Western Europe**

Tuesday, 19.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F013, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Anne-Marie Korte (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)

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1. Schrijvers, Lieke Lotte (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)  
*Sexual Scripts among Women Converting to Judaism, Islam and Pentecostalism in the Netherlands*
  2. van den Berg, Mariecke (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)  
*Scripting Religious and Gender Transformations: Comparing Transgender and Conversion Narratives*
  3. van den Brandt, Nella (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)  
*Producing Differences: Narratives about Women's Conversion across West-European Contexts*
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**S74: Sacred Places and Multiple Religious Identities: Past and Present**

Tuesday, 19.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F007, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Katrin Dorothea Kusmierz (University of Bern, Switzerland)

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1. Heyden, Katharina (University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*Shared Holy Places and their Impact on Religious Identities in Late Antiquity*
  2. Berlis, Angela (University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*Contested Holiness: Conflicts about Sacred Places in Culture Wars*
  3. Stückelberger, Johannes (University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*Churches as Places of Multiple Religious Identities*
  4. Plüss, David (University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*Space, Ritual and Religious Identity*
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S78: How to foster peaceful coexistence of differing religious and secular perspectives: Results from latest empirical studies

Tuesday, 19.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F001, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Karin Mykytjuk-Hitz (University of Bern, Switzerland)

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1. Mykytjuk-Hitz, Karin (University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*Religious symbols in the public sphere: Results from a study on commission of the Federal Department of Justice and Police*
  2. Tanner, Pascal (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)  
*Secular activism as an ideological regime: Social structure, values, and political claims in Switzerland*
  3. Martens, Silvia (1); Schröder, Anna Konstanze (2) (1: University of Bern / University of Lucerne, Switzerland; 2: University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*Threatening or enriching encounters: Xenophobia and Xenosophia between Christians, Jews and Muslims in Switzerland*
  4. Ackert, Michael (University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*One Couple – Two Religions, Preliminary Data from an Online Survey*
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S81: Multiple religious and maternal identities: othermothers, self-conceptions, conformity and non-conformity

Tuesday, 19.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F012, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Giulia Pedrucci (University of Erfurt, Germany)

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1. Pasche Guignard, Florence (1); Pedrucci, Giulia (2) (1: Ryerson University, Canada; 2: University of Erfurt, Germany)  
*Multiple religious and maternal identities as male mothers and othermothers: case studies from the ancient Greek and Roman world*
  2. Engelmajer, Pascale (Carroll University, United States of America)  
*Visākhā Migāramātā: Mothering as the Spiritual Path*
  3. Koprivica, Olivera (University of Erfurt, Germany)  
*When daughter becomes a mother to her own mother: Spiritual motherhood in Orthodox female monasticism*
  4. Sbardella, Francesca (University of Bologna, Italy)  
*Identities of motherhood: etical values and conducts*
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Keynote 4: **Jörg Rüpke** (University of Erfurt, Germany): *Urbanity and multiple religious identities in antiquity*

Tuesday, 19.6. – 11:00–12:00 – UniS, A 003, Schanzeneckstr. 1

IAHR International Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 19.6. – 12:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F021, Lerchenweg 36

## S102-B: The plurality of ritual practices II

Tuesday, 19.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F023, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Andres Francisco Dapuez (National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET), Argentine Republic)

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1. Dapuez, Andres Francisco (National Scientific and Technical Research Council (CONICET), Argentine Republic)  
*Adaptations of “commitment” in a mayan-speaking village of Yucatan, Mexico*
  2. Sinos, Rebecca H. (Amherst College, United States of America)  
*Text and Art: A Tablet from Thurii and Attic Vases*
  3. Olesen, Peter Kahlke (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)  
*The Liminal Deer in the Folklore and Archaeology of the British Isles*
  4. Arfman, William (Tilburg University, The Netherlands)  
*Allerzielen Alom: a syncretic yet secular All Souls’ Day art project*
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## S22-B: Religion and Revolution: Self-images, identity discourses, and the demarcation of religion and politics in nineteenth century Europe II

Tuesday, 19.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-106, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Anja Kirsch (University of Basel, Switzerland)

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1. Eßbach, Wolfgang (Albert Ludwig University of Freiburg, Germany)  
*Opium – Idealismus – Ideologie: Revolution und Religion bei Karl Marx*
  2. Berner, Ulrich (University of Bayreuth, Germany)  
*Analyzing and Criticizing Religion: Giacomo Meyerbeer and Richard Wagner in the Years of Revolution 1848/49*
  3. Johannsen, Dirk (University of Oslo, Norway)  
*The Blasphemers’ General Assembly Proposes a Revolution: Georg Brandes, Louis Pio, and the Radical Intelligence in Denmark (1870–1878)*
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**S31-A: Anchoring in a foreign land: How faith-based organisations accommodate refugees I**

Tuesday, 19.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F022, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Alexander-Kenneth Nagel (University of Göttingen, Germany)

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1. Nagel, Alexander-Kenneth (University of Göttingen, Germany)  
*A Matter of Faith? Religious backgrounds of refugee aid in Germany*
  2. Alkan Zeybek, Hilal (Alice Salomon University (ASH) / Centre for Modern Oriental Studies (ZMO), Germany)  
*From believers to siblings: Articulations of piety, care and hospitality towards migrants within a religious brotherhood in Turkey*
  3. Bauer, Janet Lynn (Trinity College, United States of America)  
*The Role of Faith-Based and Faith-Related Voluntary Organizations in Facilitating Pathways to Refugee Social Inclusion*
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**S32-B: Identity, religion and resonance II**

Tuesday, 19.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F011, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Wolfgang Spickermann (University of Graz, Austria)

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1. Scheuermann, Leif (University of Graz, Austria)  
*The internet as religion?*
  2. Neudorfer, Anita (University of Graz, Austria / University of Erfurt, Germany)  
*Identity and resonance in popular-religious singing movements*
  3. Winter, Franz (University of Graz, Austria)  
*Identity building as conversion strategy: Creating a resonant worldview in the formation of New Religious Movements*
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**S33: Debating, expressing and organizing non-belief among Muslims in Europe and the Middle East**

Tuesday, 19.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-113, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Pierre Hecker (Philipps University of Marburg, Germany)

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1. Franke, Edith (Philipps University of Marburg, Germany)  
*Negotiating the boundaries between religion and non-religion in Muslim-dominated Indonesia*
  2. Hecker, Pierre (Philipps University of Marburg, Germany)  
*Discourses on Atheism in Turkey*
  3. van Nieuwkerk, Karin (Radboud University, The Netherlands)  
*Debating Unbelief in Egypt*
  4. Vlieg, Maria (Radboud University Nijmegen, The Netherlands)  
*"I find it hard to talk about religion because it's not just about faith". Articulations of trajectories out of Islam and community in the Netherlands and the UK*
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**S59: Multiple belongings of German-speaking Muslims: Negotiating religious and secular identity positions**

Tuesday, 19.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F013, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Mirjam Aeschbach (University of Zurich, Switzerland)

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1. Aeschbach, Mirjam (University of Zurich, Switzerland)  
*National Belonging and the Religious Self. Debates around Muslim Women in a Swiss-German Transmedia Discourse*
  2. Drover, Lauren (Bonn University, Germany)  
*"Liberal but Conservative in Outlook." The Ahmadiyya Muslim Jamaat Germany between Avowed Secularity and Conservative Religious Positions*
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**S62: The relationship between school education about religion and the academic discipline of the Study of Religions**

Tuesday, 19.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-122, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Petra Bleisch (School of Education (PH) Fribourg, Switzerland) & Wanda Alberts (Leibniz University Hannover, Germany)

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1. Desponds, Séverine (School of education (HEP) Vaud, Switzerland)  
*Which “integrating concepts” for RE?*
  2. Frank, Katharina (University of Zurich, Switzerland)  
*The Relationship between subject-related Didactics and the Study of Religion in the scholarly Teacher Training*
  3. Bleisch, Petra (School of Education (PH) Fribourg, Switzerland)  
*Study of religion as one of many related academic disciplines from the perspective of the school subject “Nature-human-society (Natur-Mensch-Gesellschaft)”*
  4. Alberts, Wanda (Leibniz University Hannover, Germany)  
*Constructions of “subject-related didactics” in Study-of-Religions Contexts*
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S65-B: Healing Narratives in Asian Religions: Interactions,  
Circulation, Legitimacy II

Tuesday, 19.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F005, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Fabrizio Ferrari (University of Chester, United Kingdom)

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1. Ghidini, Chiara (University of Naples “L'Orientale”, Italy)  
*Summoning antiquity in contemporary Japanese healing theories and practices*
  2. Kim, Sean {Chong Bum} (University of Central Missouri, United States of America)  
*Battle of the Spirits: Divine Healing in Korean Protestantism*
  3. Scott, Gregory Adam (The University of Manchester, United Kingdom)  
*Medicine, Science, and Skepticism in the Buddhist Works of Ding Fubao*
  4. Baffelli, Erica (The University of Manchester, United Kingdom)  
*Healing and Charisma: Healing Narratives in Japanese New Religions*
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**S87: Reflecting on Communal Identities – Comparing different Methods and Approaches in the Study of Religious Communities**

Tuesday, 19.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-105, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Rafael Walthert (University of Zurich, Switzerland)

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1. Limacher, Katharina (University of Lucerne, Switzerland)  
*“Diglossic Hinduism” Revisited: Death Rituals in Hindu Communities in Switzerland and Austria*
  2. Rückamp, Veronika (University of Lucerne, Switzerland)  
*Space and Things: Researching Material Religion in Immigrant Muslim Communities*
  3. Stechauner, Martin (University of Vienna, Austria / Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel)  
*The Sephardic Community of Vienna – Ottoman Expats, Austrian Jews or an Ethnic-Religious Minority Sui Generis?*
  4. Katz-Wilfing, Yuval (University of Vienna, Austria)  
*Reexamining Giur – Shifting Meanings and Notions of Conversion in Late-Antiquity Judaism*
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**S99: Missionary activities and religious exclusiveness**

Tuesday, 19.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-121, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Lalthlamuani K.C (Mizoram University, India)

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1. K.C, Lalthlamuani; Nghinglova, Lalrinsangi (Mizoram University, India)  
*Indigeneity and Religion: The Mizo context*
  2. Park, Ingyu (Seoul National University, South Korea)  
*The Establishment of the Idea about Exclusive Religious Membership – focused on Korean New Religious Movements*
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### EASR General Assembly

Tuesday, 19.6. – 15:30–17:30 – Unitobler, F021, Lerchenweg 36

### SGR General Assembly

Tuesday, 19.6. – 16:30–17:30 – Unitobler, F013, Lerchenweg 36

### Fritz Stolz Preis SGR Reception

Tuesday, 19.6. – 17:30–18:00 – Unitobler, F013, Lerchenweg 36

## Wednesday, 20 June

### S13-A: Islam in European RE: a comparative perspective I

Wednesday, 20.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-105, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Leni Franken (University of Antwerp, Belgium)

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1. Kramer, Michael (University of Graz, Austria)  
*The legal integration of IRE in the Austrian school system and its challenges*
  2. Sakaranaho, Tuula (University of Helsinki, Finland)  
*Islamic Education in Finnish Schools: Perspective of Interactive Governance*
  3. Sägesser, Caroline (Free University of Brussels, Belgium)  
*Educating about Islam or proposing Islamic Religious education? The case of Belgium and Luxembourg*
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### S19-A: Regulating Religious Plurality I

Wednesday, 20.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-111, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Sarah Jahn (Ruhr University Bochum, Germany)

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1. Martínez-Ariño, Julia (University of Groningen, The Netherlands)  
*Regulating Religious Diversity from Within: Religious Actors in Urban Governance*
  2. Ben Hadj Salem, Hajer (Tunis University, Tunisia)  
*9/11 and the Challenge of Religious Pluralism in the US*
  3. Hennig, Linda Esther (University of Münster, Germany)  
*"The Muslim Colleague also Has a Name" – Dealing with Religion in Workplaces*
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S29-A: The unseen forms of Russian Christianities I: Russian Protestantisms

Wednesday, 20.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F011, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Igor Mikeschin (St Petersburg Center for the History of Ideas, Russian Federation)

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1. Beliakova, Nadezhda (Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation)  
*The “Purification and Sanctification” Practices in the Congregations of the Council of Churches of Evangelical Christians-Baptists in the 1970s USSR*
  2. Vallikivi, Laur (University of Tartu, Estonia)  
*Finno-Ugric mission in Russia: Protestant missionaries’ language and culture ideologies*
  3. Mikeschin, Igor (St Petersburg Center for the History of Ideas, Russian Federation)  
*Evangelical Christians-Baptists: the Bible-Believers of Russia*
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**S31-B: Anchoring in a foreign land: How faith-based organisations accommodate refugees II**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F022, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Alexander-Kenneth Nagel (University of Göttingen, Germany)

1. Ricucci, Roberta (University of Turin, Italy)  
*Working with asylum seekers: continuities and changes in Italian NGOs' activities*
  2. Baumann, Martin (University of Lucerne, Switzerland)  
*Tamil and Eritrean refugees settling in Switzerland: Self-organised Hindu temples and Orthodox churches as supporters for accommodation?*
  3. Allen, Chris (University of Birmingham, United Kingdom)  
*Sponsoring Syrian Refugees: a case study exploring the religious, social and political impact on faith communities in the city of Birmingham, England*
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S39-A: Where, who, what: The interrelation of religious identities with religious spaces and practices I

Wednesday, 20.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F006, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Anna-Katharina Rieger (University of Graz, Austria) & Constanze Carolin Graml (University of Munich, Germany)

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1. Ceravolo, Marinella (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*From the Workshop to the Temple: Ritual Spaces in the Consecration of the Cult Statue in Mesopotamia*
  2. Galli, Marco (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*Immagini e performance rituale nella prima arte buddhista dell'antico Gandhara*
  3. Rieger, Anna-Katharina (University of Graz, Austria)  
*The role of space in negotiating religious identities in a polytheistic setting – the case of sacred places in Palmyra and the Palmyrenean region (poster presentation)*
  4. Pavel, Diana (University of Erfurt, Germany)  
*A reading of the altar as an element of socio-religious practices within Etruscan funerary space*
  5. Graml, Constanze Carolin (University of Munich, Germany)  
*Sacred spaces for Hecate: the three-figured image type's potential to create multiple divine identities (poster presentation)*
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S51-A: National identities, secularization and sacralization of nature I

Wednesday, 20.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F005, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: David Thurffjell (Södertörn University, Sweden)

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1. Rubow, Cecilie (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)  
*Under the sky, over the sea: the horizon in outdoor enchantment*
  2. Bochsinger, Christoph (University of Bayreuth, Germany)  
*Shrinking and growing transcendences – comments on Thomas Luckmann's theory from a study of religion viewpoint*
  3. Vencálek, Matouš (Masaryk University, Czech Republic)  
*Sacred Nature, Sacred Earth and Sacred Soil*
  4. Moberg, Jessica (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)  
*"Post-Christian" Swedes and Lutheran Geographies: Orthodox and Heterodox Practices in Gothenburg's Cemeteries*
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S60: Mountain Religion

Wednesday, 20.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F013, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: David R. Atwood (University of Basel, Switzerland) & Christopher Driscoll (Lehigh University, United States of America)

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1. Driscoll, Christopher (Lehigh University, United States of America)  
*Sacred Sahib: Identity Formation in Himalayan Big Mountain Climbing*
  2. Berner, Ulrich (University of Bayreuth, Germany)  
*Mountains as Sacred Spaces*
  3. Atwood, David R. (University of Basel, Switzerland)  
*Changing Imaginaries of Religion in the Alps*
  4. Echter, Magnus (University of Bayreuth, Germany)  
*Call of the Mountain*
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## S68-A: Indigenising movements in Europe I

Wednesday, 20.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F023, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Graham Harvey (The Open University, United Kingdom)

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1. Owen, Suzanne (Leeds Trinity University, United Kingdom)  
*Is Druidry Indigenous? The Politics of Pagan Indigeneity Discourse*
  2. Butler, Jenny (University College Cork, Ireland)  
*Entering the Magic Mists: Irish Contemporary Paganism, Celticity and Indigeneity*
  3. Harvey, Graham (The Open University, United Kingdom)  
*Bear Feasts in a land without (wild) bears: experiments in creating animist rituals*
  4. Puca, Angela (Leeds Trinity University, United Kingdom)  
*'Witch' and 'shaman': discourse analysis of the use of indigenizing terms in Italy.*
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## S79-A: Young adults in a global perspective: a critical discussion of research on religion from the perspective of a mixed-method study of contemporary religiosities

Wednesday, 20.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-106, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Peter Nynäs (Åbo Akademi University, Finland)

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1. Sjö, Sofia (Åbo Akademi University, Finland)  
*Religious pluralism and gender – beyond discussions of more or less*
  2. Illman, Ruth (Åbo Akademi University, Finland)  
*Multiple religious identities among young adults: a cross-cultural comparison*
  3. Lassander, Mika (Åbo Akademi University, Finland)  
*A Relational Analysis of Subjective Worldviews*
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**S83: Conversion Narrative**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-113, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Masoumeh Sara Rahmani (Coventry University, United Kingdom)

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1. Rahmani, Masoumeh Sara (Coventry University, United Kingdom)  
*Tacit Conversion to Goenka's Vipassana Movement*
  2. Mossiere, Geraldine (University of Montreal, Canada)  
*Conversion to Islam among Youth: Turning the Discourse on Intersectionality into Action*
  3. W. Jindra, Ines (Gordon College, United States of America)  
*How do People Change their Lives? The Role of Biographical Sociology in Understanding the Role of Conversion in the Trajectories of People Afflicted by Homelessness*
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**S86: Deregulating European master narratives of diversity: fringes and mainstream in genealogical perspective**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-123, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Klara Anja Visscher (University of Groningen, The Netherlands)

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1. Rudbøg, Tim (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)  
*Rethinking the Narrative of the Theosophical Movement*
  2. Visscher, Klara Anja (University of Groningen, The Netherlands)  
*Identity building by modern prophets with cosmic-messianic expectations: spiritual entrepreneurs in the Netherlands and Denmark*
  3. Vliegthart, Dave (Maastricht University, The Netherlands)  
*(Re)Introducing "Secular Religion": Socio-Historical Reflections on Interdisciplinary Quests for Meaning in Modern Western Culture*
  4. von Stuckrad, Kocku (University of Groningen, The Netherlands)  
*The Impact of Romantic Natural Philosophy on Contemporary Animistic Spiritualities and Ecological Worldviews*
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S93-A: Self-conceptions and identity discourses: Indian traditions I

Wednesday, 20.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-122, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Caroline Vander Stichele (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

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1. Brunner, Michael Philipp (Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH) Zurich, Switzerland)  
*"For the true light of the Sikh religion to shine in its full effulgence": scientism, universalism, and the quest for a 'modern' 'Sikh' identity at Khalsa College, Amritsar, 1890–1947*
  2. Karásek, Matej (University of Ss. Cyril and Methodius, Slovakia)  
*Christian Sannyasis in India: Christian Theory, Hindu Practice, Social Boundaries*
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S95-A: Self-conceptions and identity discourses within religious communities and traditions I

Wednesday, 20.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F012, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Xinzi Rao (University of Heidelberg, Germany)

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1. Klapetek, Martin (University of South Bohemia in Českých Budějovicích, Czech Republic)  
*Muslim Areas at Municipal Cemeteries in Germany and Austria*
  2. Rao, Xinzi (University of Heidelberg, Germany)  
*Post-global celebration: Chinese Christians in Germany*
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S98-A: Debates on orthodoxy and heterodoxy, conformity and non-conformity I: Gender and Magic

Wednesday, 20.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-112, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Gioia Filocamo (Institute for Musical Studies in Terni, Italy)

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1. Hedenborg White, Manon (Södertörn University, Sweden)  
*From Polarity to Plurality: Shifting Notions of Sex and Gender in Modern Occultism*
  2. Fry, Alex David James (Durham University, United Kingdom)  
*Postfeminist but not Post-sexist: what do the narratives of theologically conservative priests reveal about their attitudes towards gender?*
  3. Rosati, Paolo Eugenio (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*Tantrism and the Politics in Early Medieval Kāmarūpa: The Samkarajāti Pāla Kings*
  4. Zorya, Kateryna (Södertörn University, Sweden)  
*Authenticity in Magic: The Search for the Real in Post-Soviet Occultism*
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Keynote 5: **Dorothea Weltecke** (University of Frankfurt, Germany): *Religious demarcation, border violation and deviance discourses in medieval religious groups*

Wednesday, 20.6. – 11:00–12:00 – UniS, A 003, Schanzeneckstr. 1

### S13-B: Islam in European RE: a comparative perspective II

Wednesday, 20.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-105, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Leni Franken (University of Antwerp, Belgium)

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1. Yar, Hasan (Inholland University of Applied Sciences, The Netherlands)  
*Teacher Training Program Islamic education in The Netherlands*
  2. Lafrarchi, Naïma (Individual Researcher, Belgium)  
*Didactical and pedagogical analysis of the IRE curriculum in public schools*
  3. Wonisch, Kerstin (EURAC Research Bozen, Italy)  
*Alevi religious instruction in Austrian Schools: Challenges of institutionalizing an oral tradition*
  4. Agbaria, Ayman Kamel (Haifa University, Israel)  
*'Islamic' Education between state and community: Frameworks and new directions*
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### S19-B: Regulating Religious Plurality II

Wednesday, 20.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-111, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Sarah Jahn (Ruhr University Bochum, Germany)

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1. Schneider, Mathias (University of Münster, Germany)  
*Mahāyāna, Maitreya and Messiah: D.T. Suzuki's Interpretation of Jesus in His Early Work*
  2. Rueschenschmidt, David (University of Münster, Germany)  
*Christian-Muslim Dialogue as Regulation? Historical Perspectives on North-Rhine Westfalia since the 1970s*
  3. Axelsson, Tomas (Dalarna University, Sweden)  
*A Wish For Social Cohesion: local engagement and perspectives on inter-religious councils in contemporary Sweden*
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**S26: Religion, Art and Space**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F007, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Karolina Anna Lisowski (University of Bern, Switzerland)

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1. Rieger, Anna-Katharina (University of Graz, Austria)  
*Sacred nature? An approach to ancient rock and spring sanctuaries from a agency-based and resonance-theoretical perspective*
  2. Jakubowski, Melchior (University of Warsaw, Poland)  
*Religion-shaped landscape and landscape-shaped religiosity. Bukovina and Neuostpreussen circa 1800*
  3. Lisowski, Karolina Anna (University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*Religion in the Museum: A Case Study in a Museum for Tibetan Buddhist Art*
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**S29-B: The unseen forms of Russian Christianities II: Russian Orthodox minorities**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F011, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Igor Mikeshin (St Petersburg Center for the History of Ideas, Russian Federation)

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1. Löfstedt, Torsten (Linnaeus University, Sweden)  
*The Use of Minority Language Bible Translations among Orthodox Christians in Russia*
  2. Tsyryapkina, Yulia (Altai State Pedagogical University, Russian Federation)  
*Orthodoxy in the Islamic context of post-Soviet Uzbekistan: religious consciousness and ritualism*
  3. Fomina, Victoria (Central European University, Hungary)  
*A Subversive Saint: Popular Cult of the Soldier Evgenii Rodionov in Contemporary Russia*
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S37: Plurality and Materiality

Wednesday, 20.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F013, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: George Douglas Pratt (University of Waikato, New Zealand)

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1. Jennings, Katherine Laura (University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*Islam Ex Situ: Turkey at the Great Exhibition, 1851*
  2. Hinault, Catherine (University of Rennes 2, France)  
*"But what about my images, must I part with them?" : Handling Immateriality among French Protestant Neophytes in 19th-century Quebec*
  3. Nugteren, Albertina (Tilburg University, The Netherlands)  
*Of feet, footsteps and footprints in Buddhism: metaphors of travel and stasis*
  4. Pratt, George Douglas (University of Waikato, New Zealand)  
*Affirming Diversity: plurality and pluralism in the context of religious materiality*
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**S51-B: National identities, secularization and sacralization of nature II**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F005, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: David Thurffjell (Södertörn University, Sweden)

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1. Rimmel, Atko (University of Tartu, Estonia)  
*The old, the sacred and the ugly: nation(alism), nature and religion in Estonia*
  2. Ohlsson, Karl Henrik (Södertörn University, Sweden)  
*Pilgrims in the Cathedral of Nature*
  3. Kardemark, Wilhelm (University of Gothenburg, Sweden)  
*“Post-Christian” Swedes and Lutheran Geographies: Orthodox and Heterodox Practices in Gothenburg’s Cemeteries*
  4. Johnston, Jay (University of Sydney, Australia)  
*New Nature Writing and Conservation Community Programs: Making Past Traditions Into New Identities and Spiritual Experiences*
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**S57: Dance and religious identities**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-107, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Marion Wettstein (University of Bern, Switzerland)

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1. Wettstein, Marion (University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*How a new religion is danced into existence – the case of Kirat religion in Nepal*
  2. Harwazinski, Assia Maria (Individual Researcher, Germany)  
*Dance as an Issue of Research in the Study of Religion – Multiple Belongings.*
  3. Aschenbrenner, Lina (University of Salzburg, Austria)  
*Creating individual identity through embodied experience in Israeli dance*
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S58-A: 'Contemporary Spiritualities' and 'New Age':  
Ethnographic and Historical-Comparative Approaches to  
a Transnational Field I: Concepts and terms

Wednesday, 20.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F022, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Steven J. Sutcliffe (University of Edinburgh, Scotland)

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1. Palmisano, Stefania (University of Turin, Italy)  
*Why do I use the spirituality concept? Epistemological and Terminological Questions*
  2. Crockford, Susannah (Ghent University, Belgium)  
*Towards an ethnographic definition of 'spirituality'*
  3. Utriainen, Terhi Pepita (University of Turku, Finland)  
*Participants or practitioners? Reflections on the notions of Identity and agency in the research of engagement in new spirituality*
  4. Chamel, Jean (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)  
*Ecospirituality: From Ontological and Epistemological Foundations to Everyday Practices*
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**S68-B: Indigenising movements in Europe II**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F023, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Graham Harvey (The Open University, United Kingdom)

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1. Welch, Christina (University of Winchester, United Kingdom)  
*Powwowing My Way: the lived expressions of North American Indian spirituality and ritual by European Powwow enthusiasts*
  2. Pranskevičiūtė, Rasa (Vilnius University, Lithuania)  
*Negotiating the Prehistoric Past for the Creation of the Global Future: Manifestation of Anastasian Nationalistic and Traditionalistic Ideas in the Eastern Europe*
  3. Whitehead, Amy Renee (University of Winchester, United Kingdom)  
*Indigenizing the Goddess: reclaiming territory, myth and devotion in Glastonbury*
  4. Tafjord, Bjørn Ola (The Arctic University of Norway, Norway)  
*A response to the panel*
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**S70-A: From local interaction to globalized scandal: negotiating religious identities in a Swiss secondary school I**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-113, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Philipp Hetmanczyk (University of Zurich, Switzerland)

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1. Frank, Katharina; Stauffacher, Daniela; Walthert, Rafael; Weber, Urs (University of Zurich, Switzerland)  
*Omitting a handshake in public school. A view from systems theory*
  2. Bürgin, Martin; Kühler, Anne (University of Zurich, Switzerland)  
*A conceptual history of juridical terms in the debate of constitutional change after Therwil*
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**S79-B: Young Adults and religion in a global perspective:  
socialization of religion and beyond**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-106, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Peter Nynäs (Åbo Akademi University, Finland)

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1. Moberg, Marcus (Åbo Akademi University, Finland)  
*Young Adults, Religion, and Social Media in a Global Perspective: Online and Offline*
  2. Klingenberg, Maria; Sjö, Sofia; Moberg, Marcus (Åbo Akademi University, Finland)  
*Young adults as a social category: a critical assessment*
  3. Dahl, Karoliina (Åbo Akademi University, Finland)  
*The religious socialization of the non-religious young adults*
  4. Meijer, Clara Marlijn (Åbo Akademi University, Finland)  
*Gendered identities and intersectionality: a critical approach*
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**S93-B: Self-conceptions and identity discourses:  
Indian traditions II**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-122, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Caroline Vander Stichele (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

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1. Brillant-Giroux, Vincent (University of Montreal, Canada)  
*Performing the Gods in Kerala: Identities, Castes and Values*
  2. Zapart, Jaroslaw (Jagiellonian University, Poland)  
*Approaching Diverse Identities in the North Indian Sant Tradition*
  3. Vander Stichele, Caroline (University of Amsterdam, The Netherlands)  
*Yoga's Ancient Indian Roots: Identity and the Origin of Modern Yoga*
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S94: Religion and right-wing thinking – contemporary  
composites and constellations

Mittwoch, 20.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F006, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Christiane Königstedt (Philipps University of Marburg, Germany  
/ Leipzig University, Germany)

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1. Königstedt, Christiane (Philipps University of Marburg, Germany /  
Leipzig University, Germany)  
*Right-wing thinking in the “Germanic New Medicine”*
  2. Migliori, Chiara Maddalena (Graduate School of North American  
Studies, Germany)  
*Religious Freedom and Sense of Threatened Identity in the Social Imagi-  
nary of the White, Conservative, Christian Voters of Donald Trump*
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S95-B: Self-conceptions and identity discourses within religious  
communities and traditions II

Wednesday, 20.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F012, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Maria Lissek (University of Bern, Switzerland)

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1. Bauer, Nicole Maria (University of Innsbruck, Austria)  
*‘Faith Branding’ and Identity. Theoretical approaches and empirical find-  
ings on the example of the German Kabbalah Centre*
  2. Kosior, Krzysztof (Maria Curie-Skłodowska University, Poland)  
*The complicated identity of Polish Buddhists*
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S98-B: Debates on orthodoxy and heterodoxy, conformity and non-conformity II: Society and Politics

Wednesday, 20.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-112, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Manon Hedenborg White (Södertörn University, Sweden)

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1. Filocamo, Gioia (Institute for Musical Studies in Terni, Italy)  
*Justice and mercy as players in the 'legal' structure of Christianity in four literary "contrasti" taken from the MS 157 of the Biblioteca Universitaria di Bologna*
  2. Kharkovshchenko, Yevhen; Starovoit, Iryna (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine)  
*Religious identity of Kyivan Christianity*
  3. Foxeus, Niklas (Stockholm University, Sweden)  
*The Sky Blue One's Buddhist "Heresy": The State, Orthodoxy, and Dissident Monks in Burma/Myanmar*
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S21-A: Exploring Religion in Contemporary Urban India I

Wednesday, 20.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F023, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: István Keul (University of Bergen, Norway)

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1. Wilke, Annette Maria (University of Münster, Germany)  
*Vedanta as modern urban middle-class religion in India*
  2. Keul, István (University of Bergen, Norway)  
*Multireligious Dwelling in Mumbai*
  3. Velamuri, Sumanya Anand (University of Bergen, Norway)  
*Living Dalit-Buddhism in Mumbai*
  4. Frøystad, Kathinka (University of Oslo, Norway)  
*Contingent moments in Kanpur: On the act of overlooking or claiming religious offense*
  5. Matta, Mara (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*"Neighbourhood: Majnu Ka Tilla". Issues of religion, identity and belonging for Tibetan exiles in Delhi*
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S23-A: Weakened, strengthened, enriched or unaffected? The (trans-)formation of religious identities under the conditions of interreligious contact I

Wednesday, 20.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F-112, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Gritt Klinkhammer (University of Bremen, Germany)

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1. Neumaier, Anna; Klinkhammer, Gritt (University of Bremen, Germany)  
*The effect of interreligious encounter on religious identity. On Christian and Muslim participants in interreligious dialogue*
  2. Aarvik, Signe (VID Specialized University, Norway)  
*Negotiations of belief and identity among young Muslims involved in inter-religious relations*
  3. Amon, Kim David (University of Hamburg, Germany)  
*The religious dimension of narrative identity formation. Examining youth in the multi-religious city*
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S29-C: The unseen forms of Russian Christianities III: Russian Orthodox practices

Wednesday, 20.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F011, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Igor Mikeschin (St Petersburg Center for the History of Ideas, Russian Federation)

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1. Dubovka, Daria (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation)  
*Modern Bodies in Medieval Decorations: Monastic Ascetic Practices in the Contemporary Orthodox Convents*
  2. Markin, Kirill (Saint Tikhon's Orthodox University, Russian Federation)  
*Between belief and unbelief: non-practicing Orthodox Christianity*
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S3-A: Religious Normativity and multiplicity I

Wednesday, 20.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F-121, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Roberto Alciati (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)

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1. Saggioro, Alessandro (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*Talking about magic (a struggle about norms)*
  2. Gasparini, Valentino (Carlos III University, Spain)  
*Orthopraxy, Deviance, and Sanctionability in Roman Africa*
  3. Arcari, Luca (University of Naples Federico II, Italy)  
*“Normativization” as a Discursive “Posture” against Innovation: The Revelation of John between Prototypicality, Stereotyping and Traditional Reinvention(s)*
  4. Squarcini, Federico (Ca' Foscari University of Venice, Italy)  
*Carrots and Sticks: Tracing Biopolitical Patterns within the Religious History of ‘Doing Well’ and ‘Being perfect’*
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S39-B: Where, who, what: The interrelation of religious identities with religious spaces and practices II

Wednesday, 20.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F006, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Anna-Katharina Rieger (University of Graz, Austria) & Constanze Carolin Graml (University of Munich, Germany)

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1. Iara, Kristine (American Academy in Rome, Italy)  
*Centrality and marginality in late antique Rome from two different perspectives*
  2. Pentcheva, Bissera (Stanford University, United States of America)  
*Personare*
  3. Salvarani, Renata (European University of Rome, Italy)  
*From a real space to a meta religious space: Jerusalem translated in the liturgies of the Holy Week (V–XIII centuries)*
  4. Friedrich, Enno Alexander (University of Graz, Austria)  
*Haec pretio mundi stat solidata domus – Churches in 6<sup>th</sup> century Gaul as spaces of religious identity in the poetry of Venantius Fortunatus*
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**S44: Debating Form and Boundaries in Early Modern Catholic Pluralism: The Case of the Jesuits in Asia**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F005, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Jesse Sargent (Graduate Institute, Geneva)

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1. Zampol D'Ortia, Linda (National Library of Australia, Australia)  
*Threads of accommodation in the early modern Jesuit mission in Japan*
  2. Cohen Shabot, Leonardo (Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel)  
*The Jesuit-Ethiopian debate concerning the Virgin Mary*
  3. Gusella, Francesco (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*Situating the problem of the Ivory Good Shepherd from Portuguese India; normative syncretism and local plurality.*
  4. Wei, Sophie Ling-chia (Chinese University of Hong Kong, China)  
*Religious Emotions Translated and Transformed — Emotional Accommodation of Jesuit Translators in the Translations of Chinese Classics —*
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**S53-A: Beyond Nationalism and Religion: Cases of the Religious 'Other' I**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F-106, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Katja Triplett (Leipzig University, Germany)

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1. Račius, Egdūnas (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania)  
*Christian Churches and the 'othering' of Islam / Muslims in post-socialist Eastern Europe*
  2. Neale, Rebecca Diane Amelia (Durham University, United Kingdom)  
*The Many Faces of the Goddess: Alternative Female Narratives of a Rural Himalayan Hindu Community*
  3. Mignon, Laurent (University of Oxford, United Kingdom)  
*Is there a Turkish Kulturchristentum?*
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S58-B: 'Contemporary Spiritualities' and 'New Age':  
Ethnographic and Historical-Comparative Approaches to  
a Transnational Field II: Bodies and practices I

Wednesday, 20.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F022, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Manéli Farahmand (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)

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1. Houseman, Michael (School for Higher Education and Research (EPHE), France)  
*What's in a New Age Hug?*
  2. Le Menestrel, Sara (The National Center for Scientific Research, France)  
*The making of mindfulness: competition and alliance within a multifaceted field*
  3. Nizard, Caroline (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)  
*Is Yoga, a way of spirituality, in opposition or complementarity with religion?*
  4. Otto, Bernd-Christian (University of Erfurt, Germany)  
*The resurgence of Maitreya-Christ in the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> centuries*
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S61: Political Theology within the Study of Religion

Wednesday, 20.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F-105, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: David R. Atwood (University of Basel, Switzerland) & Lorenz Trein (University of Munich, Germany)

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1. Trein, Lorenz (University of Munich, Germany)  
*Unfolding Politico-Theological Temporalities of Modernity*
  2. Atwood, David R. (University of Basel, Switzerland)  
*From political theology to political spirituality, from Schmitt to Foucault*
  3. Miller, Monica (Lehigh University, United States of America)  
*Charles Long and the Transparency of Political Theology for Religious Studies*
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**S67: Empirical studies of multiple religious identities around the world**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F021, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Conrad Hackett (Pew Research Center, United States of America)

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1. Hackett, Conrad (Pew Research Center, United States of America)  
*What do surveys reveal? Multiple religious identities are rare but syncretic religious practice is widespread*
  2. Nynäs, Peter (Åbo Akademi University, Finland)  
*Variations of double religious identifications globally*
  3. Sun, Anna (Kenyon College, United States of America)  
*The Puzzles of Religious Identity in Contemporary China*
  4. Woodhead, Linda (Lancaster University, United Kingdom)  
*"I'm just me" – "no religion" and the pluralization of identity amongst younger Britons*
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**S70-B: From local interaction to globalized scandal: negotiating religious identities in a Swiss secondary school II**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F-113, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Urs Weber (University of Zurich, Switzerland)

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1. Aeschbach, Mirjam (University of Zurich, Switzerland)  
*(Not) shaking hands and the culturalization of gendered difference*
  2. Hetmanczyk, Philipp (University of Zurich, Switzerland)  
*Ruling out religious diversity in the name of "religious diversity"*
  3. Müller, Dominik (University of Zurich, Switzerland)  
*Reconsidering the "Therwil-Case" – Negotiating Islamic Authority in the Everyday Life of Swiss Mosques*
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S85-A: Vernacular expressivity, tradition and institutional authority: ambiguities of belonging in vernacular religion I

Wednesday, 20.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F-122, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Ülo Valk (University of Tartu, Estonia)

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1. Hiimäe, Reet (Estonian Literary Museum, Estonia)  
*The boom of sauna rituals in Estonia: Hedonism, tradition and new spirituality*
  2. Bowman, Marion Irene (The Open University, United Kingdom)  
*Proximity, Approximation and Appropriation: Vernacular Legitimacy in the Cult of Gauchito Gil*
  3. Arukask, Madis (University of Tartu, Estonia)  
*Perception of nature and communication with trees in the folk Christianity of Finnic peoples*
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S9: Plurality in Ancient Mediterranean Religions

Wednesday, 20.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F-111, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Amelia Brown (University of Queensland, Australia)

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1. Amatruda, Francesco (University of Salerno, Italy)  
*Encounter or clash of culture in Epona's case between the wild Celts and the civil Romans*
  2. Gatto, Federica (University of Cantabria, Spain)  
*Sacred reptiles in Bona Dea's cult*
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S95-C: Self-conceptions and identity discourses within religious communities and traditions III

Wednesday, 20.6. – 15:30–17:00 – Unitobler, F012, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Nicole Bauer (University of Innsbruck, Austria)

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1. Gregorius, Fredrik (Linköping University, Sweden)  
*A feast for Odin; the demonization of wealth in a 17<sup>th</sup> century Swedish folktale*
  2. Varsányi, Orsolya (Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary)  
*Self-Conceptions and Perceptions of Otherness: Identity Discourses in 9th-Century Arabic Christian Controversy*
  3. Foroutan, Kiyan (Leiden University, The Netherlands)  
*The Best Zoroastrians of All Periods: Identity Discourse in Late Medieval Zoroastrianism*
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## S10-A: Secular sensibilities & minority religious subjects I

Wednesday, 20.6. – 17:30–19:00 – Unitobler, F-105, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Jelle Creemers (Evangelical Theological Faculty Leuven, Belgium)

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1. Becker, Carmen (Leibniz University Hannover, Germany)  
*The secular and the religious in the construction of the 'refugee' in Germany*
  2. Switek, Beata (Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany)  
*Preaching to the secular. The predicaments of religious selves among Buddhist priests in Tokyo.*
  3. van den Brandt, Nella (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)  
*Secularity, Gender and Emancipation: Thinking through Feminist Approaches to the Secular*
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## S21-B: Exploring Religion in Contemporary Urban India II

Wednesday, 20.6. – 17:30–19:00 – Unitobler, F023, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Michael Stausberg (University of Bergen, Norway)

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1. Stausberg, Michael (University of Bergen, Norway)  
*Night Walks to Siddhivinayak: pathways of devotion in Mumbai*
  2. Osterberg, Anna Charlotta (University of Bergen, Norway)  
*Maximum Darśana: Affordances of Mumbai's Roadside Shrines*
  3. Sen, Moumita (University of Oslo, Norway)  
*Land-grabbing deities: Public space in a multi-religious neighbourhood*
  4. Larios, Borayin (University of Heidelberg, Germany)  
*Defiant Religion: Wayside shrines in Pune Maharashtra*
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S23-B: Weakened, strengthened, enriched or unaffected? The (trans-)formation of religious identities under the conditions of interreligious contact II

Wednesday, 20.6. – 17:30–19:00 – Unitobler, F-112, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Gritt Klinkhammer (University of Bremen, Germany)

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1. Kappetijn, Bianca (University of Hamburg, Germany)  
*Between dialogue and exclusion – Young peoples' perception of religious difference in various contexts*
  2. Krueger, Madlen (Leipzig University, Germany)  
*"We are not as strict as (...)" – Challenging devoutness as a consequence of interreligious encounters among Buddhists, Muslims and Christians in Myanmar*
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S24: Nomadic Line-of-flights in Religious Translocal Movements

Wednesday, 20.6. – 17:30–19:00 – Unitobler, F011, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Philipp Valentini (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)

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1. Wettich, Thorsten (University of Göttingen, Germany)  
*"The house of the Yezidis" – a post-global religious concept?*
  2. Valentini, Philipp (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)  
*Belonging to the trajectory of a hermeneutical device*
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S3-B: Religious Normativity and multiplicity II

Wednesday, 20.6. – 17:30–19:00 – Unitobler, F-121, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Alessandro Saggioro (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)

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1. Pintimalli, Andrea (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*Normativity and Cross-Cutting Criteria for Belonging in the Studies of Al-Biruni on Other Religions*
  2. Agostini, Anita (Chiang Mai University, Thailand)  
*Maintaining the Practice, Replacing the Meaning: Catholic Missionaries' Strategy of Evangelization Among Minorities in South East Asia.*
  3. Mäder, Marie-Therese (1); Soto Sanfiel, Maria Teresa (2) (1: University of Basel, Switzerland; 2: Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain)  
*The Power of Religious Persuasion: Normative Self-Conceptions of Mormons and Muslims in the Documentary Media*
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S30: Self-identity and Otherness: Shia Approaches to Religious Pluralism

Wednesday, 20.6. – 17:30–19:00 – Unitobler, F012, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Shirin Naef (University of Zurich, Switzerland)

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1. Rahmani, Jabbar (Institute for Social and Cultural Studies, Iran)  
*University and Pluralistic Religious Identities in Iran*
  2. Gerami, Seyed Mohammad Hadi (Imam Sadiq University, Iran)  
*Shiism between Traditionalism and Orientalism: the impact of western scholarship on emergence of a diversified theological trend in Iran*
  3. Borzooei, Mohammad Reza (Imam Sadiq University, Iran)  
*Hope and eschatological expectations in Shia tradition: a contemporary perspective*
  4. Pargoo, Mahmoud (Australian Catholic University, Australia)  
*Conceptualising the “Other” in the contemporary Shia jurisprudence: the case of impurity of non-believers*
  5. Akbari, Rasool (Ferdowsi University of Mashhad, Iran)  
*Attitudes towards infallibility in contemporary Shia theology in Iran*
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S46: Religion of the individual / religion of the state

Wednesday, 20.6. – 17:30–19:00 – Unitobler, F021, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Valerio Salvatore Severino (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)

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1. Severino, Valerio Salvatore (Sapienza University of Rome, Italy)  
*The theory of Raffaele Pettazzoni on the religion of the individual and that of the state in Italian political history*
  2. Geisshuesler, Flavio Alessio (University of Virginia, United States of America / University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*The Palingenesis of Something New: Ernesto de Martino's Civil Religion between the Individual and the State*
  3. Enéas Costa, Márcia Maria (1); Casadio, Giovanni (2) (1: Universidade Federal da Paraíba (UFPB), Brazil; 2: University of Salerno, Italy)  
*Religion of the State in Brazil: a suspicious attempt to merge syncretically the needs of the individual and society*
  4. Stepanova, Elena (Ural Federal University, Russian Federation)  
*Religion and atheism in Russia: between private and public*
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**S49: Plurality of ritual practices and exegesis of rituals in Antiquity**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 17:30–19:00 – Unitobler, F-107, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Darja Sterbenc Erker (Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany)

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1. Rolle, Alessandra (University of Lausanne, Switzerland / Scuola Normale Superiore-Pisa, Italy)  
*Foreignness of a Roman cult*
  2. Sterbenc Erker, Darja (Humboldt University of Berlin, Germany)  
*Plurality of ritual practices of Augustus and Livia*
  3. Meunier, Florence (Free University of Brussels, Belgium)  
*Transferring and transforming ancient Greek ritual practices in Byzantine twelfth century novels and theatre*
  4. Alfaye, Silvia (University of Zaragoza, Spain)  
*old the Door! The limen in Roman magical-religious imagination & practice*
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**S53-B: Beyond Nationalism and Religion: Cases of the Religious 'Other' II**

Wednesday, 20.6. – 17:30–19:00 – Unitobler, F-106, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Laurent Mignon (University of Oxford, United Kingdom)

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1. Triplett, Katja (Leipzig University, Germany)  
*The Place of Catholicism in the History of Religions in Japan*
  2. Kam, Liza Wing Man (Max Planck Institute for the Study of Religious and Ethnic Diversity, Göttingen / University of Göttingen, Germany)  
*From Shinto Shrines to Martyr Temples and the derelictions: The failed Indoctrination of Shintoism in Colonial Taiwan and the thereafter*
  3. Colijn, Bram (Free University Amsterdam, The Netherlands)  
*Protestants in Modern China: Allies Against Superstition, Brainwashed Traitors, or Protectors of Traditional Values?*
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S56: One, Many, and the City: Making and Unmaking  
Boundaries in Urban Religion

Wednesday, 20.6. – 17:30–19:00 – Unitobler, F-113, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Emiliano Urciuoli (Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Germany) & Asuman Lätzer-Lasar (University of Erfurt, Germany)

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1. Iara, Kristine (American Academy in Rome, Italy)  
*One and many in late antique Rome*
  2. van 't Westeinde, Jessica Irma Olga (University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*Conflicts, councils, and coping: religious conflict as socio-spatial feature of urban space*
  3. Lätzer-Lasar, Asuman (University of Erfurt, Germany)  
*Affiliation tactics in the Magna Mater veneration*
  4. Urciuoli, Emiliano (Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Germany)  
*A Citification of Heresy: Justin Martyr and the Segmentation of Urban Life*
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S58-C: 'Contemporary Spiritualities' and 'New Age':  
Ethnographic and Historical-Comparative Approaches to  
a Transnational Field III: Bodies and practices II

Wednesday, 20.6. – 17:30–19:00 – Unitobler, F022, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Thomas Witzeling (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)

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1. Lombardi, Denise (University of Lorraine, France)  
*The shifting roles in contemporary therapeutic and spiritual practices: the case of "neo-shamanism" in western societies*
  2. Albrecht, Jörg (Leipzig University, Germany)  
*The 'religious exoticism' of the Zen-Diet: Georges Ohsawa's spiritual Macrobiotics and its transnational impact on alternative diets in Europe*
  3. Mourtazina, Ellina (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)  
*"This experience changed my life": Study case of Buddhist meditation retreat in Dharamsala, India*
  4. Grin, Claude Nicole (School for Higher Education and Research (EPHE), France)  
*Angeology as a personal development*
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S84: Multidisciplinary Understanding of Unbelief

Wednesday, 20.6. – 17:30–19:00 – Unitobler, F-123, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Masoumeh Sara Rahmani (Coventry University, United Kingdom)

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1. Baimel, Adam (1); Purzycki, Benjamin Grant (2) (1: University of British Columbia, Canada; 2: Max Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology, Germany)  
*Kernels of Doubt: Cross-cultural Variation in Religiosity*
  2. Bering, Jesse Michael; Balkcom, Evan; Alogna, Victoria; Smith, Samantha; Halberstadt, Jamin B. (University of Otago, New Zealand)  
*When Skepticism is Threatened: Reconciling Personal Anomalous Experiences with a Scientific Worldview*
  3. Rahmani, Masoumeh Sara; Farias, Miguel (Coventry University, United Kingdom)  
*Mindfulness Meditation: A secular religion for non-believers?*
  4. Herbert, David (Kingston University London, United Kingdom)  
*Reaching for a New Sense of Connection? The Sociality of Unbelief*
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S85-B: Vernacular expressivity, tradition and institutional authority: ambiguities of belonging in vernacular religion II

Wednesday, 20.6. – 17:30–19:00 – Unitobler, F-122, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Madis Arukask (University of Tartu, Estonia)

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1. Lyngdoh, Margaret (University of Tartu, Estonia)  
*Into the dream: Entangled realities and human animal transformation traditions among the Khasis of North Eastern India*
  2. Saikia, Baburam (University of Tartu, Estonia)  
*Institutional and Vernacular Perspectives on the Kālasamhati Sattras of Assam*
  3. Solovyeva, Alevtina (Russian state university for the humanities, Russian Federation)  
*'Black' and 'Yellow' faith in Mongolian everyday life: Motifs of competition and cooperation*
  4. Valk, Ülo (University of Tartu, Estonia)  
*Vernacular knowledge, genres and epistemological uncertainty: Understanding vernacular religion through variation*
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S90: “Moi, un Afropéen”: film as research – an audiovisual ethnography through sensational forms

Wednesday, 20.6. – 17:30–19:00 – Unitobler, F005, Lerchenweg 36

Balz Andrea Alter (University of Basel, Switzerland):

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*Moi, un Afropéen – an audiovisual montage as an example of film as research*

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S92-A: Self-conceptions, identity and Shi'a tradition

Wednesday, 20.6. – 17:30–19:00 – Unitobler, F006, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Erkan Toguslu (Catholic University (KU) of Leuven, Belgium)

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1. Lindqvist, Maria (Södertörn University, Sweden)

*Iraqi Shi'ism through a prism of macro politics: The al-Shirazi*

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## Thursday, 21 June

### S103-A: Secularity, secularities and forms of non-belief I

Thursday, 21.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F021, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Manuel Stadler (Leipzig University, Germany)

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1. Stadler, Manuel Ludwig (Leipzig University, Germany)  
*Religion and politics during the French Revolution*
  2. White, Thomas Arthur John (Otago University, New Zealand)  
*The politics of a contronymic secularism in Fiji*
  3. Hurzhy, Kseniia (Donetsk National University, Ukraine)  
*The city's idea and public religious spaces in the post-Soviet area*
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### S11-A: Space, Religion, and the Internet I

Thursday, 21.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-121, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Giulia Evolvi (Ruhr University Bochum, Germany)

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1. Becker, Carmen (Leibniz University Hannover, Germany)  
*Constructing devotional spaces online: Salafi Muslims in chat rooms and online forums*
  2. Mozayyan, Vida (Iranian Association for Cultural Studies and Communications, Iran)  
*Virtual Space and Alternative Possibilities for Doing Identities among Iranian Young Women*
  3. Stadlbauer, Susanne (University of Wyoming, United States of America)  
*Salafist "Third Spaces" and Hybridic Purity on YouTube*
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**S14: The marketization of religion: transnational and global developments**

Thursday, 21.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F012, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: François Gauthier (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)

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1. Gilli, Monica; Palmisano, Stefania (University of Turin, Italy)  
*Customer satisfaction and Spiritual seekers in a esoteric context*
  2. Batanova, Polina (Åbo Akademi University, Finland)  
*Choose Not to Choose: Young Adults on 'Religious Market' in Contemporary Russia*
  3. Fomina, Victoria (Central European University, Hungary)  
*A Religious Business Model: Ethics and Spirituality among Orthodox Entrepreneurs in Contemporary Russia*
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**S25-A: Christians and the Dynamics of Religious Belonging in India: Looking Beyond Boundaries I**

Thursday, 21.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-112, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Ulrike Schröder (University of Applied Sciences Hermannsburg, Germany)

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1. Schröder, Ulrike (University of Applied Sciences Hermannsburg, Germany)  
*Writing the History of Indian Christianity: Issues of Belonging and Representation*
  2. Pattathu, Antony George (University of Tübingen, Germany)  
*Formations of Christian Identities within the Syro-Malabar Church and the Rise of Healing Retreats*
  3. Borner, Philippe (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)  
*Christian, Nationalist, Kannadiga, Lingayat? Dynamics of Religious Belonging in two Christian Communities of Karnataka, 1920–1930*
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S45: Religions and the sea

Thursday, 21.6. – 9:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F013, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Anna-Konstanze Schröder (University of Bern, Switzerland)

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1. Tischler, Jacob Friedemann (Boston University, United States of America)  
*Mazu, a landed goddess of the sea*
  2. Rousseleau, Raphael (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)  
*Jagannath-Puri on Sea: perceptions of the Ocean in a Hindu pilgrimage*
  3. Olesen, Peter Kahlke (University of Copenhagen, Denmark)  
*Indo-European Seascapes in Bronze Age Scandinavia*
  4. Schröder, Anna-Konstanze (University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*Chances and challenges for the study of religion \s from the seaside*
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S47: Identity Discourses in the Religious Landscape of the Last Decades of the Russian Empire

Thursday, 21.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F011, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Marianna Mikhailovna Shakhnovich (Saint Petersburg State University, Russian Federation)

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1. Teryukova, Ekaterina (Saint Petersburg State University, Russian Federation)  
*Religious Minorities in the Late Russian Empire and Its Study by V. Bonch-Bruевич*
  2. Shakhnovich, Marianna M. (Saint Petersburg State University, Russian Federation)  
*Religious Minorities in the False Mirror of the First General Census in the Russian Empire (1897)*
  3. Bratkin, Dimitri A. (Saint Petersburg State University, Russian Federation)  
*Doing Identity: How Daniel Chwolson Was Fitted in Given Contexts*
  4. Weber, Dmitrii (Saint Petersburg State University, Russian Federation)  
*“Protestant” or “German”? Research approaches to religious identity in Baltic lands of the Russian Empire*
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**S5-A: Esotericism and Eastern Christianities I: Traditionalism and Neo-Hesychasm**

Thursday, 21.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F007, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Vasilios Makrides (University of Erfurt, Germany) & Ionut Daniel Bancila (University of Erfurt, Germany)

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1. Tataru-Cazaban, Bogdan (University of Bucharest, Romania)  
*Traditionalism and the Inner Dimension of the Orthodox Tradition According to André Scrima's Hermeneutics*
  2. Bancila, Ionut Daniel (University of Erfurt, Germany)  
*Neo-Hesychast Meditation in Romania: The Case of Vasile Andru*
  3. Toti, Marco (Individual Researcher, Italy)  
*Metapolitics as Esotericism through Geopolitics. A. Dugin and C. Mutti's Eurasian Perspective*
  4. Nosachev, Pavel (National Research University Higher School of Economics, Russian Federation)  
*Is There any Esotericism in Orthodox Christianity? Current Debates on the Status of the Jesus Prayer*
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S52: Religious Identities, Media, and Communication

Thursday, 21.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F023, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Christiane Königstedt (Philipps University of Marburg, Germany  
/ Leipzig University, Germany)

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1. Rao, Xinzi (University of Heidelberg, Germany)  
*From Paper Bible to Bible Apps – Materiality and Technology in the Era of Digital Religion*
  2. Havlicek, Jakub (Palacky University Olomouc, Czech Republic)  
*Religions, Media and Politics in the Czech Republic: the Case of Legislative Election in 2017*
  3. Dessart, Grégory; Brandt, Pierre-Yves (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)  
*Divine visual artworks produced by children: Framing to communicate*
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S55:      Missionary Projects and Indigenous Responses in the Asia Pacific

Thursday, 21.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-111, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Geoffrey Michael Troughton (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand)

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1. Troughton, Geoffrey Michael (Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand)  
*The State of Debate about Māori Conversion*
  2. Dureau, Christine May (The University of Auckland, New Zealand)  
*Na Tataru Lavata te Tamasa/The Great Love of God: Missionary – Convert Synergies in the Methodist Mission to the Western Solomon Islands, 1902 – 68*
  3. Hoffmann, Claudia (University of Basel, Switzerland)  
*Basel Mission Encounters the Death Ritual Tiwah. A Case Study in Central Kalimantan in the 1930s.*
  4. Oesterheld, Christian (Mahidol University International College, Thailand)  
*‘Catholic Dayaks’ or ‘Dayak Catholics’? Missionary and Cultural Encounters at the Upper Mahakam, East Borneo*
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S66: Polish religious studies thought in the context of the  
19<sup>th</sup> century culture studies

Thursday, 21.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F005, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Anna Gomóła (University of Silesia, Poland)

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1. Rygielska, Malgorzata (University of Silesia, Poland)  
*Religious matters in Ignacy Czerwiński's writings*
  2. Hoffmann, Henryk (1); Zaczekowska, Anna (2) (1: University of Pardubice, Czech Republic; 2: University of Silesia, Poland)  
*Polish religious studies in the 19<sup>th</sup> century – an outline of a synthesis*
  3. Gomóła, Anna (University of Silesia, Poland)  
*Jan Michał Witort and his studies on animism*
  4. Zaczekowska, Anna (University of Silesia, Poland)  
*Agaton Giller on shamanism*
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S77-A: The Highgate Cemetery in London: Diversity of Religious  
Practices in a Single Space I

Thursday, 21.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F-107, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Marie-Therese Mäder (University of Basel, Switzerland)

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1. Danani, Carla (University of Macerata, Italy)  
*Cemetery as Landscape, Tale, Threshold: Link between the Living and Dead Society*
  2. Saviello, Alberto (Free University of Berlin, Germany)  
*Highgate Cemetery's Landscape as a Matrix of Cultural Imagination*
  3. Fritz, Natalie (Katholisches Medienzentrum, Switzerland)  
*A City of Angels: Highgate Cemetery London*
  4. Pezzoli-Olgianti, Daria (University of Munich, Germany)  
*Highgate Cemetery as a Place of Memory and Social Diversity*
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S88: Life reform networks in transnational context:  
c. 1900–c. 1970

Thursday, 21.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F022, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Sutcliffe, Steven J. (University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom)

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1. Bigalke, Bernadett (Leipzig University, Germany)  
*Vegetarian diet, breathing and colon hygiene as religious practices: David Ammann as missionary for Mazdaznan in Leipzig around 1900*
  2. Rindlisbacher, Stefan (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)  
*The Swiss life reformer Werner Zimmermann as a popularizer of spiritual body practices: Meditation, deep breathing and karezza*
  3. Sutcliffe, Steven J. (University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom)  
*Diet and Life Reform: the Scottish Vegetarian Dugald Semple (1884–1964)*
  4. Locher, Eva (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)  
*Body and Self – Life reform after 1950 as (religious) counselling?*
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S92-B: Self-conceptions and identity discourses of Muslim traditions

Thursday, 21.6. – 09:00–10:30 – Unitobler, F006, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Erkan Toguslu (Catholic University (KU) of Leuven, Belgium)

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1. Patel, Priyesh (University College London, United Kingdom)  
*Are Muslims living in the West really 'Western'?*
  2. Kheir, Sawzan (Åbo Akademi University, Finland / University of Haifa, Israel)  
*Negotiating traditionalism and modernization in light of discrimination experiences: Contemporary religiosities of young adult Muslim students in Israel*
  3. de Rooij, Laurens (University of Chester, United Kingdom)  
*Influences of Social Class On the Sporting Activities of Muslims in The UK*
  4. Jalal, Iqra (University of the Punjab, Pakistan)  
*Rights of Religious Minorities as citizens in an Islamic State: A case of Pakistan*
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Keynote 6: **Eugen Ciurtin** (University of Bucharest, Romania): *A Comparative History of saṃsāra in Early India: In and Out the Vortex of Transmigration*

Thursday, 21.6. – 11:00–12:00 – UniS, A 003, Schanzeneckstr. 1

**S10-B: Secular sensibilities & minority religious subjects II**

Thursday, 21.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-105, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Nella van den Brandt (Utrecht University, The Netherlands)

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1. Looker, Roseanna Leyla (Cardiff University, United Kingdom)  
*Conversion to Islam in the British Context*
  2. Creemers, Jelle (Evangelical Theological Faculty Leuven, Belgium)  
*Pockets of Resistance? Evangelical self-representation in the Belgian public sphere*
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**S103-B: Secularity, secularities and forms of non-belief II**

Thursday, 21.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F021, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Conrad Hackett (Pew Research Center, United States of America)

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1. Hackett, Conrad (Pew Research Center, United States of America)  
*New data on how religious commitment varies around the world & differences between the young and the old*
  2. Ranzato, Jacopo (Ca' Foscari, University of Venice, Italy)  
*The quest for Secularism in the Italian Pastafarian Church*
  3. Faxneld, Per Arne (Södertörn University, Sweden)  
*Budo and Western esotericism in Sweden*
  4. Kosticova, Zuzana (Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic)  
*“Religification of science”: (Neo)shamanism, New Age millennialism and the Pre-Columbian Maya culture*
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S11-B: Space, Religion, and the Internet II

Thursday, 21.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-121, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Maria Chiara Giorda (Roma Tre University, Italy)

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1. Vitullo, Alessandra (University of Rome Tor Vergata, Italy)  
*Multisite Churches: Relocating Christian Communities from Space to Cyberspace*
  2. Astor, Avi (1); Abbas, Ali (2) (1: Autonomous University of Barcelona, Spain; 2: York University, Canada)  
*Digital Technology, Transnationalism, and Religious Practice among South Asian Shiite Youth in Europe and North America*
  3. de Rooij, Laurens (University of Chester, United Kingdom)  
*Online matchmaking for British Muslims as the expression of their Islamic identities*
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**S2: Religious identities in the making: Praxeological approaches to the study of religious identities in antiquity**

Thursday, 21.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-111, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Janico Albrecht (Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Germany)

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1. Patzelt, Maik (Osnabrück University, Germany)  
*The contested (religious) identities of widows in late antiquity*
  2. Cristea, Ștefana Cornelia (Babeș-Bolyai University, Romania)  
*Magic in Roman Dacia: from objects to identity*
  3. Cavallaro, Marialilia (Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Germany)  
*Identities in the making: the Spartan Hyakinthia*
  4. Sippel, Benjamin (Max Weber Center for Advanced Cultural and Social Studies, Germany)  
*Changing Religious Identities as Easy as a Dress: The Case of Aurelios Ammon, Egyptian Priest from Panopolis*
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S25-B: Christians and the Dynamics of Religious Belonging in India: Looking Beyond Boundaries II

Thursday, 21.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-112, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Thomas Krutak (Leipzig University, Germany)

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1. Luber, Markus (Sankt Georgen Graduate School of Philosophy and Theology, Germany)  
*Local Christian Theologies as Articulation of Social Identities*
  2. Krutak, Thomas (Leipzig University, Germany)  
*Go where you belong! Conversion Claims, Multiple Belonging and Legal Christianization in Contemporary Central India*
  3. Weirich, Johanna (University of Heidelberg, Germany)  
*Christian and Hindu Dalit Identities – Crossing or Establishing Religious Boundaries?*
  4. Calin, Marius Adrian (University of Heidelberg, Germany)  
*Hindu and Muslim Participation at the Cult of Our Lady of Good Health in Vailankanni, India*
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S4: Death as a Process: Debating the Polyvalence of Chthonic Cults in Graeco-Roman Antiquity

Thursday, 21.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F012, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Marlis Arnhold (University of Bonn, Germany)

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1. Alfaye, Silvia (University of Zaragoza, Spain)  
*Religious Multiplicity in Chthonic Cults of Hispania*
  2. Arnhold, Marlis (University of Bonn, Germany)  
*Polyvalence of deposition modes and burial practices in late Classical and early Hellenistic Northern Greece*
  3. Wallensten, Jenny Elisabeth (Swedish Institute at Athens, Greece)  
*Life next to Hades. Hermione and its chthonic cults*
  4. Briesack, Christian (University of Bonn, Germany)  
*Grave goods and ritual in Orvieto in the 6<sup>th</sup> century BC*
  5. Agelidis, Soi (Ruhr University Bochum, Germany)  
*Death and wealth: On the significance of 'chthon' for burial and cult*
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**S48: Varieties of Multiple Religious Identities – a summing-up conversation**

Thursday, 21.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F023, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Christoph Uehlinger (University of Zurich, Switzerland) & Jens Schlieter (University of Bern, Switzerland)

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1. Uehlinger, Christoph (University of Zurich, Switzerland)  
*Researching multiple religious identities past and present: remarks on theory and gleanings from the conference*
  2. Weltecke, Dorothea (University of Frankfurt, Germany)  
*Response (history of religions)*
  3. Woodhead, Linda (Lancaster University, United Kingdom)  
*Response (study of contemporary religions)*
  4. Schlieter, Jens (University of Bern, Switzerland)  
*Response (Asian traditions)*
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**S5-B: Esotericism and Eastern Christianities II: Language Games**

Thursday, 21.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F007, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Ionut Daniel Bancila (University of Erfurt, Germany) & Vasilios Makrides (University of Erfurt, Germany)

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1. Schwaderer, Isabella (University of Erfurt, Germany)  
*Greece, the West and the Language Question: Negotiating Tradition and Modernity in the 1980s*
  2. Makrides, Vasilios (University of Erfurt, Germany)  
*Apophaticism as Esotericism? Exploring Aspects of Christos Yannaras' Orthodox Philosophical Theology*
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S58-D: 'Contemporary Spiritualities' and 'New Age':  
Ethnographic and Historical-Comparative Approaches  
to a Transnational Field IV: Indigeneities, landscapes  
and media

Thursday, 21.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F022, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Thomas Witzeling (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)

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1. Dansac, Yaël (School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS), France)  
*New Age rituals in the megalithic landscape of Carnac (Brittany, France): exploring meaningful engagements and spiritual readings*
  2. Gauthier, François; St. John, Graham (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)  
*Burning Man: From Desert Extravaganza to Global Movement*
  3. Ratia, Katri Marika (University of Fribourg, Switzerland)  
*Rainbow Gatherings: In Between Nature and 'Babylon'*
  4. Rouiller, Sybille (University of Lausanne, Switzerland)  
*Esoteric currents and conspiracy theories in entertainment industry and teenage culture*
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S77-B: The Highgate Cemetery in London: Diversity of Religious Practices in a Single Space II

Thursday, 21.6. – 13:30–15:00 – Unitobler, F-107, Lerchenweg 36

Chair: Alberto Saviello (Free University of Berlin, Germany)

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1. von Wyss-Giacosa, Paola (University of Zurich, Switzerland)  
*Requiescant in Pace: The Representation of Nature as a Socio-religious Practice*
  2. Mäder, Marie-Therese (University of Basel, Switzerland)  
*Public Tours at Highgate Cemetery: Guiding Tourists through a Historic-Religious Site*
  3. Ryan, Sean (Heythrop College, United Kingdom)  
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