

# Newsletter of the International Association for the Psychology of Religion

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In this short Newsletter you find information on:

- Research job openings: Department of Psychology of the University of Louvain at Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium.
- key publications.

## *1. Research job openings*

The Department of Psychology of the University of Louvain at Louvain-la-Neuve (Belgium) announces the opening of:

- **three doctoral** (4 years, full-time) and
- **one post-doctoral** (one year, full-time) positions, starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008.

1. The **three doctoral positions** concern a research project on religious fundamentalism and convictional dogmatism, a large interdisciplinary project between psychology (social and developmental) and law (including social criminology). All positions include successful preparation of a Ph.D. More in details:

One doctoral position will focus on the study of consequences of fundamentalism on interpersonal behavior (altruism, aggression, submission) and requires skills in social experimental psychology.

A second doctoral position will focus on moral judgment (cognitive, emotional, and relational aspects) as reflecting convictional dogmatism and requires knowledge of moral and personality psychology.

A third doctoral position will focus on the study of the development of ethnic and religious identities and pluralism among children as well as the study of regressive tendencies in cognitive development of adults high in dogmatism; it will require skills on developmental and educational psychology.

2. The **post-doctoral position** (PhD in psychology) concerns three studies on (a) the role religion plays on the acculturation between the host society and immigrant minorities (of both high and low SES); (b) the distinction between islamophobia and anti-Arab prejudice; and (c) the possible “aversive racism” among the left-wing. Both surveys and experiments are planned.

The fellowship amounts to a net salary of approx. 1.413 € monthly for each of the doctoral positions, and approx. 1.963 € monthly for the postdoctoral one (both are tax free with right to Social Security).

Applicants should have knowledge of French and English, strong background in theory and methods of the respective psychological field, as well as openness and interest in interdisciplinarity. For the postdoctoral position, publications in international journals are required. Applications should include a CV, mention of the position for which you apply, an application letter explaining motivation, and two names of experts who could provide recommendation if requested.

**Deadline: June 15, 2008**

For application or further information, contact:

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**Prof. Isabelle Roskam** ([isabelle.roskam@uclouvain.be](mailto:isabelle.roskam@uclouvain.be)), for positions 1.2 & 1.3.

## *2. Key Publication*

Bulbulia, J., Sosis, R., Harris, E., Genet, R., Genet, C., & Wyman, K. (Eds.) (2008).  
The evolution of religion: Studies, theories, and critiques. Santa Margarita, CA: Collins  
Foundation Press. (406 pp.)  
<http://tinyurl.com/yryp9a>

(Whoever wants to bring a key publication under attention of the IAPR members, please email the data to the editor of the Newsletter.)

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