

# Newsletter of the International Association for the Psychology of Religion

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## *1. IAPR Congress, 23.-27. August 2009, Vienna, Austria*

The next IAPR congress will be held in Vienna, Austria, from Sunday 23 August until Thursday 27 August, 2009.

Call for Papers and Registration, see [www.iapr.at.vu](http://www.iapr.at.vu)

For those who live in the Euro-zone payment by bank transfer is possible.

**On the homepage you now find some additional information on: programme, grants, hotel reservations and contact.**

**Please note, deadline Call for Papers: 1. March!**

Important dates:

1 October 2008	Start of Call for Papers and of Registration
1 March 2009	Deadline Call for Papers
1 May 2009	Notification of Acceptance of Papers, Panels and Posters
1 July 2009	Deadline for Registration
23 August 2009	Conference begins
27 August 2009	Departure

Local organizing committee: Susanne Heine and Herman Westerink (Department for Practical Theology and Psychology of Religion, Protestant Theological Faculty)

Scientific committee: Herman Westerink and Susanne Heine; Jos Corveleyn, James Jones, Rien van Uden.

## *2. Request for Proposals (RFP) on the Science of Generosity*

A Call for Proposals.

The University of Notre Dame is pleased to announce a \$3 million project on the Science of Generosity, supported with funding from the John Templeton Foundation. Open invitations are now issued for letters of inquiry proposing research on generosity in the human and social sciences.

Generosity is an important personal virtue, collective responsibility, and vital element in the building of social capital, community wellbeing, justice, and peace in the world. The aim of this Science of Generosity initiative is to stimulate scientific research on the practice of

generosity in human life and society. This initiative is particularly interested in better understanding three key aspects of generosity:

- The sources, origins, and causes of generosity
- The variety of manifestations and expressions of generosity
- The consequences of generosity for both the givers and receivers involved

Four to eight proposals for funding of between \$250,000 and \$500,000 will be awarded in this first wave of competition in 2009. A second competition in 2010 will fund \$1.2 million worth of smaller projects.

Letters of inquiry (LOIs) for the first wave of the competition are due April 1, 2009.

"Generosity" is defined for purposes of this project as the disposition toward and practice of giving good things to others freely and abundantly. Generosity may involve the giving of money, possessions, time, attention, talents, aid, encouragement, emotional investment, and more. Generosity is related to but not identical with the areas of charitable financial giving, volunteering, altruism, philanthropy, informal helping, corporate giving, voluntary service, bequests and estates, relational commitment, love, and social exchange.

Proposed projects are encouraged but not limited to scholars in the disciplines of economics, behavioral economics and finance, sociology, psychology, anthropology, political science, social psychology, family and developmental studies, geography, law, education, communication and cultural studies, religious studies, and sociobiology. Proposals may be either discipline specific or inter-disciplinary and may come from scholars with expertise in generosity research or those recently investing into researching generosity.

For detailed information about proposal procedures, topics of interest, eligibility, deadlines, available resources, contact information, or to sign up to receive project updates, refer to the project website:

<http://generosityresearch.nd.edu/>

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### *3. Key Publications*

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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