The International Association for the Psychology of Religion (IAPR) is an international organization promoting the scientific research and exchange within the field of the psychology of religion. The Association is not partial to any particular trend but aspires to provide a platform for the entire spectrum of the scientific-psychological study of religion for psychologists of religion from all over the world.

Website: http://psychology-of-religion.com/

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4. IAPR members receive the Association's e-mail newsletters which keep you in touch with the scientific community and inform you about conferences, job advertisements, funding opportunities, key publications, and the Association's latest developments and activities.
Dear IAPR members,

If you would like to add information in future newsletters please e-mail me the text! This may concern general announcements, conferences (future and report from past ones), job opportunities, key publications, or any other information you think IAPR members might be interested in.

If you are an early career researcher (PhD student or postdoc) and would like to see your work featured in the newsletter, contact me!

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Editor of the IAPR newsletter.

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2016 ASE Sixth North American Conference

Location: Michigan State University in East Lansing, at the Kellogg Hotel and Conference Center

Dates: Mid-June 2016

More information and Registration: www.aseweb.org

We are seeking proposals for papers exploring the theme of “Cartographies of the Soul.” There are many different esoteric models for understanding psyche or the soul: it may be mapped in relation to internal faculties like memory, will, and imagination, or in relation to as external things like the cosmos or the planetary spheres. Images of the soul may also engage musical or natural patterns, bubbles, rivers, trees, orbs or fractals. The array of mappings is potentially infinite.

We are also interested in papers on Western esoteric practices, including theories, presentations and methods of practice viewed from cultural, practical, religious and aesthetic fields of inquiry. We invite proposals on magic, alchemy, astrology, ritual practice, mysticism, spiritualism, occultism, hermeticism, neo-paganism, contemporary esoteric movements and teachers, Asian influences on Western traditions, and other relevant topics. ASE regards esotericism as an interdisciplinary field of research and we invite scholars from all disciplines to share their research and writings in support of a cross-fertilization of perspectives.

Our deadline for panel or paper proposal submission is January 15th 2016.

If you wish to submit a paper proposal or a thematically focused panel proposal (with three presenters and short descriptions included) for review and possible presentation at the conference, please send it by email to ASE2016Conference@gmail.com

An additional announcement will be forthcoming on the 2016 ASE conference, with information on location, hotels, and conference registration.
Third International Conference of the Polish Society for the Psychology of Religion and Spirituality: Psychology, Culture, Biology

Location: Krakow, Poland

Dates: 20 – 22 June 2016
   Abstract submission by 31 January 2016
   Conference fee payment by 15 March 2016
   Last-call fee payment (rates are 10 EU higher) 15 April 2016

More information and Registration: https://ptprid3.wordpress.com/

The conference will build a network for the third international symposium of psychologists of religion and spirituality in Poland. The two previous conferences held in Lublin (2014) and Gdaňsk (2012), had researchers from various disciplines come together towards the common idea of studying psychological aspects of religious and spiritual life. We want the third conference of the society to share the same idea of incorporating an interdisciplinary approach, so we address our call for papers to representatives of various academic fields. We therefore invite not only psychologists and religious studies scholars, but also sociologists, cultural theorists, philologists, historians, pedagogists, biologists, cognitive scientists, philosophers and theologians of various denominations who are interested in the study of mutual relationships between religion, spirituality, psychology, culture and biology.
The Jagiellonian University Institute for the Study of Religions and the Modern Yoga Research group invite you to participate in the International academic conference:

**Yoga darśana, yoga sādhana: traditions, transmissions, transformations**

**Location:** Krakow, Poland

**Dates:** 19-21 May 2016  
Proposal submission deadline 21 December 2015


The conference was conceived in response to the most recent developments in yoga research at various institutional levels. The aim of the event is to showcase and advance contemporary research on yoga. By bringing together an international community of researchers we hope to both initiate and to continue substantial discussion on the subject, taking into account the polysemy of the term yoga and the historical developments of the phenomena it designates.

Yoga can indicate, among other things, a philosophical system, a set of physical, mental or devotional techniques aimed at achieving liberation from cycles of rebirth, union with a deity or ultimate reality, extraordinary powers or even bodily immortality. In the contemporary world, yoga also designates a globalized wellness practice, associated with notions of ‘spirituality’.

During this conference, we would like to focus on yoga in both its textual and performative aspects, drawing attention to the dialectical relationship between the two. We are also keen to discuss methodological approaches to the study of yoga. We aim to provide ground for interdisciplinary discussions involving, amongst others, indologists, scholars of religion, philosophers, philologists and linguists, anthropologists, sociologists, and historians. Last but not least, we are hoping to offer the non-academic public and yoga practitioners a nuanced, research-based insight into these complex topics.

**Questions:** [ydys.confer@gmail.com](mailto:ydys.confer@gmail.com)
Society for Personality and Social Psychology:

Pre-conference on Psychology of Religion and Spirituality

Location: San Diego, California

Dates: January 28-30, 2016

Abstract submission deadline: December 1st, 2015

More information: [http://meeting.spsp.org/psychology-religion-spirituality](http://meeting.spsp.org/psychology-religion-spirituality)

Religion and spirituality permeate many aspects of our society as well as of many people's lives. In this year's Religion & Spirituality Preconference we apply the tools of social-personality psychology to better understand when and why people turn to religion/spirituality and how this impacts their behavior, thoughts, and emotions. This pre-conference will bring together young and established investigators to discuss cutting-edge research at the interface of social-personality psychology and the psychology of religion-spirituality. We welcome all empirical-based psychological approaches to studying religion and spirituality. The program will consist of invited research presentations, two data blitzes (especially encouraged for graduate students and early career academics), and a research poster discussion.

Call for submissions: Blitz talks and posters.

Abstracts are due December 1, 2015 to pattyv@unc.edu and authors should indicate if they would like the abstract to be considered for a data blitz or poster session. Any abstracts not accepted for the data blitz will be considered for the poster session. Applications should include an abstract of no more than 300 words and the names of all authors with affiliated institutions.
The *Journal of Happiness and Well-Being* ([www.journalofhappiness.net](http://www.journalofhappiness.net)) invites submissions for a Special Issue entitled *Religion, Spirituality, and Positive Psychology*, under the Guest Editorship of Prof. Christopher Alan Lewis (Department of Psychology, Glyndŵr University, UK).

Within contemporary psychology, for the last 25 years or so, there has been growing interest in both the Psychology of Religion and Positive Psychology. The present aim is to bring together a series of research papers that are focused on theoretical or empirical research at the interface of these two sub-disciplines. Manuscripts with theoretical or empirical focus will be considered for the Special Issue. All research methodologies will be considered.

**Submission instructions**

The deadline for submissions is the 31st January, 2016, though early submissions will be processed immediately. To submit an article for the special issue of the *Journal of Happiness and Well-Being*, please use the on-line submission system ([www.journalofhappiness.net/login.php](http://www.journalofhappiness.net/login.php)). All contributions will undergo a blind peer review process (two reviewers) before being accepted for publication. It is anticipated that the Special Issue will be published in May 2016.

Further questions about the Special Issue can be sent to Christopher Alan Lewis at ca.lewis@glyndwr.ac.uk. Please note that there are no publication fees and that the peer review process will be completed in a timely fashion. The *Journal of Happiness and Well-Being* is an open-access journal.

**Please feel free to forward this invitation to any interested colleagues or associates.**

“Atheism, Secularity, and Science,” has been published in a special journal issue of *Science, Religion & Culture*, edited by John Shook, Ralph Hood, and Thomas Coleman. Find the think to the special issue below!

Research Associate Position

The Centre for Research in Psychology, Behaviour and Achievement at Coventry University is recruiting a Research Associate. This is a permanent research position to work within the Brain, Belief, and Behaviour group. We are a recent but rapidly expanding team of full-time researchers, lecturers, PhD and postgraduate students with a wide network of UK and international collaborators. The post-holder will design and complete experiments using cognitive, neurocognitive and psychophysiological techniques and paradigms. Research will include (though is not restricted to) an examination of psychobiological mechanisms underlying belief, spiritual and contemplative experiences (including meditation), and the association between such beliefs / experiences and mental health. The post-holder will also be expected to assist with the writing of articles and grant applications and to take part in relevant conferences and meetings.

For informal inquiries please contact Dr Miguel Farias (miguel.farias@coventry.ac.uk) or Dr Jonathan Jong (jonathan.jong@coventry.ac.uk). To apply, please send a letter describing how you fill in the criteria for this post.

Closing Date: 24 November 2015

Interviews Date: 8 December 2015

This role is expected to start from January 2016.

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