

# Newsletter of the International Association for the Psychology of Religion

September 2010

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- International Congress on Psychology, Religion and Culture, Tehran.
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## *1. Discount International Journal for the Psychology of Religion*

The discount rate for the IJPR for members of the IAPR and/or APA Division 36 is 37%. That means, the regular personal price is USD \$68 for 2011, but the discount rate for IAPR and/or APA Division 36 members is USD \$43.

## *2. Società Italiana di Psicologia della Religione in collaborazione con Istituto Sorelle della Misericordia - 12 Congresso Internazionale:*

*L'Io, L'Altro, Dio: Religiosità e Narcisismo*

*Verona, 20 – 21 Novembre 2010*

### **Call for papers**

Comitato scientifico e organizzativo:

Fabio De Nardi (presidente), Mario Aletti, Rosalinda Cassibba, Raffaella Di Marzio, Carlo Lavermicocca, Claudia Alberico, Daniela Fagnani, Germano Rossi, Amedeo Bez- zetto, C. Alberto Bellani

Relatori invitati:

*Arnaldo Petterlini* (Prof. Filosofia Teoretica, Università di Verona), *Giorgio Sassanelli* (SPI, IPA, Roma), *Luigi Boccanegra* (SPI, IPA, Venezia)

Nel corso del Convegno verrà attribuito il titolo di Socio Onorario al Prof. Mario Aletti e verranno premiati i vincitori del 7° Premio Giancarlo Milanese

Il dodicesimo congresso della Società Italiana di Psicologia della Religione intende mettere a tema e proporre al dibattito internazionale le possibili relazioni tra religiosità e narcisismo. Il concetto di narcisismo è diversamente inteso e valutato nelle elaborazioni psicologiche, non meno che nella cultura corrente. Ad un estremo si considera il narcisismo come un serio disturbo della personalità caratterizzato, da un patologico ripiegamento su di sé che rende problematica la relazione con l'altro (e con l'Altro). All'opposto, il Narcisismo può essere

considerato come una dimensione fondamentale dello sviluppo psichico, necessaria allo strutturarsi coeso del sé e al processo di crescita della relazionalità del soggetto, e dunque della sua religiosità. Il convegno intende dare voce alle diverse interpretazioni e modelli di ricerca, valutandone il contributo in ordine alla comprensione psicologica della religiosità. Il convegno sarà strutturato in sessioni plenarie (con relazioni su invito), sessioni tematiche (su invito) e sessioni parallele (con comunicazioni previamente sottoposte al vaglio del comitato scientifico).

Possibili tematiche di approfondimento e di intervento:

1. L'Io, l'altro, Dio. L'illusione creativa nella relazione tra processi interni e mondo esterno
2. Rapporti tra ortogenesi del soggetto e divenire religioso
3. Il narcisismo nella elaborazione psicoanalitica, freudiana e post-freudiana
4. Narcisismo e leadership nei movimenti religiosi (nuovi e "vecchi")
5. Senso narcisistico di colpa ed esperienza cristiana del peccato
6. Il "peccato originale": una ferita narcisistica al desiderio di onnipotenza?
7. Attaccamento e riconoscimento dell'altro/Altro
8. Istituzioni religiose e fondamentalismo
9. Religione, salute mentale e psicoterapia
10. Fondamentalismo e violenza religiosa

Quote d'iscrizione:

	Entro (15/10)	dopo (15/10)
Soci SIPR (*)	70 €	100 €
Non soci (*)	120 €	150 €
Studenti (*)	70 €	100 €
Studenti (solo pre-atti)	20 €	20 €

(\*) inclusi gli atti

Contributi scientifici e scadenze:

Gli studiosi sono invitati a presentare una comunicazione scientifica sul tema del convegno o sulle aree tematiche di approfondimento (in alternativa su altri temi di *psicologia della religione* che costituiscono il loro attuale oggetto di studio).

I contributi devono essere sottoposti al comitato scientifico in due versioni: un *riassunto breve* (massimo 600 caratteri/10 righe di testo) che, in caso di accettazione, sarà pubblicato nel volume dei Pre-Atti, e un *riassunto lungo* (massimo 4000 caratteri/2 pagine). Entrambi i riassunti devono recare il titolo della comunicazione, i nomi degli autori con relative affiliazioni e l'indirizzo postale (e/o di posta elettronica) ma non devono contenere note o bibliografia e devono pervenire entro il **15 agosto 2010**:

◇ preferibilmente tramite la pagina web all'indirizzo:

<http://www.psicologiadellareligione.it/sipr2010/abstract.htm>

◇ per posta elettronica a: [germano.rossi@unimib.it](mailto:germano.rossi@unimib.it) (come allegato in formato Word o RTF)

L'accettazione dei contributi sarà comunicata entro il **31 agosto 2010**. I testi finali, redatti secondo le norme che saranno indicate dal Comitato scientifico, verranno presi in considerazione per la pubblicazione nel volume degli atti, se giunti entro il **15 dicembre 2010**. Solo i testi di buon livello scientifico e coerenti con il tema principale del convegno, saranno pubblicati; gli altri, saranno resi disponibili (in formato PDF) sul sito web della Società.

**Per ulteriori informazioni:**

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*3. International Congress on Psychology, Religion and Culture (Tehran, 14-16 May 2011)*

The purpose of the Congress is to contribute to the establishment of the field of Psychology, Religion and Culture, and to provide an opportunity for interreligious, intercultural and interdisciplinary conversation. This conference is an attempt to explore the progresses and challenges concerning the studies of relations between the domains of religion, culture and psychology. We expect creative and critical presentations and discussions and welcome scholars and students from all related scientific disciplines, religious and cultural backgrounds to participate at the congress and exchange their views.

Dr. G. Ali Afrooz      Congress Chair  
Dr. Shiva Khalili      Head of the scientific committee

Call for Papers

A) Basic Issues

I) Origins: interdisciplinary studies with the aim of describing and explaining the principles, domains and relations of the fields of psychology, culture and religion

- Origins of religion, cultures, and modern psychology
- Science-religion-culture domains and relations

II) Issues in methodology: Considerations about historical-scientific development of the cultural and religious studies and the methodological issues in interdisciplinary research

- The role of philosophical research in the inter- and multidisciplinary studies of psychology, religion and culture
- Methodological problems in the inter- and multidisciplinary research
- Perspectives on interdisciplinary research

III) Main concepts: studies related to description and explanation of important concepts in the fields of psychology, religion and culture

- Meaning, symbolic systems and cognition
- Meaning of being human
- Consciousness
- Social interactions
- Morality
- Human development
- Psychological Health and disorder
- Concept of death
- Mental/psychological processes
- Religious/mystical/spiritual experience

B) Theories/ empirical research/work in progress

IV) Scientific approaches to religion, spirituality and culture: interdisciplinary studies with the aim to gain information about the system of belief, behavior, individual, group and institution, in one or many cultures or religious tradition, or in a historical stage.

- The effect of religion and culture on different stages of life, tasks and the developmental features of each stage (marriage, family, child rearing, cognitive style, identity and personality, life style, etc.)
  - Social/ cultural/ cross-cultural psychology
  - Evolutionary psychology and the phenomena related to religion and culture
  - Approaches of Cognitive and neurosciences to religion and culture
  - Mental health and studies of religion and culture
  - Approaches of Anthropology, ethno-sciences, and linguistics to culture and religion
  - Academic sciences of religion (Sociology of religion, religious studies, etc.)
  - Assessment of religion/ religiosity/ spirituality
  - Gender issues in studies of culture and religion
  - The effect of religion and culture in family, youth and moral issues
  - Other approaches and disciplines
- V) Religious, theistic and philosophical approaches to human mental processes and behavior (incl. religion and spirituality)/ description and explanation of psychological processes, religion and spirituality in the view of religions, comparative studies
- Islam, Christianity, Judaism, Zoroastrian
  - Shamanism, Hindu, Buddhism, Shintuism, Confucianism,
  - Other schools and traditions
  - Cross-cultural and cross-religious approaches to behavior and mental processes

#### Submission Guidelines

Submissions may be submitted in the following categories:

- Abstract / Full Length Submissions

Those individuals interested may submit an abstract (maximum 800 words) [Deadline: December 1, 2010] of original conceptual or empirical research manuscript for review and decision.

The authors of the selected abstracts are asked to send the full length paper (not to exceed 7000 words) [Deadline February 20, 2011].

- Poster Submission

Max. 6 A4 Pages, [Deadline February 20, 2011]

- Panel, workshop, tutorial, and symposium submissions

Individuals interested in conducting a panel, workshop, symposium or tutorial dealing with the main topics of the congress are invited to submit a 1500-2000 word proposal covering the objectives, issues to be covered, and the names/addresses of any other panel, workshop, tutorial/symposium members (max. 4 members). Deadline: December 1, 2010

Method of presentation is at the submitter's discretion, however the submitter has the responsibility for providing his/her own participants (such as panel members). All accepted proposals will appear in the conference proceedings. (Note: All panel, workshop, tutorial/symposium members must register for the conference.)

#### Submissions in all categories must follow the following Guidelines:

Deadline for abstracts: December 1, 2010; Deadline for full length Papers: February 20, 2011

1. The manuscripts must be accompanied by a short CV (not more than one page), the Submission form and Submission Details. All correspondence will be sent to the first author unless otherwise specified.

2. All submissions should be submitted electronically in either MS Word, rich text format (RTF) or PDF. (Note: If you do not receive an e-mail acknowledgment two weeks after your electronic submissions, please contact the program chair: [shivakhalili@yahoo.com](mailto:shivakhalili@yahoo.com))
3. Accepted papers and posters may be scheduled for presentation at roundtables due to the Congress program. All papers should be presented in Persian, or English.

Registration fee table:

	<i>Early Registration Before 25 March 2010</i>	<i>Late /Onsite After 25 March 2010</i>
Developed Countries	200 €	250 €
Developing Countries/ Islamic Countries	150 €	200 €
Travel Companion	100 €	150 €
Student	100 €	120 €
Students from Islamic Countries / Developing Countries	80 €	100 €
Day	80 €	100 €

For more information on the **Abstract Submission Form**, on **Submission Details**, **registration**, and on **travel and visa information**, please contact:  
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<http://psyedu.ut.ac.ir/psyrelcul2011-en.htm>

<http://www.pcoiran.org/congress.htm>

*4. Call for Presentations: The 28th Annual Conference of the International Association for the Study of Dreams. Dreams and Cultural Diversity. Rolduc Conference Center, Kerkrade (NL), June 24-28, 2011*

**The Venue:** The conference will be held at the former monastery of Rolduc, Kerkrade, near the boundary of the Netherlands, Germany and Belgium. It may be accessed by the airports of Düsseldorf (Germany), Amsterdam and Eindhoven (the Netherlands) or Brussels (Belgium) as well as highway networks and railway infrastructure from all three countries.

**Submission Themes:** High quality proposals are invited, particularly those that explore the conference theme, Dreams and Cultural Diversity. We request that submissions fall into one of the following tracks: Research & Theory; Arts & Humanities; Culture, Anthropology & History; Education; Religion, Spirituality & Philosophy; Clinical Approaches; Dreamwork Practices; Extraordinary, PSI and Lucid Dreams; and Conference Theme. While the conference is in the Netherlands there are two special themes within the conference theme

track: one of them specifically Dutch and the other specifically European. A special session is dedicated to the famous Dutch psychiatrist, poet, lucid dreamer, and author on dreams Frederik van Eeden. A second theme emphasizes the visions on dreams in the philosophical tradition of Europe.

Submission Categories include: Paper Presentations; Symposia; Panels; Workshops; Special Events or Major Presentations; Morning Dream Groups; Hot-off-the-Press and Poster Papers

Deadline for submissions is 30 November 2010 (except for Hot off the Press and Poster Sessions which is 1 March 2011)

All Submissions Must be Made Online. For Instructions and the Online Form go to [www.asdreams.org/2011](http://www.asdreams.org/2011)

For all questions regarding submissions write to [submissions2011@asdreams.org](mailto:submissions2011@asdreams.org)

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### *5. Webinars on Religion, Spirituality, and Clinical Practice of Psychology*

This 13 session webinar event is sponsored by the Kentucky Psychological Association (USA) and will convene once a month starting in August 2010 for a one-hour presentation and discussion. Being a webinar, professionals need not leave their office. As long as they have a computer with on-line capabilities and a telephone, they can participate.

The purpose of these monthly luncheon seminars is to provide psychologists and other mental health providers with a series of presentations designed to consider ethical and culturally sensitive clinical practice with a diverse spectrum of spiritual and religious clients. Each of the thirteen webinars aims to be applicable and clinically-focused. Theoretical, cultural, and empirical considerations will be addressed in relation to practice issues. Because these presentations are only an hour in length, books and articles will be suggested for further review of the specific areas of discussion.

More detailed on-line information at

<http://kpa.org/displaycommon.cfm?an=1&subarticlenbr=439>

### *6. Key publications*

Gasiul, H., Wroclawska-Warchala, E. (2009). *Osobowość i religia/Personality and Religion*. Warszawa: Wydawnictwo Uniwersytetu Kardynała Stefana Wyszyńskiego.

Link to the Publishing House:

[http://wydawnictwo.uksw.edu.pl/sklep/?p=productsMore&iProduct=689&sName=henryk-gasiul--emilia-wroclawska-warchala-\(red.\)--osobowosc-i-religia](http://wydawnictwo.uksw.edu.pl/sklep/?p=productsMore&iProduct=689&sName=henryk-gasiul--emilia-wroclawska-warchala-(red.)--osobowosc-i-religia)

The book covers broad scope of topics – 30% of the book is written in English. It is divided into 5 parts:

1. Interpretation of Religiosity and Spirituality in Psychological and Philosophical Perspective; 2.

Religious Community and Personality Development; 3. Personality Structure and Religiosity; 4. Personal Development, Religion and Religiosity; 5. Religiosity, Life Quality and Well-Being.

The following are authors and titles of the articles published in English (in alphabetical order):

Belzen, J.A. "Progress in Psychology of Religion? On the Discussion of Religion as Projection"

Breskaya, O. "Paradox of Personalism And Groupism in Orthodox Community"

Domurat, M., Górska, Z. et al. "God and Mary as the Partners of Man in Spiritual Dialogue. Basic Hope and Emotional Experience in Prayer Groups of Marian Spirituality"

Entwistle, D.N. "Religion, Psychology, and Well-Being: Religious Coping Methods as Impediments and Facilitators of Well-Being."

Gasiul, H. "Religiosity as a Mental Structure - Toward Discovering when Religiosity Could Become Creative. Personalistic Perspective."

Grudzinska, Z. "The Religious Apperception Test (RAT). An Attempt at the Construction of a Projective Test to Research the Personal Religion Profile."

Iovine, S., Marinioni, P., Rossi, G. "Religiosity and Fundamentalism in Their Relation to Some Features of Personality. A Research on a Northern-Italian Sample."

Warchala, M. "A Godless Jew? Freud and Religion - the New Approach"

Zollner, H., SJ "Is There Such a Thing as 'Christian Wellness'? Self-Realization, Wellness and Christian Anthropology."