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*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.*

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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.

## Announcements



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 also.

Thank you,

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## Conferences



## International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion

*7th Biannual meeting*

**Location:** Cambridge, MA

**Date:** 12-16 August

Keynote Speakers:

- ❖ Catherine Caldwell-Harris, Boston University
- ❖ Will Gervais, University of Kentucky
- ❖ Wesley J. Wildman, Center for Mind and Culture & Boston University

The IACSR will sponsor two student awards: The John J. McGraw Award for Best Paper and the Award for Best Poster Submitted by a Student will each receive free registration and accommodation.

To submit a proposal for a paper or poster, please fill out our abstract submission form. Abstracts will be no more than 300 words. All submissions will be peer-reviewed.

The deadline for submissions is **March 31, 2018**.

Submit an abstract here: <http://www.iacsr.com/iacsr-2017-abstract-submission/>

The 2018 IACSR conference is graciously sponsored by two grants from our members at the Center for Mind and Culture (Boston University) and the Center for Modeling Social Systems (Kristiansand, Norway)

The conference will take place at the Hyatt Regency Cambridge Hotel, located at 575 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, MA 02139, USA.

**More information:** <http://www.iacsr.com/iacsr-2018/>

## Conferences



## Worlding the Brain 2018

*Tools of Collective Prediction:  
Music, Art, Literature, Religion*



**Location:** Aarhus University, Denmark

**Date:** 27-29 November 2018

Many cognitive neuroscientists agree on the idea that the brain is organized to predict the world. Basic functions like perception and action, working memory and attention, consciousness and social cognition, imagination and creativity all work in the brain according to principles of probabilistic inference and prediction-error minimization. Humans make idiosyncratic predictions based on prior experience, but such predictions are systematically influenced by culture. Music, art, literature, and religion are examples of tools that align predictions across members of a society, a process, which is crucial for collective action and social cohesion.

Aarhus Institute for Advanced Studies (AIAS) together with the Religion, Cognition and Culture Research Unit, Interacting Minds Centre and Center for Music in the Brain hosts this international conference in order to bring together researchers from the humanities, social sciences, and the brain sciences to reflect on how the predictive brain model can improve our understanding of the process of enculturation.

### Keynote Speakers

- ❖ Merlin Donald, Department of Psychology, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario, Canada
- ❖ Karin Kukkonen, Department of Literature, Area Studies and European Languages, University of Oslo, Norway
- ❖ Uffe Schjoedt, Religion, Cognition and Culture Research Unit, School of Culture and Society, Aarhus University
- ❖ Peter Vuust, Center for Music in the Brain, Department of Clinical Medicine, Aarhus University
- ❖ Jacob Wamberg, Department of Art History, School of Communication and Culture, Aarhus University

**More information:** <http://aias.au.dk/events/worlding-the-brain-2018/>

Call for papers deadline: 1 August 2018

**Job Openings  
& Grants****Cognitive and Cultural Foundations of Religion and Morality***Postdoctoral Researcher*

The School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography  
Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology (ICEA)  
The University of Oxford



**Grade 7: £31,604 to £38,833 per annum**

The Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology (ICEA) seeks to employ a Postdoctoral Researcher for the Templeton World Charity Foundation (TWCF) funded project “Cognitive and Cultural Foundations of Religion and Morality”. This is a full-time role offered on a fixed-term basis until 31 January 2020. You will be based at the School of Anthropology and Museum Ethnography, University of Oxford.

You will be a member of the international project team involved in designing and implementing cross-cultural experiments. You will be identifying appropriate field sites, adapting experimental protocols, and collecting data. The position involves extensive travel.

You will have already completed your PhD in a relevant discipline, or be in the final stages. You will have substantial experience of designing and running psychology experiments. Your quantitative statistical skills and analysis skills will be demonstrable. We are also looking for someone with the communication skills to present data at conferences and meetings.

For further details, including the job description and selection criteria, please click on the link below. You will be required to upload a CV and supporting statement as part of your online application for this fixed-term position. Details of the application procedure contained in the further particulars should be followed carefully.

The closing date for applications is **12.00 noon on Thursday 12 April 2018**.

[Further information and details on how to apply](#)

## Job Openings & Grants



### Assistant/Associate Professorship in the Study of Religion

The School of Culture and Society, Aarhus University, invites applications for a position as either assistant professor or associate professor within the Department of the Study of Religion, with a particular focus on indigenous religions. The position is available from 1 August 2018 or as soon as possible thereafter.

If an assistant professor is appointed, the position will be a three-year training position involving research and teaching obligations and publications at doctoral level (as a minimum). The emphasis is on the applicant's research potential. An associate professorship will be advertised in the field covered by the position in continuation of the assistant professorship.

If an associate professor is appointed, the position will be a permanent, full-time position offered to applicants that can document qualifications corresponding to those achieved in a three-year assistant professor position or the like.

At the School of Culture and Society, the object of research and teaching is the interplay between culture and society in time and space:

- From the traditional disciplines of the humanities and theology to applied social research
- From Antiquity to the issues facing contemporary societies
- From familiar Danish cultural forms to other very different worlds
- From local questions to global challenges.

The school's goal is to produce compelling research with an international resonance, as well as offering teaching and talent development of high quality. The school has a broad cooperative interface with society, both in Denmark and abroad, and contributes to social innovation, research communication and further and continuing education.

For a more detailed description of the school, please see <http://cas.au.dk/en/>.

For more information about the position, please see <http://www.au.dk/en/about/vacant-positions/scientific-positions/stillinger/Vacancy/show/966710/5283/>

**Application deadline: 4 April 2018**

## Job Openings & Grants



### Professorship in Clinical Psychology

There is a full-time academic vacancy in the Faculty of Psychology and Educational Sciences (PPW) of KU Leuven (Belgium), in the Clinical Psychology unit. The post includes academic teaching, research and services to the community.

The candidate will develop research that preferentially focuses on existential topics in psychopathology and/or psychological interventions from a humanist-experiential approach in the different tiers of mental healthcare.

For more information please contact Prof. dr. Laurence Claes, tel.: +32 16 32 61 33, mail: [laurence.claes@kuleuven.be](mailto:laurence.claes@kuleuven.be) or Prof. dr. Patrick Luyten, tel.: +32 16 32 61 35, mail: [patrick.luyten@kuleuven.be](mailto:patrick.luyten@kuleuven.be). For problems with online applying, please contact [solliciteren@kuleuven.be](mailto:solliciteren@kuleuven.be).

You can apply for this job no later than **March 31, 2018** via the online application tool

See: <https://icts.kuleuven.be/apps/jobsite/#/vacatures/54517342>



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### Secularism and Nonreligion — Invitation for New Editors

The open access, peer-review journal *Secularism and Nonreligion* is inviting applications for two new executive editors. We welcome applications from people in all stages of their academic career, including early career researchers. Research experience within the social scientific study of nonreligion and secularity or previous editorial experience is essential.

*Secularism and Nonreligion* is an interdisciplinary journal published with the aim of advancing research on various aspects of 'the secular.' The journal is interested in contributions from primarily social scientific disciplines, including: psychology, sociology, political science, women's studies, history, economics, geography, demography, anthropology, public health, and religious studies. Contributions from neuroscience, computer science, biology, and medicine will also be considered. Articles published in the journal focus on the secular at one of three levels: the micro or individual level, the meso or institutional level, or the macro or national and international levels. Articles explore all aspects of what it means to be secular at any of the above levels, what the lives of nonreligious individuals are like, and the interactions between secularity and other aspects of the world.

Further information about the journal can be found at <http://www.secularismandnonreligion.org/about>.

To apply for these positions, please send a letter of interest and CV to Dr Lois Lee at [L.A.Lee@kent.ac.uk](mailto:L.A.Lee@kent.ac.uk) by **30 April 2018**.

All queries should also be directed to Dr Lois Lee at this address.

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