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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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Call for Papers: Religion & Gender

Special issue of *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion*

A male domination both in terms of researchers as well as studies have ignored or distorted research by and about women in the psychology and cognitive science of religion. The field is in need of feminist or simply gender-critical approaches to research which will lead to insights that are currently un(der)investigated. For this special issue of the *Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion*, papers are invited to contribute to tackling both issues of androcentric study: the under- or misrepresentation of female scholars in CSR, and CSR research of women and their roles, positions, and representations in religion.

Topics welcome concerning the underrepresentation of women in CSR scholarship (in CSR books and keynote lectures despite existing seminal papers) may include both methodological issues that might be at play in the lab or the field and the identity of women CSR scholars as religion researchers, amongst others.

Possible substantive topics regarding gender in CSR research may include explanations of differences in religiosity, spirituality, and frequency of religious practices between men and women; the representation of women in religious literature, including sacred and founding texts, and its previous and current interpretations (i.e. at the same time honoured, magnified and protected but also feared, kept at a distance, marginalized, excluded; portrayed as incomplete and subordinate, marginal); the gender of deities, and the type of deities; gender-specific religious practices, focusing on (previously ignored) women's traditions in particular; female religious authorities (priests, shamans, witches); religion as a source of liberation or repression for women; religion and the emancipation of women and other political movements; religion as the instrument for inegalitarian or egalitarian groups and societies; women's position and roles in religious communities; how religious understandings of the individual and of the family, of women and of women's bodies, have fundamentally shaped the language and culture of women's lives and cultures, societies, and laws; how religion 'deals with' women-specific issues, such as pregnancy, childbirth, and miscarriage (and to some extent, fertility, child-rearing, and sexual assault); phylogenetic approaches: the emergence of 'regulation' of women/women's sexuality through religion (farming, domestication) to regulate reproduction/offspring.

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Journal for the Cognitive Science of Religion:

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Call for Papers: Phenomenology of Religious Experience IV Religious Experience and Description

Special issue of *Open Theology*

This topical issue will illumine possibilities and difficulties arising in the description of religious experience. Does religious experience harbor concealed empirical and phenomenological complexity, and how do we address complexity in a focused description which aims at revealing the essence of experience? We invite an interplay between pragmatics of describing religious experience, philosophical and theological issues involved in creation of description, and theoretical models of how religious and spiritual experience may be described. We will accept papers dedicated to description of perception, imagination, body-awareness, recollection, social cognition, self-experience, temporality etc. in the context of religious experience. How does phenomenological description of religious experience translate into ecology, history, or natural science? What are cultural influences in the description of religious experience? The papers should provide not just the description of experience per se, but an analysis of the process or outcome of description and reflection on what description of religious experience per se entails. Such reflections must employ phenomenological philosophy, such as e.g. in the work of Anthony Steinbock or Jean-Luc Marion, but can also draw on contemporary dialogues between phenomenological philosophy and other philosophical and theological traditions, such as we see in the work of researchers like Espen Dahl, Matthew Ratcliffe, Dan Zahavi, Stanley Cavell, or Evan Thompson, to name a few.

Tentative themes:

- ❖ I. Creating Descriptions of Religious Experience
- ❖ II. Models for Descriptions of Religious and Spiritual Experience
- ❖ III. Description of religious experience, and ecology, environmental studies, health sciences, natural sciences, history, business studies, etc.

As a rule, **publication costs** should be covered by so called Article Publishing Charges (APC), paid by authors, their affiliated institutions, funders or sponsors. To view funding opportunities to cover APC please visit <https://www.degruyter.com/page/1097>

Authors without access to publishing funds are encouraged to discuss potential discounts or waivers with Managing Editor of the journal Dr. Katarzyna Tempczyk (katarzyna.tempczyk@degruyter.com) before submitting their manuscript.

Submissions will be collected from **August 1 to September 30, 2019**, via the on-line submission system at <http://www.editorialmanager.com/openth/>. Choose as article type: "Topical Issue Article: Phenomenology of Religious Experience IV".

Before submission the authors should carefully read over the **Instruction for Authors**, available at: http://www.degruyter.com/view/supplement/s23006579_Instruction_for_Authors.pdf

Further questions about this thematic issue can be addressed to Olga Louchakova-Schwartz at olouchakova@gmail.com. In case of technical or financial questions, please contact journal Managing Editor Katarzyna Tempczyk at katarzyna.tempczyk@degruyter.com.

Conferences



IAPR conference 2019

Location: University of Gdańsk

Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute of Psychology
Bażyńskiego 4, 80-309 Gdańsk, Poland

Dates: Preconference: Thu 30 – Fri 31 August, 2019
Conference: Fri 31 August – Tue 3 September, 2019



****Useful links****

Preliminary schedule: (for preconference & conference)

<https://poland2019.iaprweb.org/program/>

Preconference information:

<https://poland2019.iaprweb.org/preconference/>

Keynote speakers information:

<https://poland2019.iaprweb.org/keynote-speakers/>

IAPR 2019 awards and grants:

<https://poland2019.iaprweb.org/iapr-2019-award-and-grants/>

Practical info: (how to get to the venue & around Gdańsk, places worth visiting)

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