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Announcements*

* Whoever wants to bring announcements under attention of the IAPR members, please email the text to the editor of the Newsletter.

Listserv for IAPR members: invitation to subscribe by the President

The IAPR board decided to launch a Listserv to improve circulation of information and discussion between the IAPR members. This is promising and may turn out to be an exciting experience! Chris Lewis established a listserv (more exactly, a Yahoo group) and will take it in charge as moderator (with the help of Emyr Williams). I strongly encourage you to become member of this list. Click here <http://tech.groups.yahoo.com/group/IAPR-PsychologyofReligion/> and it will only take you 3-4 minutes to become a member. Those of you who are familiar with APA Div 36 listserv know already what may be the benefits of this kind of communication and exchange. For those of you who are not familiar, just think of this: announcement of academic and research positions open will be automatically known by all list members once a sender sends the information! So, join us!

Vassilis Saroglou

Conferences*

* Whoever wants to bring conference information under attention of the IAPR members, please email the data to the editor of the Newsletter.

Registration for Attachment, psychopathology, and religion conference

Date: Wednesday 16th of May 2012

Location: Lausanne, Switzerland

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Program: One day conference with Dr. Blaise Pierrehumbert, Prof. Pierre-Yves Brandt, Prof. Pascal Roman, Prof. Andrew Gumley, Dr. Philippe Huguelet, Prof. Pehr Granqvist, and Isabelle Rieben. See the conference website for more information on the program.

Conference website and registration: www.unil.ch/issrc

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Registration for the 5th FPR-UCLA Interdisciplinary Conference Culture, Mind, and Brain: Emerging Concepts, Methods, Applications

Date: October 19–20, 2012

Location: UCLA

Abstract: The conference highlights emerging concepts, methods, and applications in the study of culture, mind, brain, with attention to cutting-edge research, the context in which methods are used, and the kinds and quality of collaborations that advance interdisciplinary training.

Registration for the conference is Now Open: Seating is very limited.

<http://www.thefpr.org/conference2012/registration.php>

Conference websites:

<http://www.thefpr.org/conference2012/index.php>

<http://cmbconference2012.wordpress.com/>

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Summer school*

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Call for applications: 2012 UCSIA summer school on “Religion, Culture and Society”

Date: Sunday 26 August - Sunday 2 September

Location: Antwerp, Belgium

Abstract: It is evident that religion, culture and society are strongly interwoven and are crucial for understanding the contemporary world. With globalization touching all aspects of our lives, religion(s) and culture(s) have to understand their position in this complex globalizing process. It is the aim of the interdisciplinary UCSIA summer school to better understand the dynamic interplay between the macro- and micro-social developments concerning religion that take place in much of the contemporary world.

This year the program will focus on the topic of Secularism(s) and Religion in Society.

Guest lecturers:

Rajeev Bhargava (Centre for the Study of Developing Societies, Delhi), Peggy Levitt (Wellesley College), Robert W. Hefner (Boston University) and John Hutchinson (London School of Economics).

Application details:

Participation and stay for young scholars and researchers are free of charge. Participants should pay for their own travel expenses to Antwerp.

You can submit your application via the [electronic submission](#) on the [our website](#): <http://www.ucsia.org/summerschool>

Deadline for application is Sunday 15 April 2012.

Summer school website: <http://www.ucsia.org/summerschool>

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Key Publications*

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- **Jacob A. van Belzen: *Psychology of Religion: Autobiographical Accounts*. Dordrecht: Springer.**

⇒ Published in January 2012

⇒ From the back cover: "In recent years, psychology of religion has experienced a remarkable comeback: research is expanding rapidly, benefiting from a genial scientific infrastructure. An important issue in psychology over a century ago, only a few decades later it vanished almost completely. Its unexpected international reemergence since the seventies has been facilitated by the work of visionaries with the energy and stamina to revive an entire branch of psychology. In *Psychology of Religion: Autobiographical Accounts*, a number of these pioneers account for their development in this area, depicting the diverse contexts of their work, the difficulties they had to deal with, and the increasing contemporary possibilities for their field. Critical about their discipline and sometimes about themselves, they offer a unique assessment of the subject and show the way to further research and development. Thought-provoking topics discussed along the way include: The

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challenge of approaching religion from a psychological perspective. Psychology of religion as a natural extension of mainstream psychology. Why psychology of religion will continue to gain salience over time.”

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Please feel free to contact me or to email all information of interest to me (such as job advertisement, conference, call for papers, or various announcements that you would like to bring under attention of the IAPR members):

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