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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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A note by the IAPR President

With regard to information provided in the previous (November) IAPR Newsletter: For reasons independent of his will, prof. Chris Lewis, has finally been in the position of not being able to take in charge the Archive's main editorship. Subsequently, the current editor-in-chief, prof. Heinz Streib, kindly accepted to continue for one more year (2015).

Vassilis Saroglou



2015 IAPR Congress: Call for Papers

Location: Marmara University in Istanbul, Turkey

Dates: August 17-20, 2015

Call for Papers: Deadline is February 2nd, 2015 for a symposium, paper, or poster submission.

More information and Registration: <http://iapr2015.ikc.edu.tr>

The congress is co-organized by Marmara University Faculty of Theology and Katip Celebi University Department of Psychology. Increasingly, the IAPR Congresses have become an essential place for meeting and dialogue between researchers and scholars from a vast array of countries. We cordially invite you to attend this congress and present your empirical and/or theoretical research on any topic connecting psychology and religious behavior such as religion and mental health, religion and psychological development, religion/spirituality, religious development, cultural perspective, neurosciences. With 4 keynote presentations, 5 invited symposia, and 1 pre-conference workshop, we expect to cover a wide variety of topics. The language of this Congress will be English.

The biannual IAPR congress is among the most important events to promote and exchange the most exciting research in psychology of religion. We hope that Istanbul, the transcontinental city, ideally situated between the **Sea of Marmara** and the **Black Sea**, will offer a pleasant and relaxed atmosphere for networking with leading experts, emerging scholars, and enthusiastic young students in the psychology of religion.



Conference: The Psychology of Religion/The Religion of Psychology

Location and date: The University of Chicago, Friday, March 6th, 2015

Website: <http://divinity.uchicago.edu/psychology-religionthe-religion-psychology>

Call for papers: Deadline is January 5th. Paper presentations may come from any discipline and address any topic but should seek to offer general conclusions about the relation between psychology and religion (a request to which the keynote panelists have already agreed). Participants will be notified by January 20th.

Both to the discomfort and excitement of psychologists, scholars of religion, and religious practitioners, the overlap between the histories of psychology and religion is rather significant. Like philosophy, psychology was once pegged, in the words of Frank E. Manuel, as the "newest handmaiden of true religion." However, with the emergence of new experimental methods in the late nineteenth century and of psychoanalysis (an inherently anti-religious discipline, according to its founder) in the early twentieth, psychology attempted to distance itself from religion, though with mixed results. Although psychologists, psychiatrists, and other mental health professionals today understand their respective disciplines to have grown increasingly scientific and thus less "religious," the various ways in which psychology and religion were interrelated in the twentieth and twenty-first centuries could be used to tell a different story.

On Friday, March 6th, 2015, the University of Chicago Divinity School and the Martin Marty Center will host The Psychology of Religion/The Religion of Psychology, a conference exploring the relation between two problem children of modernity. We welcome contributions from scholars in any discipline whose research is concerned with the relationship between religion and psychology, from both an historical and a contemporary perspective. See the list of possible topics on the website.

2015 SPSP Pre-conference on Psychology of Religion-Spirituality

This pre-conference will highlight classic, contemporary, and emerging empirical research at the interface of social-personality psychology and the psychology of religion-spirituality. The program will consist of invited research presentations and a research poster discussion. Continental breakfast, drinks, and a buffet lunch will be provided for those who preregister.

Location and Date: 8:30am-4:30pm, Thursday, February, 26, 2015, Long Beach, California, USA

Keynote Speakers: Sarah Schnitker, Kurt Gray, Azim Shariff, Michael Barlev, Michael Kinsella, Ann Taves, Ray Paloutzian, Tasmin German, Aiyana Willard, Magali Clobert, Daryl Van Tongeren, Roy Baumeister.

For more information visit: http://www.spsp.org/default.asp?page=Precon_Religion