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.

Website: [http://psychology-of-religion.com/](http://psychology-of-religion.com/)

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Call for nominations/submissions for the Early Career Award 2015

The Early Career Award

The IAPR Early Career Award is intended to reward promising junior researchers in the field of the Psychology of Religion. It is awarded once every two years at the IARP conference, for outstanding quality of research.

Criteria

Eligible for the Early Career Award are young scholars at the postdoctoral or early career academic level (holding a Ph.D. since 0-5 years maximum). Excellence in the quality of research (as reflected in the publications) in the field of the Psychology of Religion is required.

Prize:

The Early Career Award is endowed with 1000 euros. The winner is expected to give a keynote lecture at the next IAPR conference in Istanbul (August 17-20, 2015).

Nomination:

Suitable candidates should be nominated, however self-nominations are also welcome. The nomination / submission for the Early Career Award should include the candidate’s CV and the list of his/her publications and be sent to Sebastian Murken (smurken@mainz-online.de).

Members of the jury:

Sebastian Murken (President, University of Marburg, Germany), Pehr Granqvist (University of Stockholm, Sweden), Kate Loewenthal (Royal Holloway, University of London, England), Adam B. Cohen (Arizona State University, USA), Vassilis Saroglou (University of Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium)

Deadline for the submission of (self-) nominations is November 30, 2014.
Dear IAPR members,

After many years of wonderful service as Editor of the Archive for the Psychology of Religion, Prof. Heinz Streib (Bielefeld University, Germany) arrives on December 2014 at the end of his editorship of an exceptional third term. He has dedicated enormous time, energy, enthusiasm, passion, and wisdom in leading the journal and he did it very efficiently and with excellent results. People from all around the world, scholars of different career age, geographical origin, gender, religious or secular background, psychological sub-discipline, and methodological and theoretical perspective, submit and publish their manuscripts to the Archive. Heinz has accomplished an extraordinary work and service for the journal, the IAPR, and the field in general. On behalf of all of us, I would like to express our warm thanks and gratitude for his incessant investment on this job. Thanks to Heinz, Archive is today a very respectable among the journals of our field and beyond; and it has succeeded to maintain and reinforce its specificity as a psychology of religion journal that excellently combines empirical studies with theoretical work; and psychology of religion with interdisciplinarity with other human and social sciences of religion.

By the same opportunity, it is also time to express our warm thanks to Profs. James M. Day (UC Louvain, Belgium) and Michael E. Nielsen (Georgia Southern University, USA) who have served as co-editors of Heinz Streib for the last six years, i.e. through two editorial terms, and contributed importantly to the editorial work that implied an increasing, across the years, number of submitted manuscripts.

It is also time now to introduce the new editorial team that will serve the journal for the next three years (January 2015 – December 2017).

The IAPR board appointed as new Editor of the Archive Prof. Christopher Alan Lewis (Glyndŵr University, United Kingdom) who has already a solid editorial experience as co-editor of Mental Health, Religion, and Culture. He kindly accepted to serve as Editor the Archive and leave fully MHRC on the hands of Prof. Kate Loewenthal and her collaborators.

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Incoming Editorial Team of the Archive (2015-2017) – Continued

The Archive’s Editor will be seconded by two Associate Editors. I am thus also happy to inform you first that Prof. Wade C. Rowatt (Baylor University, USA), who has already served a first term in the last three years under Heinz Streib’s editorship, kindly accepted to continue to serve the Editorial team for a second term. Second, Dr. Jessie Dezutter (KU Leuven, Belgium, and University of Stockholm, Sweden) also kindly accepted to enter as Associate Editor of the Archive for the same next term.

All three, Chris Lewis, Jessie Dezutter, and Wade Rowatt, are highly qualified scholars with excellent publications record, but also, and perhaps most importantly for the Editorial work, with a broad view of our field and with excellent human capacities in helping authors to strengthen their work and manuscripts.

On behalf of the IAPR board and all IAPR members, I warmly thank all three of them for having accepted this task for the next three years and to serve thus the community and the field. Good success to them. Of course their work depends also importantly on what they receive, i.e. what we submit to them 😊 I wish then good research and outcomes to all of us for the next three years.

Prof. Vassilis Saroglou
President IAPR
Hello! My name is Magali Clobert and I am currently a Postdoctoral Research Fellow from the BAEF (Belgian American Educational Foundation) at Stanford University in the Culture and Emotion Lab (Department of Psychology). I received my PhD in psychology from the Université catholique de Louvain under the supervision of Vassilis Saroglou. During my PhD, I developed a special interest in cross-cultural and cross-religious issues. Through my dissertation, I addressed the question of the generalizability of the religiosity-prejudice relation across various cultural and religious contexts (mainly East Asia/Buddhism vs. West/Christianity).

The studies included in my dissertation were divided into two different parts addressing related issues. First, we investigated the relations of religiosity with prosociality and prejudice against various targets (religious, ethnic, and moral outgroups) in East Asian religious and cultural contexts. Second, we analyzed, through priming methodologies, the effects of East Asian religious concepts on prosociality and prejudice against various targets. The data were thus collected both in Europe (mainly Belgium) and in East Asia (mainly Taiwan), thanks to our collaborator in the National Taiwan University, prof. Kwang-Kuo Hwang.

In the first part of the dissertation, East Asian religiosity (i.e. Buddhism, Taoism, and Folk religion) was found to relate positively not only with prosociality but also with tolerance (low prejudice) toward other ethnic and religious groups. Nevertheless, the East Asian religions’ tolerance was not unlimited and did not extend to atheists or homosexuals (cf. Clobert, Saroglou, Hwang, & Soong, 2014). In the second part of my dissertation work, we showed that priming Buddhist concepts, contrary to Christian concepts, decreased prejudice against various ethnic and religious outgroups, both among Westerners of Christian tradition and East Asians of Buddhist/Taoist tradition. The positive effects of Buddhist priming were clearer among low authoritarians and/or high universalists (cf. Clobert & Saroglou, 2013).

Right after my PhD, I obtained a fellowship from the BAEF to join the Culture and Emotion Lab in Stanford directed by the professor Jeanne Tsai for a one-year postdoctoral stay. I am currently working on a research project examining how culture and religion might shape emotions which in turn influence prejudiced attitudes and discriminatory behavior. In this project, we aim to investigate two related issues. First, we will examine through correlational studies whether cultural differences in emotions (variations in feeling, expressing, and avoiding high arousal negative emotions) may impact prejudice. Second, through priming studies the “causal” influence of specific cultural features (Interdependence/Independence, Holistic thinking/Analytic thinking, Buddhism/Christianity) on emotions as well as prejudice will be investigated.

In the upcoming years, I plan to write grant proposals to fund other research projects examining cross-cultural issues in the area of the psychology of religion and the psychology of prejudice. I am convinced that a cultural sensitive approach in these areas of research is essential in the actual context of multicultural societies and immigration. Indeed, even if in the current context of globalization, cultures are becoming worldwide more individualists, strong cultural variations in many psychological dimensions remain.

Related papers:

2015 IAPR Congress

Location: Marmara University in Istanbul, Turkey

Dates: August 17-20, 2015

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.

Check out the podcasts and other items from the 2013 IAPR Conference in Lausanne


Symposium Proposal to be submitted by Secularism & Nonreligion Journal on Atheism: Psychological Perspectives

The journal Secularism & Nonreligion is planning to propose one symposium of 3-4 individual papers for the upcoming 2015 International Association for the Psychology of Religion (IAPR) Congress. We invite you to submit proposals falling under the broad theme of psychological perspectives on atheism for consideration as part of the proposed symposia. Some topics and perspectives include, but are not limited to: cognitive science, qualitative/quantitative methods, psychological-anthropology, phenomenology, ethnography, cultural psychology, and philosophy of science. We are particularly interested in papers covering atheism outside of the Western context.

All submissions to be considered for the proposed Secularism & Nonreligion Journal Symposia on “Atheism: Psychological Perspectives” must be in keeping with the IAPR guidelines for the conference and be received before January 15 2015. Contributions must take the form of a paper. Participants may appear as first author only once (paper or poster) – except keynotes, pre-conference, discussant and chair; non-first authorship is unlimited. Named first authors should register for the congress and present their work. Abstracts should be in English and no more than 150 words in length excluding the title and the list of authors. A book of abstracts will be provided to all participants. Contributions themselves should be in English.

Please email a Word document before January 15 2015 with the information below to S&N Assistant Editor Thomas J. Coleman III at Thomas-J-Coleman@mocs.utc.edu in order to be considered for inclusion in our proposed symposia. Notification of preliminary acceptance will follow shortly after this deadline and then the final symposia selected by our journal will be submitted to the IAPR committee for approval.

Submission TitleKeywordsAbstract describing the content (150 words maximum)Presenter and Co-Author Information, including affiliation and email address

Thank you, Secularism & Nonreligion editorial team http://www.secularismandnonreligion.org
Conference: Trauma and Lived Religion

Location and date: Amsterdam, June 3-5, 2015 at VU University Amsterdam

Contact: trauma@livedreligion.org.


The Amsterdam Centre for the Study of Lived Religion invites paper proposals for the conference Trauma and Lived Religion. In the past few decades, we have witnessed the emergence of the research fields of both lived religion and trauma. The conference seeks to explore implications of bringing the two together. Granting these scholarly developments in attending to the disrupting power of traumatic experiences, profound reflection on the meaning of trauma for identity, religion, and everyday life is called for. A focus on ‘lived religion’ - as the ethnographic and hermeneutical framework for understanding the performative dimensions of religion as it functions in people’s ordinary lives – will serve to better understand the interface of trauma and religion. Using lived religion as an approach to the interdisciplinary study of trauma allows for a wider interpretation of meaning and also provides an opportunity for better understanding of spirituality, hope, forgiveness, moral injury, resilience, and spiritual transformation.

Areas of interest for this conference include, but are not limited to, the following topics: Theories of trauma and lived religion; Methodological issues at the intersection of trauma and lived religion; Disciplinary perspectives: (neuro)psychology, theology, anthropology, philosophy, medicine, law, literature and arts, etc.; Specific examples of trauma: torture, sexual trauma, displacement and migration, wars and disasters, collective trauma; Factors involved in the intersection of trauma and lived religion: culture, politics, media, gender, religious traditions; The practice of theologies at the intersection of trauma and lived religion

Aim: The aim of the conference is to bring together people from different areas, disciplines, and interests to share ideas and explore the links between lived religion and trauma studies. The expected outcomes of the conference will be an edited volume on the basis of selected contributions and/or collaboration between participants in developing research grant applications.

Formats: To stimulate fruitful conversations, we anticipate a combination of papers, panel presentations, open floor discussions, and so on. Innovative presentation styles are encouraged. Based on the proposals submitted, we may ask participants to submit their full text before the conference or to join a panel or other type of presentation.

Proposals: Proposals will also be considered on any related theme. Please submit your abstract by January 15, 2015. The address to be used is trauma@livedreligion.org.

Abstracts should be in Word format with the following information and in this order: author(s), affiliation as you would like it to appear in program, email address, title of proposal, body of proposal (200-300 words), type of presentation, up to 10 keywords.

All abstracts will be double blind peer reviewed. Please use plain text and abstain from using any special formatting, characters or emphasis (such as bold, italics or underline). We acknowledge receipt and answer to all proposals submitted.
International Conference Gender, Culture & Migration 2015

Date and Location: March 6-7, 2015 at the University of Gdansk, Poland.

Contact: conference2015@migrationnavigator.org

Registration: visit http://migrationnavigator.org/info for more information.

The International Conference on Gender, Culture & Migration is a meeting organized under the auspices of the Polish-Norwegian consortium PAR MIGRATION NAVIGATOR, coordinated by the University of Gdansk.

This conference is an annual event organized under the main theme of Woman in Culture that brings together researchers from multiple disciplines (psychology, sociology, gender studies) along with gender equality practitioners and policy makers to consider how gender issues are represented worldwide.

The conference themes cover issues relating to gender issues, with a special emphasis placed on social and cultural changes influencing gender equality. Gender (in)equality is established and maintained at different but intersecting levels, from the more proximal family level to the more distal society level. At the cultural level, it can be well-observed in the rituals and practices of individuals and couples who struggle to achieve the work-life balance. Certain societal facts and psychological phenomena influence men’s and women’s adopted work-life balance strategies and how gender equality is maintained or not within their family and professional life.

The goal of the meeting is to analyze how the content of gender roles and egalitarian norms vary across cultures and which cultural and contextual factors lead to the support of gender equality. The focal questions of the conference concern the following issues: How can social change in values and attitudes towards gender equality be fostered? What is the role of culture in forming gender equality within couples, families, organizations and societies as a whole? And finally, how can we investigate the mutual influences of individual motivations and cultural change, when individuals/couples migrate to more egalitarian countries than their home country?

We welcome individual papers, posters, as well as the whole symposiums from both researchers and practitioners from different disciplines doing cultural and cross-cultural research relating to gender issues, culture and migration (psychology, sociology, education, gender studies).

The following are thematic suggestions (but not only limited to) - topics for the conference:
Gender stereotypes & culture, social change and gender roles, cultural cues promoting gender equality, women and men in migration, gender equality and migration, gender & acculturation processes, marriage, family, parenting, & gender roles in cultural context, parenting in migration, migrant families and public sector, work-life balance strategies – individual, couple, family, organizational perspectives, gender mainstreaming, discrimination, interventions promoting gender equality.

Important Dates:
August 1st, 2014- Opening registration & call for papers, posters and symposia
December 1st, 2014- Submission deadline for all abstracts
December 31st, 2014- Notification of selection for abstracts
January 30th, 2015- Deadline for registration
March 6th, 2015- Opening of the Conference

Abstracts should be sent to: conference2015@migrationnavigator.org
**Violent Conflicts 2015**

**Location:** Center for interdisciplinary research (ZiF) in Bielefeld, Germany.

**Date:** February 25-27, 2015

**Contact:** conference.ikg@uni-bielefeld.de

**More Information:** [https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/ikg/konferenz.html](https://www.uni-bielefeld.de/%28en%29/ikg/konferenz.html)

**Deadline for submissions:** November 15, 2014

Are we living in a decade dominated by an underestimation of forms of violence causing a lack of investment in prevention and intervention? The international Conference on “Violent Conflicts 2015: The violent decade?! Recent Domains of Violent Conflicts and Counteracting” in Bielefeld provides a state-of-the-art description and analyses of current inner-societal forms of violence which have the potential to cause massive crisis within as well as between societies.

Four characteristics determine the conference program: The central facets conflict and violence are connected in discourse to deal with a fundamental question: When does conflict lead to violence and when on the other hand does violence initiate or perpetuate conflict? Secondly the conference focuses on the political dimension of current and historical phenomena of violence posing a threat to societies. Thirdly the conference aims at representing the state-of-the-art of international research on conflict regarding potential of science-to-action transfer and thus fourthly wants to provide a forum for science in conjunction with other publicities through a systematic exchange of findings and perspectives.

The panel C "The role of religion in conflicts – between authenticity and politicization?" might be of relevance to the IAPR community. It deals with the ambivalent role religion can play in conflicts. We are interested in papers considering the conflict driving as well as the peace making role of religion. The deadline for submission is already on November 15th.

**Topics are:**
- Youth and Violence – Generations of conflict (Panel A)
- Violence and Football – Arenas of conflict (Panel B)
- Violence and Religion – Spheres of conflict (Panel C)
- Expressive Violence – Radicalization of conflict (Panel D)
- Pacification of political violence – suppression of conflict (Panel E)

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**American Academy of Religion** will be held on November 22-25, 2014 in San Diego

More info at: [https://www.aarweb.org/](https://www.aarweb.org/)

Meet fellow psychologists of religion: **The Psychology, Culture & Religion Group**

God in the Bod: Links between Religion, Spirituality, and Embodiment.

*Mental Health, Religion and Culture* seeks contributions for a special issue on “God in the Bod: Links between Religion, Spirituality, and Embodiment.”

Submissions for topics can include:

- How religiosity/spirituality is linked to body image broadly defined and attitudes toward the body (e.g., appearance, weight, perceptions of how others perceive one’s body)

- How religiosity/spirituality is linked to experiences of the body (e.g., self-objectification, somatization, awareness of bodily sensations)

- How religiosity/spirituality is linked to treatment of the body (e.g., eating behaviors in clinical and subclinical populations)

- Religious or spiritual interventions targeting appearance concerns, eating behaviors, etc.

We are interested in submissions that encompass a variety of samples in terms of religious affiliations, geographic location, age, gender, and cultural/national background. We also welcome qualitative, quantitative, or mixed-method manuscripts.

Submit manuscripts through the *Mental Health, Religion and Culture* submission portal. When prompted during the submission process, indicate that the submission is for consideration for the special issue.

Deadline for submitting manuscripts for this special issue is **February 1, 2015**. All submissions will be reviewed by the guest editors for fit with and appropriateness for the issue. Papers deemed appropriate will undergo peer review, with the ultimate aim of publishing approximately six articles in the special issue. Anticipated publication of the final issue is in the fall or winter of 2015.

**Contact:** Any inquiries or questions regarding topic or scope for the special issue can be sent to the Guest Editors, Chris Boyatzis (boyatzis@bucknell.edu) or Elizabeth Lewis Hall (liz.hall@biola.edu).
The Institute for Social Sciences of Contemporary Religions, Faculty of Theology and Religious Sciences, University of Lausanne, opens

- a position of **PostDoc FNS**
- a position of **PhD student FNS**

within the research project in psychology of religion *Drawings of gods: A multicultural and interdisciplinary approach of children’s representations of supernatural agents*

Job start date: 1st of March 2015 or upon agreement
Deadline for applications: 22nd of December 2014
Project director: Prof. Pierre-Yves Brandt ([pierre-yves.brandt@unil.ch](mailto:pierre-yves.brandt@unil.ch))