

Call for Papers: Methods at Erfurt/IAHR 2015

Contemporary debates in the study of religion\ often speak of "methodology". Yet methods-i.e. ways of constructing/collecting and analyzing different types of data/materials in empirical research-are rarely addressed. Our co-edited Routledge Handbook of Research Methods in the Study of Religion (2011) was the first major international attempt to take stock of and critically review the current methodological toolbox of our discipline. It discussed a range of well- and less well-known methods, and it began to move our discipline toward the level of methodological diversification and sophistication common in others.

This process needs to continue. We seek papers, for one or more sessions at the upcoming XXIth IAHR-World Congress in Erfurt, that deal either with methods not covered in our Handbook or specific variants within the broader families covered there (e.g., forms of historical analysis, discourse analysis, content analysis, participant observation, etc.). The papers may form the nucleus of a follow-up publication.

Please email a brief proposal/abstract (100-300 words) along with a title and a short bio before June 1, 2014 to one or both of us:

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