

Centre for Research in Social sciences and Humanities

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is inviting paper/panel proposals for

Second Interdisciplinary Conference on Religion in Everyday lives to be held in

Vienna, Austria, 21-22.03.2015.

Conference venue: ***** Hotel Le Meridien Wien, Opernring 13-15, A-1010, Vienna, Austria (Room Happy Green)

Religion is often discussed through the eyes of secularisation theory; however, there is no agreement on what secularisation is, or to what extent religion is present in our present lives even though religion is as influential as ever. Whether we understand secularisation as a decline of religious beliefs, privatization of religion, or as differentiation of the secular spheres and emancipation (Casanova 2006; Berger 2001), we still have to ask ourselves to what extent religion shapes our present lives. Many scholars believed religion will eventually lose importance and that societies will face decline of religious beliefs, but by the end of the 20th century many changed their views and acknowledged that secularisation theory does not work, and that religion is as important as ever (Berger, 1999). Nonetheless, we can agree with a view “religious communities have survived and even flourished to the degree that they have not tried to adapt themselves to the alleged requirements of a secularised world” (Berger, 1999: 4).

Recently, scholars also advocated that religion emerges in times of crisis such as, for example, events in the Middle East, breakup of former Yugoslavia, economic crisis, etc. It is questionable whether we can truly discuss secularisation as a phenomenon, or we should simply turn our attention to the notion of religion in all of its aspects, and try to increase understanding of this complex phenomenon.

We are inviting papers from social sciences and humanities that address religion and its influence on our present reality, and its growing importance.

Papers are invited (but not limited to) for the following panels:

Secularisation vs sacralisation

Methodology in researching religion

Spirituality

Pilgrimage

Religious practices

Religion and culture

Religion and the media

Religious subjectivity

Material religion

Religion and childhood

Religion and critical theory

Religion and discrimination

Religion and identity

Religion and education

Religion and belonging

Religious Anti-Semitism

Studies in Judaism

Religion and the Idea of Europe

Religion and ethnicity

Studies in Islam

Prospective participants are also welcome to submit proposals for their own panels.

Submissions of abstracts (up to 500 words) with an email contact should be sent to Dr Martina Topić

(martina@socialsciencesandhumanities.com) by 10 March 2015.

The Centre established a peer review journal, and a working paper series. Conference papers will be considered.

We welcome paper proposals from scholars, NGO activists, Master and PhD students, and independent researchers.

Earlier decisions will be available when we collect enough papers for each panel.

Conference fee is EUR 290, and it includes

The registration fee

Conference bag and folder with materials

Conference publication

Access to the newsletter, and electronic editions of the Centre

Opportunity for participating in future activities of the Centre (research & co-editing volumes)

Discount towards participation fee for future conferences

Meals and drinks for both days of the conference

WLAN during the conference

Certificate of attendance

Centre for Research in Humanities and Social Sciences is a private institution founded in December 2013 in Croatia (EU).

We selected Austria as a place for hosting conferences due to Austria's favourable geographic position, and liberal Visa regime for conference participants with EU Visa requirements.

Unfortunately, the Centre has no available funds for covering transport and accommodation in Austria. Participants are responsible for finding funding to cover transportation and accommodation costs during the whole period of the conference. This applies to both presenting and non-presenting participants.

The Centre will not discriminate based on the origin and/or methodological/paradigmatic approach of prospective conference participants.

The Centre is eligible for providing Visa letter for Austria to non-EU conference participants, and we are pleased to emphasise that all Visa applications in 2014 were successful.