

We invite submissions to our session RELOCATING PROTESTANTS: PILGRIMAGE AND DE/RE-REFORMATION, to be held at the 2016 EASR conference in Helsinki. Please note that the paper proposals must be sent to the conference organising committee by 31 December, 2015.

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RELOCATING PROTESTANTS: PILGRIMAGE AND DE/RE-REFORMATION

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In this panel we concentrate specifically on the theologically intriguing trend towards Protestant Pilgrimage that appears to be sweeping Europe (and beyond). With pre-Reformation saints' shrines being restored as spiritual destinations, and in some cases empty shrines being repopulated with relics *in Protestant contexts*, this signals significant change, or at the very least, modification in some tenets of the Reformation.

The panel will examine the contemporary popularity and appeal of pilgrimage for Protestants; Protestant re-framings or re-narrations of pilgrimage; the material culture, performativity, relationality and identity-formation of Protestant pilgrimage.

Whether protestant pilgrimage is more about travelling than arriving at hallowed ground, whether it is more denominational heritage/roots tourism than devotional journeying, whether the current Protestant enthusiasm for pilgrimage reflects a longing for a pre-Reformation world of sensory experiences and closeness to nature, exploring this phenomenon in a variety of contexts, from different angles, will foster an informed overview of Protestant pilgrims and pilgrimage which can contribute to a more integrated understanding of this phenomenon in the 21st century.

Contributions based on contemporary fieldwork from a variety of contexts and countries especially welcome.

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