

The 2017 CESNUR conference

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HOLY LANDS AND SACRED HISTORIES IN NEW RELIGIOUS MOVEMENTS

Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

2 July - 7 July 2017

The 2017 CESNUR conference will for the first time take place in Jerusalem. We welcome papers especially on this year's theme: "Holy Lands and Sacred Histories in New Religious Movements."

Jerusalem, a sacred place to the three monotheistic religions, is a thriving hub for contemporary religious activity. Accordingly, the conference will look at the ways New Religious Movements perceive, create, and reinterpret holy places and sacred histories.

We welcome lectures who will examine perceptions and practices related to holy lands and sacred histories in new religious movements at large, as well as specific examinations of The Holy Land and its sacred history in Jewish, Muslim and Christian new religious movements, as well as the (re)creation and invention of new holy spaces and sacred histories.

Papers and session should be submitted by E-mail before the close of business on Monday, January 2nd 2017 to cesnur_to@virgilio.it, accompanied by an abstract of no more than 300 words and a CV of no more than 200 words. PhD students should attach a letter of support from their advisor.

The conference will begin on Sunday afternoon, July 2nd 2017, with a reception and plenary session. Conference sessions will run through the day on Monday and Tuesday (3-4 July), through Wednesday Morning. Wednesday (July 5th) afternoon will be dedicated to a local tour in Jerusalem, which will focus on contemporary Jewish, Muslim and Christian encounters. An additional tour of new and old religious sites in Northern Israel will be offered on Thursday and Friday (6-7 July).