

Call for papers:

Workshop on the representation of religion(s) and the “World Religions Paradigm” (organised by the EASR Working Group on Religion in Public Education)

13. and 14. December 2016, UiT – The Arctic University of Norway

In contrast to other existing networks and organizations dealing with religious education (RE) in Europe at various levels and in various ways, the EASR Working Group on Religion in Public Education intends to establish a firm basis for and further develop study-of-religions research on RE as well as a basis for specific “RS-based RE didactics and school subjects”. That means a form of RE based on the academic study of religions, independent from any kind of promotion of religion, interreligious dialogue, or support of religious institutions or communities.

The EASR working group invites to a workshop on the representation on religion(s) and the “World Religions Paradigm”.

We invite researchers to present papers on the complexities involved in dealing with representation of religion(s) in teaching contexts. Papers are invited to discuss how recent criticisms of “The World Religions Paradigm” is relevant for teaching about religion(s) in RE. In addition to theoretical reflections, presentations that focus on ‘dead religions’, new religious movements, popular culture or indigenous religions in RE are particularly welcome.

The workshop will take place in Tromsø (Norway) and be organized in cooperation with the Research group for Religion Education in Public Education at the UiT – The Arctic University of Norway. The first day (13. December) of the workshop will take place at Tromsø Villmarkssenter (Tromsø Wild Life center, <http://www.villmarkssenter.no>), a 25 minute drive outside Tromsø city center. Transportation from the hotels to the Wild Life center will be organized (free of charge) for all participants. UiT will also cover coffee, lunch and dinner at the Wild Life Center. On December 14 the workshop will take place at the university campus.

Participants will have to find their own funding for travel and accommodation.

Deadline for abstracts: October 15

Notification about the acceptance of papers: November 1

The abstracts will be read and evaluated by several referees.

Please send abstracts of no more than 200 words (and possible queries about this workshop) to Bengt-Ove Andreassen (email: bengt.ove.andreassen@uit.no)