

Call for Papers
VIth Open Conference
of the
Section on Sociology of Religion
German Sociological Association
7th – 9th December 2017

Conference Venue: St. Bernhard in Rastatt (near Karlsruhe)

Sociological research on religion is empirically and thematically diverse. Since the classical authors, religion has been identified as a mirror and as a place of social change. With its integrative and contentious potentials, as well as its continuities and discontinuities, religion is also currently a central object of sociological interest; it allows an exemplary reflection on social processes of transformation and stabilisation. This leads to multifaceted research on religious realities, both in European societies and in other world regions. In order to highlight the relations between religion and society, the *Section on Sociology of Religion* in the *German Sociological Association* (DGS) invites scholars to its VIth Open Conference, to present diverse, empirically and theoretically oriented contributions from a sociology of religion perspective.

Research themes may concern institutional conditions and organisational forms of religious practice, religious knowledge and beliefs, the configuration of power relations in the religious field, religious gender relations, processes of professionalisation or the diversification of religiosity towards popular religion and spiritualisation, religious movements, emotions and ritual forms or religious biographies, the negotiation of religious practices and identities in migration contexts or the representation of religiosity in the public sphere. Contributions to varying topics and areas are very welcome. A special focus of the conference is on methodological questions; several panels will be reserved for the discussion of this issue. The conference offers the opportunity to present and discuss different theoretical perspectives and empirical approaches (quantitative and qualitative) – and to network. The conference welcomes the presentation of current research projects and the discussion of topics that do not fit into the thematically focused events of the section. Junior scholars are particularly invited to submit abstracts. The primary language of the conference is German, however English papers are very welcome.

Deadline: Please submit abstracts of 250 words (in .doc or .pdf format) by May, 31st 2017 to the three organisers listed below:

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