

ANNOUNCEMENT

IX International Congress of Religious and Social Studies
Religion in the Wake of the Complex Challenges of the 21st Century.
(Havana, July 9th - July 13th, 2019)

The Department of Religious and Social Studies (DESR) at Center for Psychological and Sociological Research (CIPS), calls on academics, researchers and scholars of religious issues –Cuban and foreign–, to participate in the ninth meeting of the **INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS OF RELIGIOUS AND SOCIAL STUDIES**. The congress has been held every three years since 1995.

The event will be held July 9 to July 13, 2019. It is taking place in a complicated moment, marked by the grave social, economic, political, ethical, ethnic and cultural challenges that humanity currently faces. Such problems offer no immediate solutions, yet they generate particular repercussions for the field of religious studies.

Bearing this context in mind, the congress's central subject will be the following: **RELIGION IN THE WAKE OF THE COMPLEX CHALLENGES OF THE 21st CENTURY**. The goal is to foster an open and productive dialog from diverse approaches and points of view, where participants can demonstrate and debate their contributions in working groups (WG), presentations, panels, posters and videos, tailored to their areas of interest and expertise.

WG: The Reshaping of Religious Spaces in the First Decade of the 21st Century.

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- New religious movements in the first decade of the 21st century.
- Institutionalization and de-institutionalization of religious expression.
- Religious expression within communities.
- Charismatic religious leadership in the current moment.
- Religious expression and alternative social networks.
- Models of inter-faith cooperation. Which successful experiences can we learn from?

WG: Religion and Globalization.

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- *Religious practices and the environment.*
- Religion, the market and consumerist society.
- *Media influence in the globalization of religion.*
- *Migration and religious diaspora.*
- *Religion and regional identities in a globalized world.*
- *Tourism and religion in the era of Globalization.*

WG: Multiculturalism and Ethno-religious Diversity: Dialogue and Conflict.

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- Multireligious conflicts
- Interfaith dialogue and perspectives.
- Ethnic diversity and religious spaces.
- Multiculturalism and multi-religiosity.
- Religious pluralism.
- Folk religion and its social impact.

WG: Religion, Power, Hegemony, and Social Inequality.

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- Political and religious groups striving for power.
- Secular and confessional models: effectiveness, efficiency and necessities.
- Religion: an instrument of struggle, or of gender and racial inequity?
- Religion, the market, economic and social inequality, and hegemony.
- Holy wars or economic wars.
- Reshaping borders, religions and identity.
- Religious freedom.

Experience gained from the past eight meetings of the congress, where prominent religious studies and social science experts participated from all over the world, will ensure productive exchange, in a climate conducive to respectful debate and scientific rigor.

REGISTRATION.ABSTRACTS AND PRESENTATIONS DEADLINE.



Interested parties should send their presentation abstracts before October 20, 2018 via e-mail, with the following personal details:

1. Name(s), first and last.
2. Institutional affiliation.
3. Country.
4. Presentation Abstract (up to 250 words).



The speakers should send the following information before April 30, 2019:

- The full text of the presentation and permission for it to be published in electronic format (DVD). (The time of the presentation should be 10-15 minutes depending on the number of speakers)
- The technology that is required for the presentation (data, video, slide projector, etc.)



1) *Applications, abstracts and presentations should be sent to the email of each WG and of the official event:*

9noencuentrointernacional@cips.cu

2) *The head of the WG will answer the application within 15 working days.*



Official registration will take place on July 9, 2019, from 9 am to 5 pm at CIPS' head office, and on July 10, from 8:30 am to 9 am, at the event's venue:

Asociación Cultural Yoruba de Cuba,
Address: Calle Prado e/Monte y Dragones.
Old Havana , La Havana, Cuba. Zip Code: 10100.



Registration fee:

- Local Speakers: 150.00 CUP
 - Foreign Speakers: 150.00 CUC
 - Accompanying foreigners: 100.00 CUC
 - Local and foreign students (on receipt of the aforementioned registration): 80.00 CUP /CUC
- (CUC refers to Cuban Convertible Pesos)

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