

RE-ENCHANTING THE WORLD: SPIRITUALITIES AND RELIGIONS OF THE THIRD MILLENNIUM

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The 2019 CESNUR Conference

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CALL FOR PAPERS

The conference will assess the international, global-local, and local dimensions of religious change, religious pluralism, spirituality, minority religions, new religious movements, new movements within Islam and Christianity, Esotericism and the New Age, survey the current situation, and consider the fate of religious and spiritual groups as they change and relate to everyday life in an increasingly multi-cultural and trans-national world. Papers will be accepted from a variety of perspectives (sociology, history, anthropology, psychology, law, religious studies).

Topics will include: Change in Old and New Religions; Religion and Everyday Life; Societal Responses to Religious Diversity and Pluralism; Religious Movements between Mainstreaming and Marginalization; Religion, Spirituality, and Body; Religion Online and Online Religion; Magic, Esotericism, and the Sacred; Bio-religion and Politics; Prayer and Everyday Life; Young Generations; Lifestyles, Religion, and the Sacred; Gender and the Sacred; New Forms of Spirituality; New Religious Movements, Religious Liberty, and Refugee Issues; New Religious Movements and the Arts; and The Emergence of New Movements and Groups.

Those who would like to present papers are invited to submit a 200-word abstract of their paper (in English or Italian) and a 200-word curriculum vitae to cesnur_to@virgilio.it before **April 10, 2019**. Speakers will be allocated 20 minutes for their talks (but they can bring longer papers to give to interested participants or e-mail these later).

Those who would like to arrange a full session should assume that they will have 2 hours, allowing time for 5 speakers or, if they prefer, 3 or 4 speakers and more time for discussion. The session organiser should, in turn, submit a 200-word synopsis of the whole session and 200-word CVs and abstracts for each speaker to cesnur_to@virgilio.it before **April 10, 2019**. Authors of papers that have been accepted will be notified before May 15, 2019.

The conference will begin in the morning of Thursday September 5 and it will continue on Friday September 6. A field trip will be arranged on Saturday September 7 to Damanhur and the Church of Universal Soul, with some sessions organized in situ. Participants will be responsible for arranging their own accommodation: there are plenty of good hotels in downtown Torino and you may want to consult your travel agent. Further details about the conference will be available in due course on the CESNUR website (www.cesnur.org).