

Here is a call for papers in a panel entitled "Continuity and Change in Shinto" for the annual conference of the European Association for the Study of Religions (EASR) will be held in summer 2019 (June 25th-29th) in Tartu, Estonia.

OPEN SESSION (M. PYE): Continuity and Change in Shinto.

The history of "Shinto" has been much more turbulent than is sometimes recognized in simple presentations. Given the vicissitudes of adaptation or reinvention, there has recently been some reluctance to use the term at all with respect to earlier periods (Teeuwen). And yet there is a history of "Shinto" (Hardacre). Moreover, it is precisely by exploring the interactive dynamics of continuity and change that the real history of traditions such as this comes alive. In this panel the focus will be on major shifts in modern times, notably the dramatic, state-run disentanglement of Shinto and Buddhism (shinbutsu bunri) in the nineteenth century, the separation of religion and the state following the end of World War II, and more recent rapprochements between Shinto shrines such as Ise Jingū and leading Buddhist temples such as Hiei-zan. Among other things, attention will be paid to the twofold enthronement ceremonies (sokuinorei and daijōsai) for the new emperor (tennō), due to take place in 2019, and the way in which the relations between religion and state are navigated in this connection (paper by chairperson). There will be a call for up to three other papers which address the fields mentioned above, whether exploring changes which seem to contradict alleged continuity, or continuities which may be perceived in spite of evident change.

The deadline for the registration of individual papers is December 15th
Provisional enquiries may be made to the panel chair

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