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Call for Papers: *Surveying the 1960s: Religious and Scientific Entanglements* (open session)

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Abstract

In the study of religion, the 1960s and the 1970s are increasingly seen as a watershed with important implications not only for the history of religion in the West, but also for the theoretical reflection on the contemporary forms of religious life. At the same time, these decades also constitute a pivotal period for the institutionalisation of the academic study of religion in many countries. Against this backdrop, this panel analyses the entangled development of religious and social-scientific discourses and institutions from the 1960s through today. Drawing on various case studies, it combines historical research and systematic reflection addressing fundamental questions in the study of religion such as the functional (de)differentiation of religion and the social sciences, the “scientification” of religion, and the role of reflexive approaches in the study of religion.

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