

Call for papers for a special issue of *Studia Humana* on evolutionary perspectives of atheism/unbelief.

Despite increasing secularization and a decreasing role played by institutionalized religions in the western world, many scholars within the study of religion – from history through sociology and evolutionary accounts – continue to focus their inquiries on the study of the religious, without giving much attention to non-believers. There are few evolutionary explanations of atheism, and those that exist are either under-developed or investigate atheism through the lens and default starting position of religious belief. Scholars interested in the evolutionary study of atheism (including unbelief, nonbelief, agnosticism, etc.) are encouraged to submit their paper proposals to the special issue of the “*Studia Humana*” journal published by De Gruyter (affiliate at the Department of Philosophy and Cognitive Science at the University of Information Technology and Management in Rzeszow, Poland). Among others, the following topics will be considered:

- \* Critical evaluations of CSR and other literatures that approach nonbelief as an irregularity
- \* Atheism as an adaptation/feature of evolution
- \* Atheism in the light of bio-behavioral and epidemiological theories of culture
- \* Atheism in the light of gene-culture co-evolutionary approaches
- \* Atheism as a default or alternate human cognitive mode
- \* The atheistic worldview being an evolutionary source of morality
- \* Atheism as group and/or individual level adaptation
- \* Ultimate causes of atheism
- \* The evolutionary functions of atheism

Note: Atheism is being used as a blanket-term here for any studies dealing with the religiously unaffiliated, unbelievers, non-believers, and to a lesser extent, agnostics. If your work falls within these boundaries, please feel free to submit an article.

Papers should be submitted by the end of December to [messickk@uni.coventry.ac.uk](mailto:messickk@uni.coventry.ac.uk) <<mailto:messickk@uni.coventry.ac.uk>>. Please include “*Studia Humana* Special Issue” in the title of the email. We anticipate the special issue entering press around the middle of 2019.

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