

Call for Papers

Welcome to an interdisciplinary summer school and conference

Religion and Cultural Change

Åbo/Turku 8–10 June, 2020

Conference website: www.abo.fi/rcc

Keynote speakers:

Prof. Catharina Raudvere, University of Copenhagen, Denmark

Prof. Anders Runesson, University of Oslo, Norway

Prof. Rebecca Catto, Kent State University, Ohio, USA

The aim of this summer school and conference is to bring together doctoral candidates and postdoctoral researchers from various academic fields that engage with the study of religion, such as theology, religious studies, history, philosophy, the arts, social and political sciences and other. We invite papers that engage with the theme Religion and Cultural Change from both historical and contemporary perspectives, also looking to the future where possible. We understand cultural change both as dramatic breaking points in history and as slowly evolving transformations and will address past, present and emerging trends and trajectories within culture, society and the scholarly community. The societal relevance and impact of our research is also an important theme.

The summer school will consist of working groups, tutored by the keynote presenters and other academic teachers, where doctoral candidates are given the opportunity to present and discuss their ongoing PhD work in a cross-disciplinary, international setting. Postdoc researchers will present their papers in sessions running parallel to the summer school. Thematic groups and working groups dealing with particular theories or methodologies may also be held.

Selected papers from the conference will be published as a special issue of the peer-reviewed open access journal *Approaching Religion*, published by the Donner Institute: <https://journal.fi/ar>. For further information, please see the conference website.

To apply, please send an abstract of approximately 150 words to csc@utu.fi no later than 31 January, 2020. Letters of acceptance will be posted no later than 15 February, 2020. Upon acceptance to the summer school, doctoral candidates will furthermore be asked to submit a 500-word synopsis of their research theme no later than 1 May, 2020.

The summer school is arranged as a joint venture between three different research bodies in Åbo/Turku: the Centre for the Study of Christian Cultures (CSCC) at the University of Turku, the Polin Institute for Theological Research at Åbo Akademi University and the Donner Institute for

Research in Religion and Culture (DI).

Welcome to Turku/Åbo!