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Introduction

Will Sweetman, Congress Director

In preparing this record of papers and panels accepted for the XXIIInd World Congress of IAHR, I have become acutely aware of what we lost with its cancellation. Many, many people have lost far more in this terrible year, putting the cancellation of just another conference in perspective. It is nevertheless our hope that this record of a congress that never met serves to remind us of the value of our very ordinary interactions with colleagues at events such as this. The IAHR Congresses I have attended—in Durban, Tokyo and Toronto—were formative for my career as a scholar of religion, allowing me to meet in person scholars whose works I had read, and to discover other scholars whose works I went on to read with great benefit. I regret in particular that our students in this part of the world have lost an opportunity that will likely not come again for them.

As I write this, on what would have been the final full day of the Congress, it is obvious that there was no alternative to cancellation. New Zealand's borders remain all but closed, and it is difficult even for New Zealand citizens to enter the country from overseas. Whether it would have been sensible to have postponed the Congress until 2021, only time will tell. In late February, even as we began to assess applications for travel grants and to think of how we would organise the accepted individual papers into panels for the academic programme we were also beginning to wonder to what extent the coronavirus would affect the Congress. Just a couple of weeks later, on March 10 (one day before the World Health Organisation declared a pandemic), we advised all those on the Congress mailing list to delay making travel plans and promised a further announcement in early April. We also began contingency planning for a much smaller meeting, given that travel to New Zealand from China, Korea and Iran had already been restricted. The worldwide uncertainty about conferences had its first major impact on us when we were informed on March 17 that Dynamics, the professional conference organisers we had engaged to run the Congress, were insolvent. We were fortunate that the owners of Dynamics—Scott and Bea Bellingham—acted with absolute integrity in swiftly returning all the funds they held on behalf of the Congress. Even as, and after, they lost their jobs, the staff at Dynamics—Jade Taylor and Katie Bowden—continued to assist us in many ways. We remain grateful to all of them for their work on our behalf.

By March 26, as New Zealand entered one of the most stringent lockdowns in the world, it was apparent that we could not possibly meet in 2020 and we announced the cancellation of the Congress. We considered the possibility of announcing a postponement for one year, but there were several reasons why we did not. First, and most important, it was already clear to the local

organising committee that our priority in the coming months had to be minimising the disruption to the education of our students. All of the organisers had significant other responsibilities in this respect. It was also clear that the financial landscape of our university, and that of all universities, had profoundly altered. However many delegates we might have expected in 2020, fewer would have been able to travel in 2021. We were also conscious that the IAHR requests its member associations not to hold their own meetings in the year of a congress. Many national and regional associations were not meeting in 2020; to ask them not to meet for a second year would be unfair to those unable to travel to New Zealand. If national and regional associations did meet in 2021, it would inevitably reduce still further the numbers who would be able to come to the Congress.

The IAHR had provided substantial initial financial support for the Congress, for which we were and are grateful. Nevertheless, the IAHR's "Basic Framework for Running an IAHR World Congress" makes clear that the IAHR cannot be held liable for financial losses. The NZASR has no financial reserves to speak of and we were therefore grateful that the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Otago, Professor Harlene Hayne, and the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Humanities, Professor Tony Ballantyne, had willingly agreed in 2016 to underwrite the Congress, making it possible for us to accept the IAHR's offer to host the Congress in 2020. As Congress Director, I did not think we should even request the same financial guarantee for 2021. For all these reasons, we reluctantly decided to cancel, not to postpone, the Otago Congress.

A third option, urged on us by some international colleagues, would have been to have held a virtual Congress. The organising committee took the view that New Zealand's time zone and limited IT infrastructure meant that we would not have been well-placed to hold a virtual event. My own view is that there are other, and better, means to achieve what virtual conferences can achieve. What they cannot replace is the opportunity to interact with colleagues over several days in a range of contexts, both formal and informal. It was for these reasons that we had also declined the earlier suggestion that we run a virtual congress alongside the face to face meeting, even though we appreciated the concerns of those members of the IAHR who told us New Zealand was too remote, and travel there too expensive, for them to consider attending a congress. (Those of us who are fortunate enough to live and work in New Zealand do not need to be told how far it is from the rest of the world and how much it costs to travel to virtually every other international scholarly meeting!)

Both the financial liability for IAHR Congresses and the value of virtual events deserve further consideration by the various committees of the IAHR and all its member associations. Here is not the place for me to comment further, I mention them only to explain why we chose to cancel and not to postpone or make virtual the 2020 Congress. It remains for me to thank those who helped us to prepare for the Congress and to manage its cancellation.

First, on behalf of the NZASR and the local organising committee, I wish to express our gratitude to the Executive Committee of the IAHR for the confidence they expressed in us, and for the honour they bestowed upon us, by accepting our proposal to host the Congress. In particular, the President of the IAHR, Professor Tim Jensen, and the Acting Secretary General, Professor Satoko Fujiwara, worked tirelessly to support and advise us as we prepared for the Congress. Our association, and our discipline, are extremely fortunate to have leaders of such integrity and with such selfless commitment to the wellbeing of our academic enterprise. We are still more fortunate that both have committed to serving a further term in their roles.

The Treasurer of the IAHR, Dr Philippe Bornet, also worked extremely hard to support our efforts, and provided timely and wise advice throughout. I am personally particularly grateful for his help in the protracted process of ensuring that all those who registered and paid deposits for accommodation or other events at the Congress were refunded in full and, where necessary, compensated as far as possible for shifts in exchange rates.

I am grateful also to our Advisory Committee, chaired by Professor Jensen and Professor Paul Morris, and to all the members of the Organising Committee for their willingness to support us, and for their efforts to advocate for the Congress. Professor Joseph Bulbulia's advice and advocacy was particularly important and I am grateful for all that he did to help realise the goal of hosting the Congress in New Zealand. I wish also to acknowledge Tuari Potiki, the Director of the Office of Māori Development at the University of Otago, for his advice on aspects of tikanga Māori in relation to the Congress.

We were delighted that seven keynote speakers accepted our invitation to come and address the Congress. We regret that we were not able to hear your addresses and hope that there will be another opportunity to have you speak here. We are very grateful also to those organisations who had undertaken to sponsor keynote speakers: the Database of Religious History, the Japan Federation of Societies for the Study of Religions, the Dhammachai International Research Institute, the Australian Association for the Study of Religion, and the Division of Humanities at the University of Otago.

Most of the hard work in preparing for the Congress fell on the Academic Programme Committee. The co-chairs, Professors Ben Schonthal, John Shaver, and Ann Taves devoted many hours to designing and fine-tuning a process for submissions which would ensure timely blind review of the well over 600 submissions that were received for the Congress. The co-chairs of each of the seven themes for the academic programme dealt promptly and professionally with the submissions in their respective themes. We are grateful also to the wider oversight committee who assisted with advice in difficult cases and where help was required with resubmissions. The names of the members of all the committees will be found below.

We are grateful also to all the members of the New Zealand Association for the Study of Religions for their trust in those of us who lead the bid to host the Congress. Dr Wil Hoverd deserves special thanks for his role in bringing this about. The Executive Committee, and many of the members, of the Australian Association for the Study of Religion were also staunch supporters of our bid and we look forward to continuing close collaboration between our associations.

The organising committee is grateful also to the Business Events team, Tourism New Zealand, for supporting development of the bid, funding the financial feasibility report and the costs of travel in the early stages of planning. Enterprise Dunedin and the Dunedin City Council also assisted greatly in the early stages and in helping to promote the Congress. I am grateful also to Steve Willis, the Chief Operating Officer of the University of Otago, and his team for their advice and support with the financial management of the Congress. All those who received refunds for registration and other fees owe a special debt of gratitude to Quentin Johnson for the work he did—well beyond the requirements of his position—in the days and months following the insolvency of Dynamics.

Finally, we extend our sincere thanks to all those who submitted papers and panels for the Congress. We regret that you did not have the opportunity to present them. It would have been our delight to have welcomed you all to our part of the world, to have shown you how religion is studied here, and not least to have shown off your work to our colleagues in other disciplines in this region.

Nō reira, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou katoa.

Will Sweetman, Congress Director, Dunedin, August 2020

Acknowledgements

Tim Jensen, IAHR President

As a small association, with limited human and financial resources, hosting the IAHR Congress will be a challenge for the NZASR, but it is one to which we are determined to rise. We have the full and enthusiastic support both of the University of Otago and of the City of Dunedin. We will be able to draw on their considerable resources and experience in hosting major conferences. All of the Religious Studies programs in the country support this bid. Staff at Massey and Canterbury who formerly taught in Religious Studies have also expressed their enthusiasm for being involved. The NZASR has strong relations on many levels with the Australian Association for the Study of Religions, and we have also been promised assistance from the AASR and Departments of Religious Studies in Australia with organisation and fundraising.

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The NZASR was affiliated with the IAHR at the XVIIth Congress in Mexico City in 1995. The year 2020 thus marks both a half-century since the NZASR's establishment and the 25th anniversary of our affiliation with the IAHR. We can think of no better way of celebrating both than by hosting the XXIIInd Congress in Aotearoa New Zealand.

Thus, read central parts of a May 17, 2016 formal bid (inserted in a 56-page booklet, *Proposal to Host the 22nd Congress of the International Association for the History of Religions*) from the NZASR and the University of Otago.

However, initial talks and deliberations started many years before the NZASR, and the University of Otago, filed that formal bid. In Toronto 2010, during the XXth World Congress, I, then IAHR General Secretary, approached Prof. Will Sweetman, trying to encourage him to start talks with his NZASR colleagues about exactly this: filing a bid in the not too distant future to host an IAHR World Congress.

It took some time (it is a major and extremely time consuming task, not only to host a World Congress but also to compose a bid) for Will, in 2010 a 'junior scholar', to convince his (senior) colleagues in New Zealand and Otago that it was time for the NZASR to make it possible for the IAHR to consider holding a World Congress in this part of the world: Sydney 1985, after all, was a

long time ago and had been followed by Rome 1990, Mexico City 1995, Durban 2000, Tokyo 2005, Toronto 2010, and Erfurt 2015.

While it took a little time for Will Sweetman and his colleagues to reach the conclusion to file a bid, once received it took the IAHR Executive Committee almost no time to agree that the XXIIInd IAHR World Congress should be hosted by NZASR and the University of Otago. The bid was absolutely convincing, and yes: it most certainly was time for New Zealand to host the World Congress. It would, moreover, be perfectly in line with the IAHR principle of rotating its world congresses around the world, honoring its diverse national and regional membership and highlighting and promoting scholarship globally and locally. No matter if the NZASR had hosted an IAHR Special Conference at Victoria University in Wellington in December 2002, with the theme 'What Is Religion For? Asian-Pacific Perspectives' (cf. the 2004 linked publication).

So, no time to waste, and, consequently, in November 2016, half a year later, during the AAR Annual Meeting in San Antonio, I, by then IAHR President, met with John Shaver, who, with Will Sweetman, Ben Schonthal, and Joseph Bulbulia would be the key persons in the local organizing committee.

Moreover, already in February 2017, the Otago hosts facilitated a site visit, thus making it possible for me to take a close look at campus facilities, hotels, transportation, options for excursions as well as to meet all the key persons, including the enthusiastic and very supportive Vice-Chancellor as well as the equally engaged and supportive representatives from the local tourism office. I could report back to the EC that the XXIIInd IAHR World Congress in Dunedin hosted by the NZASR and the University of Otago would beyond doubt be yet another milestone in the history of the IAHR. Both in terms of the continuity and innovation of the academic program and in terms of 'place': New Zealand and Dunedin was worth while travelling to (I once compared the colors of the landscapes to colors I have not seen since I was a young man trying LSD), and besides: it might be a good thing for a lot of IAHR participants travelling to New Zealand to realize how far our New Zealand and Australian colleagues have to travel to get to conferences in e.g. Europe.

So, everybody, the IAHR Executive Committee and the local organizing committee, with the support of the NZASR and all individual NZ scholars as well of the AASR and Australian scholars, got to work immediately. And the work went on, day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year. Apart from the daily work conducted from their desks in Otago and wherever else they might have been located, Will Sweetman and John Shaver—following in the footsteps of Donald Wiebe, Luther Martin, and Ivan Khan (up to Toronto 2010), and Elizabeth Begemann (up to Erfurt 2015)—patiently, day after day, sat in an IAHR World Congress booth (thanks to the AAR for facilitating this!) in the not-so-colorful Book Exhibit Hall during the AAR meetings in 2017, 2018, 2019, handing out pamphlets and other information about the IAHR World Congress in Otago 2020. Moreover, Will Sweetman travelled to several other IAHR events and regularly informed the IAHR EC during its annual meetings about the ongoing work.

In Otago, of course, preparations continued on a daily basis with regard to the selection of keynote speakers, the website, registration, criteria for partial funding, early bird and later registration, paper and panel proposals, hotel and other accommodation, excursions, finances, etc. With the IAHR daily leadership constantly being involved and informed.

At some point all the various congress committees also came into being, and the academic program committee, co-chaired by John Shaver, Ben Schonthal and Ann Taves, the IAHR Deputy Secretary General who is normally the one to perform this task on behalf of the IAHR EC, could start its hard, complicated and meticulous work vetting paper and panel proposals. And, IAHR members all around the globe were busy writing and submitting panel and paper proposals, making plans for travel and for special events at the congress etc.

Then came COVID-19. In February 2020, we all immediately realized that this might constitute a severe threat to many countries and to the Otago 2020 World Congress. Though we decided to keep on keeping on, we also decided to keep a close eye on the situation in New Zealand and around the world. Alas: the time came around when we simply had to meet online and take the decision to cancel the XXIIInd IAHR World Congress in Dunedin, Aotearoa New Zealand. Years and years of hard preparatory and promising work thus was frustrated, and to the best of our judgment we could not even ‘just’ postpone it to 2021. For lots of reasons.

Following the cancellation, moreover, the hard work did not stop. On the contrary: Will Sweetman and his Otago colleagues, together with not least the IAHR Treasurer and Secretary General, had to spend a lot of time ‘uninstalling’ everything, including refunding registration fees, dealing with reservations of rooms in hotels, etc., etc.

So: it goes without saying that everybody involved would have preferred that the work performed by all the people mentioned—and a lot of people not mentioned—had resulted in the IAHR XXII World Congress in Dunedin in the last week of August 2020 at the campus of the University of Otago.

As the IAHR President I certainly would have preferred to speak my words of welcome and thanks to the IAHR participants and the hosts and members of various committees gathered at the University of Otago, rather than writing this ‘Preface’ to this record of the Congress.

I certainly would also have loved to take the opportunity to congratulate the NZASR on its 50th anniversary (and its 25th anniversary as an IAHR member association), and to have the World Congress make NZASR and the study of religion in Aotearoa New Zealand (but also the study of religion elsewhere in the region, Australia included) the ‘center of the world’, at least for that one week.

Having made this clear, please allow me to end this kind of welcome with sincere and heartfelt thanks to each and all of the local hosts, Prof. Paul Morris, co-chair of the Advisory Committee included, as well as to the AASR and Australian colleagues who have been in support of the Otago host from day one. Allow me also to extend thanks to the IAHR Acting Secretary General 2017–2020 Prof. Satoko Fujiwara, to the IAHR Treasurer, Prof. Philippe Bornet, and to IAHR Deputy General Secretary, Prof. Ann Taves for their important contributions to the preparation of the planned Congress.

Sincere and heartfelt thanks, of course, are extended to each and every participant *in spe*, to each and everybody who registered, submitted proposals, made travel plans, dreamed of going to Otago. To each and everybody writing and submitting abstracts, and thus to everybody contributing in this way to this record.

Last but not least, please allow me to extend special thanks to Prof. Sweetman who took this task upon himself already back in 2010 when still a ‘junior scholar’. I know Will is still exhausted, frustrated and deeply disappointed, and I can only wish that this whole process and its not so satisfactory end result has not yet made his hair grey before time, even if he has no doubt grown into a senior scholar since I first met him in Toronto 2010.

Tim Jensen, IAHR President, Copenhagen, September 2020

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Keynote Addresses

Jerusalem in Cultural Memory among Jews, Christians and Muslims: The Centre Out There

Guy Stroumsa

Guy G. Stroumsa is Martin Buber Professor Emeritus of Comparative Religion, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem and Professor Emeritus of the Study of the Abrahamic Religions, and Emeritus Fellow of Lady Margaret Hall, University of Oxford. He is a Member of the Israel Academy of Sciences and Humanities and holds an honorary doctorate from the University of Zurich. He received the Humboldt Research Award and the Leopold-Lucas Prize, and is a Chevalier de l'Ordre du Mérite.

Author of fifteen books and more than one hundred and forty articles, editor or co-editor of twenty-one books. Among his recent publications: *Religions d'Abraham: histoires croisées* (Geneva, 2017), *The Scriptural Universe of Ancient Christianity* (Cambridge, Mass, 2016), *The Making of the Abrahamic Religions in Late Antiquity* (Oxford, 2015), *A New Science: the Discovery of Religion in the Age of Reason* (Cambridge, Mass., 2010), and *The End of Sacrifice: Religious Transformations of Late Antiquity* (Chicago, 2009; paperback 2012; Original French edition, 2005; also Italian, German and Hebrew translations).

God, Emeritus

Vasudha Narayanan

Vasudha Narayanan is Distinguished Professor, Department of Religion, at the University of Florida and a past President of the American Academy of Religion (2001–2002). She was educated at the Universities of Madras and Bombay in India, and at Harvard University. Her fields of interest are the Hindu traditions in India, Cambodia, and America; visual and expressive cultures in the study of the Hindu traditions; and gender issues. She is currently working on Hindu temples and traditions in Cambodia.

She is the author or editor of numerous books and articles, chapters in books, and encyclopedia entries. In addition, she is the associate editor of the six-volume *Brill's Encyclopedia of Hinduism*. Her research has been supported by grants and fellowships from several organizations including the Centre for Khmer Studies, the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation, the American Institute of Indian Studies/Smithsonian, and the Social Science Research Council.

Digital Humanities: Bringing the Peripheries Into the Centre

Edward Slingerland

Edward Slingerland is Distinguished University Scholar and Professor of Asian Studies at the University of British Columbia. His research specialties and teaching interests include Warring States (5th–3rd c. BCE), Chinese thought, religious studies, cognitive linguistics, ethics, and the relationship between the humanities and the natural sciences. His publications include several academic monographs and edited volumes, approximately forty refereed articles in top journals in a wide variety of fields, and a trade book entitled *Trying Not to Try: Modern Science, Ancient China and the Power of Spontaneity* (Crown, 2014). He is also Director of the Database of Religious History (DRH; religiondatabase.org).

Joan of Arc's Two Bodies: A Study in Political Anthropology

Winnifred Sullivan

Winnifred F. Sullivan, JD, PhD, University of Chicago, is professor in the department of religious studies, Indiana University Bloomington. She studies the intersection of religion and law in the modern period, particularly the phenomenology of modern religion as it is shaped in its encounter with law. Sullivan is the author of *The Impossibility of Religious Freedom* (Princeton, 2005), *Prison Religion: Faith-based Reform and the Constitution* (Princeton, 2009), and *A Ministry of Presence: Chaplaincy, Spiritual Care and the Law* (2014), co-author of *Ekklesia: Three Studies in Church and State* (Chicago, 2018), and co-editor of *Politics of Religious Freedom* (Chicago, 2015).

Prospects for the Study of Religions in the Digital Age: Responding from Asian Perspectives to Evolving Diversity in Digital Scholarship

Masahiro Shimoda

Masahiro Shimoda is a Professor in the Department of Indian Philosophy and Buddhist Studies with a cross appointment of the director of the Digital Humanities Initiative in the Graduate School of Humanities and Sociology, the University of Tokyo.

In his primary research Professor Shimoda has, through methodological reflection and philological criticism, striven to elucidate the process of the formation of Buddhist scriptures in ancient India. He has also made a great contribution to creating a new environment for humanities studies in Asia in the digital age, by working to create a large-scale digital platform named SAT, comprising more than a dozen international projects.

He is the president of the Japanese Association of Indian and Buddhist Studies and former president of the Japanese Association for Digital Humanities (2011–2018). He has been in charge of the trans-school program of Digital Humanities at the University of Tokyo since 2012. Shimoda has received seven prizes from differing academies and organizations, one of which is the Highest Decoration of Excellence awarded by the chair of the National Assembly of the Thai Government in 2011.

Porosity and Boundedness: How the Way We Imagine Our Minds Affects the Way We Experience Gods and Spirits

Tanya Marie Luhrmann

Tanya Marie Luhrmann is the Watkins University Professor in the Stanford Anthropology Department. Her work focuses on the edge of experience: on voices, visions, the world of the supernatural and the world of psychosis. She has done ethnography on the streets of Chicago with homeless and psychotic women, and worked with people who hear voices in Chennai, Accra and the South Bay. She has also done fieldwork with evangelical Christians who seek to hear God speak back, with Zoroastrians who set out to create a more mystical faith, and with people who practice magic. She uses a combination of ethnographic and experimental methods to understand the phenomenology of unusual sensory experiences, the way they are shaped by ideas about minds and persons, and what we can learn from this social shaping that can help us to help those whose voices are distressing.

She was elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences in 2003 and received a John Guggenheim Fellowship award in 2007. *When God Talks Back* was named a NYT Notable Book of the Year and a Kirkus Reviews Best Book of the Year.

The Cultural Evolution of Religion: Testing Times

Russell Gray

Russell Gray completed his Ph.D. at the University of Auckland in 1990. He spent four years lecturing at the University of Otago before returning to the School of Psychology at the University of Auckland. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society of New Zealand and has been awarded with several fellowships, as well as the inaugural Mason Durie Medal for his pioneering contributions to social science. He is the Director of the Department of Linguistic and Cultural Evolution at the Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History in Jena, and holds adjunct positions in the School of Psychology at the University of Auckland and the Department of Philosophy at the Australian National University.

Russell Gray's research spans the areas of cultural evolution, linguistics, animal cognition, and the philosophy of biology. He helped pioneer the application of computational evolutionary methods to questions about linguistic prehistory and cultural evolution. His core research focuses on questions about the history of languages, cultures and people in Southeast Asia and the Pacific. Together with Simon Greenhill he developed a large lexical database for the languages of this region. They analysed this data using Bayesian phylogenetic methods to test hypotheses about the sequence and timing of the peopling of the Pacific. The results revealed striking patterns of expansion pulses and pauses.

This linguistic work set the stage for his recent research applying ecological and evolutionary methods to questions about the cultural evolution of religion and the development of large-scale stratified societies both in the Pacific and around the globe. This research has found that notions of god vary with ecology, that moralising gods promote the development of social complexity, and in a darker vein, that ritual human sacrifice promotes and sustains the evolution of stratified societies. He has published over 100 journal articles and book chapters including nine papers in *Nature* and *Science*.

Panels and Papers

Historicizing and Embodying

Organised panels

The Indigenous Religion of the Philippines: Perspectives and Persistence

Rhuda M. Mujal

De La Salle University, Dasmariñas
The Meaning of Death for the Iraynon-Bukidnon in San Remegio, Antique

Esmeralda F. Sanchez

Holy Angel University, Angeles, Pampanga
The Cosmology of the Alangan Mangyans of Sablayan, Occidental Mindoro

Teruel Reishan

Northern Iloilo Polytechnic State College
Fisher Folks' Indigenous Beliefs and Practices of San Dionisio, Iloilo

Felicidad P. Galang-Perena

University of Santo Tomas, Manila
The Libad (Fluvial Procession) of Bulacan: Faith, Fiesta and Fortitude—Locating the Memory of Christianity in the Philippines

Mark Inigo M. Tallara

De La Salle University
Popular Catholicism in the Philippines: An Ethnohistorical Analysis of Performing Panata to Nuestro Padre Jesus Nazareno of Quiapo and Nuestra Señora De La Paz Y Buen Viaje of Antipolo

Glenford Canada-Juntilla Franca

Southern Philippines Agri-Business and Marine and Aquatic School of Technology
B'laan T'logan: The Marker of B'laan of Kiblawan Identity

Religions and Religious Cultures in Modern Japan: Government's Policy Changes and Their Impact

Nobuyuki Kojima

Joetsu University of Education
Military Police's Oppression of the SAJ in 1940: Focusing on the Process

Aya Oba

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Political Shift and the New Life Movement in Post-war Japan: Simplification of Weddings and Funerals

Yoshiro Terada

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Form of Lay Buddhism in Japan: The Case of Bukkyo-kanka-kyusaikai/Houonji

Calendar and Religion in Japanese Tradition: Buddhism, Shintō, and Onmyōdō

Masahiko Okada

Tenri University
Calendar and Buddhism in Japan

Makoto Hayashi

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Calendar's Notes and Onmyōdō

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Religion and Citizenship: Christian Minority Responses to the State in the Periphery

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Cultural Deference, Community Survival: Sri Lankan Catholicism and the Perils of Religious Nationalism

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On a Mission to Save China: Religious Citizenship and Overseas Chinese Christian Business People in Post-1979 Shanghai

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State Policies and Christian Practices among the Austronesian-Speaking Amis of Taiwan

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At the Margins of the State: Pentecostalism and Changing Notions of Citizenship among the Bhils of India

New Perspectives on Religious Practitioners in Early Modern Japan

Stephen Eskildsen

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Moments of Metaphysical Meaning-Making: Ethnography of Contemporary Death and Dying in Finland

Call, Rebekah

Claremont Graduate University
A Comparative Approach to Nakedness in the Garden of Eden Narratives of the Hebrew Bible and the Qur'an

Ding, Ruizhong

Shaanxi Academy Of Social Sciences, China
Chinese Traditional Musical Notation Gongche pu 工尺 and Rural Catholic Church

Enstedt, Daniel

University of Gothenburg, Sweden
Organizing Qigong in Contemporary Sweden

Eriksen, Maud Marion Laird

Uppsala University
The Gardens of Gods: Vitality and Vulnerability. A Study of Historical and Contemporary Garden Design and Symbolism

Eskildsen, Stephen

International Christian University, Tokyo
Closing the Breath 閉氣 and Sending Out the Spirit 出神: Why did Zhang Boduan 張伯端 Associate Such Things with Buddhists?

Fagerström, Christina

Lund University
Practice of the Baltic Sea Labyrinths during the Middle Ages

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University of Mazandaran
Religious Violence and Its Demographic Drivers: New Zealand's Christchurch Mosques Tragedy in Global Context

Galadari, Abdulla

Khalifa University of Science & Technology
The Qur'an and Gnosticism: Engagement with Peripheral Christianity

Gearon, Liam Francis

University of Oxford
Landscapes of Encounter: The Portrayal of Catholicism in the Novels of Brian Moore

Gonnerman, Mark

Foothill College
Photognostica: Art and Ideas in Minor White and Gao Xingjian

Hardy, Ann

University of Waikato
Interconnected Individuals: Emotion and Embodiment in New Zealand Religious Filmmaking.

Havlicek, Jakub and Topinka, Daniel

Palacky University
Religion and Environmentalism: Global Concerns and Local Issues in Representing the Identities of Native Americans in the State of Washington

Hegazy, Wael

University of California Santa Barbara/Al-Azhar University
Sainthood in Religious, Social and Political Context: A Comparative Study between Pakistani and Egyptian Sufi Models

Heo, Moon Suk

Hanmaum Academy
The Concept of One Mind in Korean Buddhism in the Past and Today

Higashibaba, Ikuo

Tenri University
Summa Theologiae in Sixteenth-century Popular Catechism in Japan

Igboin, Benson

Adekunle Ajasin University, Nigeria
Avoiding Syncretism, Embracing Intersectionality: A Case of African Indigenous Religion and African Pentecostalism

Inoue, Madoka

Seisen University
'Religion' in the Educational Culture of Russia

Jackson Rova, Peter

Stockholm University
Utopia and Otherworld: Places out of Place from the Orphics to Sir Thomas More

Jones, Holly Miller

University of Otago
Life-Prolonging Medical Care and Religiosity

Kanagasundaram, Varuni

RMIT University, Melbourne
Threshold Ritual in the Hindu Tradition as Expression of Migrants: A Creative Translation

Kapalo, James

University College Cork
Materialising the Underground: Secret Police Archives as Sources in the Study of Religions in Central and Eastern Europe

Kazmina, Olga

Moscow State University
American and European Christian Organizations Answering the Challenges of Migration Crisis

Kazuuo, Kumata

Aichi-Gakuin University
The Founder of Tenrikyo and Violence

King, Rebekka

Middle Tennessee State University
Toward an Anthropology of Prophecy: a Case Study on Mediation, Materiality, and the Failure of Meaning

Kippenberg, Hans

University of Bremen
"The Right to Manifest Religion in Public": Fundamental Requirements according to the Declaration of Human Rights, the UN Human Rights Committee and the European Court of Human Rights

Kreisel, Howard

Ben-Gurion University of the Negev
The Evolution of Religious Authority in Judaism: Maimonides' (1138–1204) Attempt to Create a New Narrative

Kulinich, Alena

Seoul National University
Material Riches or Spiritual Treasures? Wealth in Medieval Readings of the Qur'an

Lee, Mina

University of Tokyo
The Humanistic Concept of Judaism in the Seventeenth-century Polemic against Christian Doctrine by Leone Modena

Mahlamäki, Tiina

University of Turku
Posthumous life of Journalist Perttu Häkkinen (1979–2018) in the Esoteric Scene of Finland

Makkonen, Oulia Adzhoha Sika

Uppsala University
What is Authentically African?

Matsuzawa, Hiroki

Seijo University
The Mysticism of Henry of Friemar the Elder

Mattsson, Douglas

Södertörn University
"Abu-Lahab, stone him": Islamic Semiotics in Turkish Black Metal

Mech, Anna

University of Warsaw

*The Visible Invisible: Women in Public Religious Life of Roman-age Liburnia***Mohammadi Shirmahaleh, Shekoufeh**

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*From a Central Asian Myth to a Shiite Ritual: The Ritual Journey of Siyavash***Murashko, Andrei**

Higher School of Economics, Moscow

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*Religious Nationalism in Contemporary Japan as Expressed in Students' Assignments***Newton, Richard**

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Concordia University

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Valparaiso University

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University of Verona

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Maria Curie-Skłodowska University

*Ending Thought: A Critical Assessment of Some of Jiddu Krishnamurti's Key Concepts from the Perspective of Cognitive Science***Possamai, Adam**

Western Sydney University

*Freedom for and from Religions in Neo-liberal Societies***Pratt, Douglas**

University of Auckland

*Christian-Muslim Relations: Dynamics of Encounter in the First Millennium***Racius, Egdunas**

Vytautas Magnus University

*Institutional Churchification of Islam in Eastern Europe***Radford, Raymond**

University of Sydney

*The Great Replacement: Fear of a Black Planet***Rane, Halim**

Griffith University

*Islam in Australia: Muslim Typologies and Approaches to Interpreting the Quran***Rees, Robert**

Graduate Theological Union

*On the Edge of the Inside: Negotiating the Space Between the Committed Center of a Religious Tradition and the Disillusioned, Disaffected or Disaffiliated Peripheries***Rota, Andrea**

University of Bern

Collective Emotions without Collective Efferescence: The Case of Jehovah's Witnesses

Ruprecht, Louis

Georgia State University
Crete as Cosmopolis: The History of Mixing on a Greek Island in the Centre of the Sea, from Homer to St. Paul

Saito, Takashi

Nanzan Institute for Religion and Culture
Representations of the Dead in the Peony Lantern Ghost Stories

Schille-Hudson, Eleanor

Indiana University
The Mystic and the Mathematician: Describing and Explaining Similarities in Perceptual Experience of the Supernatural

Schumann, Åsa

Södertörns University/Uppsala University
The Relation between Sense of Coherence and Three Identity Domains among Swedish Adolescents with Different Religious Backgrounds

Scott, Jamie

York University
Painting Jesus Black: The Liberating Theology of Ronald Harrison's 'Black Christ' (South Africa, 1962)

Sjö, Sofia

Åbo Akademi University
Media, Religion and Young Adults: A Transnational View

Skora, Kara Ellis

"A Bird Should Not Keep Long on Its Branch": Synthesizing Cultural Change through Innovations in Asante Funerary Ritual

Smith, Geraldine

University of Tasmania
The Politics of Exclusion and Inclusion at Multifaith Rituals

Solares, Blanca

Universidad Nacional Autónoma de México
Femininity and Cosmogony: The Goddess in Ancient Mexico and Ancient Peru

Szilárdi, Réka

University of Szeged
Festival Religion

Topinka, Daniel and Havlicek, Jakub

Palacky University
Differences in Social Distance to Muslims in Central and Eastern Europe: Perspectives and Interpretations

Trzcionkowski, Lech

Jagiellonian University
Centre and Periphery as a Cultural Factor in the Distribution of Greek Mysteries Cults: The Case of Bacchic Cult in Classical and Hellenistic Period

Tsilpi, Chikas

University of Jos, Nigeria
Boko Haram Insurgency and New Challenges to Muslim Girls' Education in North-Eastern Nigeria

Vaclavik, David

Masaryk University
"Czech" Atheism and its Forms

Variyar, Suvarna

University of Sydney
Dharma, Caste, and the Place of a Woman in Valmiki's Ramayana

Variyar, Suvarna

University of Sydney
Taking Destiny by the Song: Contrasting Representations of Civil Religion and Religious Nationhood in the USA's Hamilton and France's 1789: Les Amants de la Bastille

Vartejanu Joubert, Madalina

Inalco Paris
Para basileus ho nomos agraphos: Law of God and God Subject to the Law in Rabbinic Judaism

Wellendorf, Jonas

University of California, Berkeley
The Austrfararvísur and Interreligious Contact in Conversion Age Scandinavia

Zawiejska, Natalia

Jagiellonian University
Southern Pentecostalism in Poland: On Epistemologies of the South in Central Europe

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Religious Colonization, Indigenous Practice, and Mormon Expansion in the South Pacific

Barber, Ian G.

University of Otago

When Prophets Go Global: Māori Poropiti (Prophets) and the Historical Decentering of Latter-Day Saint Narrative

Jones, Holly Miller

University of Otago

Gender and Hierarchy in LDS Church Ritual: Fiji, New Zealand and the USA

Maffly-Kipp, Laurie F.

Washington University in St. Louis

'By Right of Blood': The Battle over the Church College of New Zealand

Griffin, Brenton

Flinders University

A Violation of Human Rights? The Legal Battle over the Samoan Language Ban in Queensland's Mormon Churches, 2013–2014

The Significance and Challenges of the Peripheral Nature of Buddhism

Inoue, Takami

Otani University

The Peripheral Origin of Buddhism and its Significance in the Liberation of the Marginalized

Kigoshi, Yasushi

Otani University

The Challenges of Buddhist Temples in Contemporary Japan: Focusing on Depopulated Areas

Dash, Shobha Rani

Otani University

The Traditional Buddhists of Eastern India: Efforts to Keep the Buddhist Identity

Shimoda, Masahiro

University of Tokyo

Discussant

Lived Healing Experience: A Comparative Study

Maarif, Samsul

Gadja Mada University

Engaging the Ecology of Relationship: A Lesson from the Ammatoans' Traditional Healing Practice

Chaturvedi, Namrata

Shri Ramasamy Memorial University, Sikkim

The Healer in the Home: Hermeneutics of Healing in the work of Women Psychics and Mediums in India

Yiwen, Duan

University of Tsukuba

Zen as Healing: A New Form of the Traditional Zen in Tokyo

James Loreto

San Beda University

Miracle Narratives in the Devotion to the Black Nazarene of Quiapo Church: A Post-Structuralist Reading

Kimura, Takeshi

University of Tsukuba

Spiritual Guidance as a Way of Healing by a Spiritual Medium

The Globalization of Soka Gakkai: Centers and Peripheries

Introvigne, Massimo

Center for Studies on New Religions

Kurihara, Toshie

Soka University

Contemporary Practice of Rissho Ankoku in Soka Gakkai in an Age of Globalization

Fisker-Nielsen, Anne Mette

Soka University

Buddhism and Women: Centers and Peripheries. A Reinterpretation in Soka Gakkai

Melton, J. Gordon

Baylor University

Soka Gakkai International in America from Periphery to Center: From New Religion to Sect to Denomination in One Generation

Šoryté, Rosita

European Federation for Freedom of Belief
The Political Globalization of Soka Gakkai: Center or Periphery?

Partition's Long Shadow

Llewellyn, John E.

Missouri State University

Partition's Men: Masculinity Theory and Novels and Films about Partition

Mehdi, Zehra

Columbia University

History and the Trauma of Partition: The Psychoanalytic Role of Literature

Mohammad, Afsar

University of Pennsylvania

Narrating Muslim Women beyond Partition: The Fictional Representation of Muslim Women's Activism

Rinehart, Robin

Lafayette College

The Fluidity of Religious Identity in Punjabi Partition Literature

A Critical Study of the Religious Patterns of the Diaspora in Southeast Asia

Nga, Le Thi Hang

Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences

Hindu Temples of Indian Diaspora in Vietnam

Lochan, Amarjiva and Thant, Mo Mo

University of Delhi and University of Yangon

Religious Identities of the Nineteenth-century Indian Diaspora in Myanmar

Ngoc, Nguyen Thi Minh

Vietnam Academy of Social Sciences

The Role of Religion for Vietnamese Diaspora in Taiwan

Scholarly Self-Reflection in Religious Studies

Okuyama, Michiaki

Nanzan University

Policy and Politics of Spiritual Consolation

Surrounding Ainu Remains

Nishimura, Akira

University of Tokyo

Reli-geological Layers in Shimabara Penin-

sula

Watanabe, Yu

University of Tokyo

The Varieties of Interpretation of the Koki:

*On the Mythological and Folkloristic Imagi-
nation in Modern Japan*

Transnational Religious Places as Holistic Centres for Asian Migrants

Srichampa, Sophana

Mahidol University

*Religious Places as Holistic Centre for Mi-
grant Workers in Southeast Asia*

Horiuchi, Midori

Tenri University

*What Do 'Overseas Indians' Bring to the World:
A Case Study of Recent Immigrant Indians in
Tokyo*

Papageorgiou, Niki

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

The Religiosity of Indian Diaspora in Greece

Accommodation: A Jesuit Missionary Strategy?

Zampol D'Ortia, Linda

*The Emotional Dimensions of Jesuit Accom-
modation*

Sargent, Jesse

*Transferring an Idea: Accommodation be-
tween the Provinces of Japan and China*

Sweetman, Will

University of Otago

*Protestant Accommodation: Practice or Prin-
ciple?*

Religion, Minorities and Marginalities: A Roundtable Discussion

Baffelli, Erica

University of Manchester

Shirahase, Tatsuya

Momoyama Gakuin University

Mullins, Mark

University of Auckland

Takahashi, Norihito

Toyo University

Individual papers

Adasi, Grace Sintim

University of Ghana

Sharing the Faith: A Contextual Perspective of Student Prayer Groups

Alexander, Laura

University of Nebraska at Omaha

"Equal Under the Law": Native American Tribes' Legal and Activist Challenges to Colonialist Ideologies

Andrews, Robyn

Massey University

From India to the West: Manifestations of the Changing Climate of Catholic Parish Life

Babur, Isa

Igdir University, Turkey

"Whoever Faces to Fight With Infidels is Turk": A Controversial Definition of the Turk by a Contemporary Turkish Poet İsmet Özel

Bernardo, Angela

Sapienza University of Rome

Relocating Religion: Coptic 'Diaspora' Communities between Centers and Peripheries. The Case of the Diocese of St. George in Rome and its Search for Stabilization

Berner, Ulrich

University of Bayreuth

Intercultural Comparison in (Anti)Colonial Discourses

Bocking, Brian

University College Cork

Finding the Lost Irish Buddhist: How Collaborative and Digital Research Can Challenge 'Top-down' Narratives in the Study of Religions

Borja, Melissa

University of Michigan

Comparing the Religious Impact of the Refugee Policies of the U.S. and Australia: A Hmong Case Study

Campo, Juan

University of California at Santa Barbara

Imaginaries of Centers and Peripheries in Global Perspective: The Dynamics of Modern Mass Pilgrimages

Cherkasova, Anastasia

The Struggles and Joys of Orthodox Christian Diaspora in New Zealand: Cases of Russian, Serbian and Greek Churches

Friberg Von Sydow, Rikard

Södertörn University

Swedish Spiritual Ufology: Communication, Conflict Resolution and International Contacts

Grimshaw, Mike

University of Canterbury

"... and that depends on the spiritual resources of the people." Charles Brasch, Landfall and New Zealand Religion and Culture

Guittard, Charles

Société Ernest Renan

The "mundus" in Roman Religious Thought and Life: Center of the City or Way between the Upperworld and the Underworld?

Hiimäe, Reet

Estonian Literary Museum

Adaptations of Native American Religious Rituals and Belief Elements in Estonia: From Outer Mimicry to "Lifechanging" Personal Experiences

Hoverd, William

Massey University

The Removal of the Words 'Jesus Christ' from the New Zealand Parliamentary Prayer

Iversen, Lars Laird

Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society

Don't Mention Politics! Silence and Sameness in the Norwegian Church Abroad

Iversen, Ragnhild Laird

University of South East Norway (USN)

Twenty Days of Christmas: Acculturation Strategies among Children with Religious Minority Background at Christmas Time in a Norwegian Kindergarten

Iwanicka, Beata

Adam Mickiewicz University

Sign Languages on the Periphery of Various Cultures and Religions

Iwanicki, Juliusz

Adam Mickiewicz University
Values and Motivations of Course Participants in Religious Studies at the "Open University": On the Globalization of Religious Education in Poland

Jacobsen, Knut Axel

University of Bergen
Narratives of Hindu Pilgrimage Sites in Europe

Johansson, Andreas

Lund University
From Pragmatic to Violence: Development of Sri Lankan Muslim Politics

Josan, Ion

University of Oslo
Muslims in Romania: Tradition, Migration and Integration

Kawanishi, Eriko

Professional Institute of International Fashion
The Localisation of Contemporary Western Witchcraft in Japan

Kenney, Jeffrey

Depauw University
Progressive Islam in Malaysia: A Hybrid of Center and Periphery

Killerby, Shaun

University of Waikato
Whakapai Whenua: Motivations for Environmental Care in two Protestant Missional Communities, Aotearoa New Zealand

Kim, David W.

Australian National University
Cao Đài and Gucheon Sangje: Ethnic Grassroots New Religious Movements in Modern Vietnam and Korea

Korniichuk, Iuliia

National Pedagogical Dragomanov University
Catholic and Orthodox Churches towards the Ukrainian Migrants in Poland

Kuusisto, Arniika

Stockholm University
Is There Place for Religion in Early Childhood Education: Identity-safe Space for Whose Worldviews and on Which Terms?

Liljefors Persson, Bodil

Malmö University
The Legacy of the Books of Chilam Balam and the Ongoing Positioning of the Cruzoob Maya in Yucatec Maya Religious (Con-)Texts

Lundqvist, Erica Li

Malmö University
Legally Imagined Identities: Experiences of Muslim LGBTQ+ Migrants in Sweden

Mori, Hazuki

University of Zagreb
Soka Gakkai in Croatia

Obuse, Kieko

Kobe City University of Foreign Studies
The Global Mission of the Thai Buddhist Sangha and its Shifting Agendas

Oguntola Laguda, Danoye

Lagos State University
Negotiating Identities in Yoruba Muslim Diaspora Communities in the Contemporary US

Olademo, Oyeronke

University of Ilorin, Nigeria
Gender, Migration and Yoruba Religion

Parreno, Lilian Diana

Guimaras State College
Glimpses of Religious Practices in the Healing Rituals of the Local Folks in Guimaras Island, Philippines

Persaud, Prea

University of North Carolina, Charlotte
Constructing the Hindu Diaspora: New Approaches to the Study of Caribbean Hinduism

Peter, Heike

Halmstad University
Newly-arrived Migrants' Perceptions of Swedish RE: Between Movement and Locality

Puca, Angela

Leeds Trinity University
Are Italian Folk Magic Traditions a Form of Shamanism?

Reyes-Espiritu, Adeinev Ma.

KU Leuven
Religion Towards Integration? The Case of Migrant Mothers in Belgium

Rigtrup, Diana

University College Copenhagen
Refugee Education in Denmark: New Perspectives on National and Religious Narratives in the Danish School Curriculum

Yung, Tim

University of Hong Kong
Refining Fire: Reshaping Chinese Anglicanism in Free China during the Sino-Japanese War, 1937–1949

Roos, Lena

Södertörn University
Protective Periphery: The Stockholm Yiddish Collection as a Source to the History of the Jews in Sweden

Saikia, Baburam

Tartu University
Indigeneity, Conversion and Identity Among the Mishings: A Case Study on the Majuli Island

Saya Devi, Thongbam

Jawaharlal Nehru University
The Survival of Lai Haraoba in the Hinduised Meitei Society: A Study

Umali, Artin

De La Salle University Dasmariñas
Jose P. Rizal: The Brown Christ of the Philippines

Vikdahl, Linda

Södertörn University
Possibilities for Religion-related Dialog in an Upper Secondary School in Sweden

Vikdahl, Linda

Södertörn University
Swedish Pupils' Attitudes to Religion and Religious Diversity

Whitehead, Amy

Massey University
Food and Religious Diversity: Ritual, feasting and foodways in Auckland's Religious Urban Ecology

Wilkens, Katharina

University of Munich
Travel Narratives Written by East Africans: Reversing Centre and Periphery

Yokomichi, Makoto

Kyoto Prefectural University
On "bampō ruten": Kenji Miyazawa's Eclecticism and Literary Mysticism

Measuring and Testing

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Kavadi Ritual: A Multi-signaling Platform?

Shaver, John H.
University of Otago

Maño, Peter
Masaryk University
Kavadi Ritual and Commitment Signaling

Kundt, Radek
Masaryk University
Kavadi Ritual and Health Self-signaling

Kundtová Klocová, Eva
Masaryk University
Kavadi Ritual and Mate Quality Signaling

Individual papers

Anesa, Nicolò
University of Trieste
Photo Elicitation in Religious Studies: A Case Report

Berniūnas, Renatas
Vilnius University
Taboo Violations, Supernatural Punishment, and Trust among Mongolians

Dranseika, Vilius
Vilnius University
Folk Religion and Free Will Beliefs

Dranseika, Vilius
Vilnius University
Recovering Vernacular Fate Beliefs from Tattoo Designs

Ejova, Anastasia
University of Auckland
Nausea during First-time Practice of Meditation: Two Lines of Evidence for a Specific Mechanism involving the Parasympathetic Nervous System

Ejova, Anastasia
University of Auckland
Schism Patterns in Global Religions

Halafoff, Anna
Deakin University
Worldview of Australia's Generation Z: Superdiversity, Inclusion and Education

Lanman, Jonathan
Queen's University Belfast
Understanding 'Unbelief': Towards a Better Understanding of the Diversity of Atheism and Agnosticism in Brazil, China, Denmark, Japan, the UK, and the USA

Racius, Egdunas
Vytautas Magnus University
Turkish Factor in the Development of the Muslim Community in Lithuania

Shimono, Hazuki
University of Tokyo
Religion of Scientific Inquiry: Francis Bacon and Religious Ideals

Steffen, Franziska
Martin-Luther University Halle-Wittenberg
The New Religion Tenrikyō: The Birth of a "Revealed" Religion in Nineteenth-century Japan

Strehle, Katja
Western Sydney University
Gender Relations in Non-Religious Groups in Europe and the United States and their Influence on Australia

Svensson, Jonas
Linnaeus University
Computer-aided Analysis of Religiolects: A Case of Islamic Swedish(es)

Thurfjell, David

Södertörn University

*Levels of Secularity among Muslims in Sweden: The Challenges of Empirically Analysing the Secularity of a Minority Publicly Defined by its Religion***Tsilpi, Chikas**

University of Jos, Nigeria

*Cultural and Religious Debates on Homosexuality in Selected Churches in Jos, Nigeria***Voelker, Katharina**

University of Tübingen

*Islamic Theology at German State Universities and its Professors' Views on 'Being Muslim'***Watts, Joseph**

University of Otago

*The Emergence of Professional Religious Specialists in Hunter-gatherer Societies***Whitesides, Kevin**

University of California Santa Barbara

*Authority, Ability, and Motivation: A General Theory of Semiotic Arousal***Wood, Connor**

Center for Mind and Culture

*Ritual and Mental Health in Two Dimensions***Zorya, Kateryna**

Södertörns Hogskola

Imagined Realities, Religious Conflict and Predictive Coding: A Theoretical Approach

Reflecting and Critiquing

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Esotericism in a Global Context: Centres, Margins, and Everything in Between I

Pasi, Marco

University of Amsterdam

The “Western” Problem in the Study of Western Esotericism

Magus, Simon

The Imperial Occult: Egypt, India, and a Shifting Esoteric Episteme

Villalba, Mariano L.

University of Lausanne | École Pratique des Hautes Études

Inca Garcilazo de la Vega (1539–1616), a Mestizo and Americano Christian Cabalist

Gruffman, Paulina

Stockholm University

G. R. S. Mead and the Construction of Esotericism as “Western”

Esotericism in a Global Context: Centres, Margins, and Everything in Between II

Khalikov, Ruslan

Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University

Easternness and the Study of Esotericism in Post-Soviet Countries

Bogdan, Henrik

University of Gothenburg

The Holy Order of Krishna and the Reinterpretation of Aleister Crowley’s Teachings in India

White, Manon Hedenborg

Södertörn University

Lunar Entanglements: Tantra and Sexual Magic in Late-Twentieth-Century Esotericism

Esotericism in a Global Context: Centres, Margins, and Everything in Between III

Mühlematter, Yves

University of Fribourg

Education, Initiation and Theosophy “in-between” “East” and “West”. Annie Besant’s Quickening of Evolution

Cantú, Keith E.

University of California, Santa Barbara

The Transformation of Shiva’s Raja Yoga into a “Translocalized” Esotericism

Mukhopadhyay, Mriganka

University of Amsterdam

G. N. Chakravarti: Understanding an Indian Theosophist’s Role in the Global Dynamics of the Theosophical Society

Bornet, Philippe

University of Lausanne

From Indian Rebellious Asceticism to Western Esotericism: The Transnational Journey of Sadhu Sundar Singh’s Marginality

Esotericism in a Global Context: Centres, Margins, and Everything in Between IV

Shengjie, W

Tongji University

Chinese Perspectives on 'Rejected Knowledge'

Akai, Toshio

Kobe Gakuin University

Tamijuto Kume: At the Intersection of Western and Japanese Esoteric Traditions

Marino, Davide

Chinese University of Hong Kong

Rejected Knowledge in the Context of Modern China: Otherness in the 1920s Controversy between Science and Metaphysics

Holistic Wellbeing Culture Between Coping and Resistance

Mossière, Géraldine

University of Montreal

Decentralizing Well-Being Practices from Secular Contexts: The Appropriation of Holistic Practices by Muslim Converts In Quebec

Aschenbrenner, Lina

University of Salzburg

Wellbeing through Gaga: When Leisure Time Activities Turn Essential

Schmidt, Bettina

University of Wales Trinity Saint David

Postcolonial Healing in Brazil: Spirit Healing, Numerology, Ayahuasca and Other Forms of Wellbeing Practices

Ohlsson, Henrik

Södertörn University

Nature Connection as Temporary Recreation and Long-Term Transformation

Mind and Practice in Japanese Religion

Oda, Yoshiko

Kansai University

Religious Mind and Religious Community in Japan: In Quest of the Japanese Religious Identity

Ruggeri Takeshita, Anna

Kyoto University of Foreign Studies

The Practice of Body and Mind in Japanese Zen Buddhism: the Experience of Shaku Sōen

Suemura, Masayo

Kansai University

The International Expansion of Japanese Religion in Modern Times: A Case Study on Senzaki Nyogen

Sawai, Yoshitsugu

Tenri University

The Semantic Structure of Japanese Religion: Individual Religious Faith and Religion as Life Custom

Miyamoto, Yotaro

Kansai University

The Practice of Devotion (shinjin) in Japanese Religions

Katja Triplett

University of Leipzig

Discussant

'Who Owns Indigenous Knowledge?' Critical Reflections on Academic Research among Indigenous Communities I

Cox, James

University of Edinburgh

T. G. H. Strehlow and the Repatriation of Indigenous Knowledge in Central Australia

Nikanorova, Liudmila

UiT The Arctic University of Norway

Ownership of the Notion 'Sakha Religion' in the Sakha Republic, Russia

Longkumer, Arkotong

University of Edinburgh

Virtual Repatriation of Indigenous Knowledge

Tafjord, Bjørn Ola

UiT The Arctic University of Norway

Ownership of Indigenous Knowledge through Ownership of Translations: An Example from Talamanca Bribri

'Who Owns Indigenous Knowledge?' Critical Reflections on Academic Research among Indigenous Communities II

Schmidt, Bettina

University of Wales Trinity St David

The 'Story Box': Franz Boas, George Hunt and the Repatriation of Indigenous Knowledge and Artefacts

Kraft, Siv Ellen

UiT The Arctic University of Norway

The Travels of a Sami Drum

Astor-Aguilera, Miguel

Arizona State University

Maya Indigenous Knowledge, 'Caste Wars' and Mayan 'Talking' Objects

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