

RELIGION AND RELIGIOUS : IDENTITY AND TRANSFORMATION
- CALL FOR PAPERS -

The Organizing Committee of the 2018 AECSSR Graduate Student Annual Conference at the Université du Québec à Montréal is pleased to welcome abstract submissions for their annual conference, which will take place **March 15, 16 et 17 2018** at UQAM. Graduate students working in all disciplines and at all stages of study related to religion are invited to present their latest research in a spirit of collegiality.

When we think about religion, we often imagine a community of believers who share a common faith as well as common practices and world views. This manner in which we conceive religion might seem self-evident, but it has a tendency to obscure the distinctiveness of certain religious groups and individuals whose religious identities are being affirmed through traditional practices (local, national, etc.) or within specific geopolitical contexts. Therefore, religious identity cannot be described as something static: whether it be due to conversion, sociopolitical events or religious reconstruction (Hervieu-Léger), religious identity is in constant transformation. The purpose of this symposium is to study the evolution and transformations of religious identity for individuals, communities and institutions. The speakers are also invited to examine the relationship between individual identity, religious discourses and specific religious identities that can be accepted and encouraged by religious institutions.

Stemming from the theme of our symposium, many questions may arise: How do religious institutions react when confronted with feminism, socialism, postcolonialism, new technologies, secularization, heresy, etc.? What strategies are used by individuals or communities in order to define or reinforce their religious identities? How can beliefs and rituals associated with new forms of religiosity contribute to the transformation of identity and to what extent? What is the impact of immigration on the identities of host societies? How do modern societies handle and manage the coexistence of different religious identities in public spaces? How can tensions between religious normativity and sentiments of marginalization influence the process of subjectivation? What are the processes of recognition for alternative identities?

The Annual AECSSR Conference is an occasion for young researchers from different universities and disciplines to exchange and engage in fertile debate. In order to participate, we invite students/researchers to submit an abstract (250 words) in relation to one or many of the suggested sessions by **January 15th 2018**. Abstracts should be accompanied by a title and by the contact information (name, university, level of education, email and phone number) of the

researcher and should be sent to: colloqueaecssr@gmail.com.

A potential publication of the conference proceedings is also considered. If you are interested to participate in the publication of the proceedings, please notify us when you submit your abstract. You will receive further details in due course.

Members of the AECSSR are looking forward to your participation in this 8th edition of the Annual AECSSR Conference!

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