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### **THE 30TH ISSR-CONFERENCE ISSUE**

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*See you in Santiago de Compostela next July !*

**Neither the ISSR/SISR nor the Local Committee can be held responsible for any accidents that may occur to conference participants and their property on the way to and from the conference venue or during the conference. The ISSR/SISR strongly advises all participants to purchase their own travel insurance.**

For the programme of the 30<sup>th</sup> ISSR- conference  
see ISSR/ SISR Web Site: [www.sisr.org](http://www.sisr.org)

For practical questions  
See Local Committee Web Site: [www.ISSR30con.gceis.net](http://www.ISSR30con.gceis.net)

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## Letter from the President

The organisation of the 30<sup>th</sup> conference in Santiago de Compostela has well progressed. As you can see on the ISSR's website ([www.sisr.org](http://www.sisr.org)), the program of presentations and exchanges on *The Challenges of Religious Diversity* is very stimulating and rich. For details concerning practical questions and tourist information, please visit the local committee website.

It only remains to invite you to subscribe largely to the 30<sup>th</sup> conference and to the tours organised by the Local Committee. Please follow scrupulously the information that will be sent to you, especially from Jean-Pierre Hiernaux, our treasurer. I take this opportunity to warmly thank the good work already done by Juan-Luis Pintos and the local committee.

I hope to meet you numerous in Santiago de Compostela in July: *hasta pronto* !

Jean-Paul Willaime  
President of the ISSR

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## INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL COMMITTEE

### Contact Local Committee

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For more information and useful links please check the web site of the Local Committee:  
[issr30con.gceis.net](http://issr30con.gceis.net)

### **Accommodation: Hotels and University Residences:**

Check the web side of the Local Committee:

**Either:** [issr30con.gceis.net/content/indications-reserve-and-payment-lodging-s](http://issr30con.gceis.net/content/indications-reserve-and-payment-lodging-s)

**Or:** [issr30con.gceis.net/node/131](http://issr30con.gceis.net/node/131)

## CONFERENCE FEES

Payment can ONLY be made in euros

<i>Categories</i>	<i>Paying before April 15</i>	<i>Paying on site</i>
<i>Full members</i>	87€	109 €
<i>Members with reduced fees (*)</i>	44 €	55 €
<i>Non-members (**):</i>	109 €	131€

(\*) This category of fees is available to members from countries with weak currency, students, unemployed, retired colleagues, partners (couple) of full members and researchers under 35 years of age.

(\*\*) Non-members assisting without presenting a paper, chairing a session or being a discussant in a session.

### A REMINDR

**All colleagues presenting a paper at the conference, chairing a session or being a discussant in a session have to be members of the ISSR in 2008-2009.** The membership fee should be paid at the latest when arriving at the conference site. Membership fees can also be paid in advance by using the documents on our web site:

[www.sisr.org](http://www.sisr.org), which can be found under **Membership: how to join.**

The Conference fee for members applies for non-members becoming member in order to participate actively in the conference.

**PLEASE do pre-register, it is less expensive for you, the secretaries can come well prepared to the conference and, consequently, registration at the conference desk will be faster**

**To pre-register: please use the form on the next page, which should arrive in Belgium before April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009**

**PRE-REGISTRATION FORM for the 30<sup>th</sup> ISSR-Conference  
in Santiago de Compostela (July 27 - 31, 2009)**

Download this Form and complete it in PRINT or CAPITAL LETTERS, and send it by post **before April 15<sup>th</sup> 2009**, with your payment (see below) to: J.-P. Hiernaux, ISSR, 32 rue des Rabots, B-6220 Fleurus, Belgium. **Please note that all the requested information is essential for your registration.**

Family name:..... First name:.....  
Mrs O Miss O Mr O  
Institutional affiliation:.....  
Street: ..... No. .... City: .....  
(State: ..... ) Zip Code: ..... Country: .....  
Telephone:..... Email: .....

**Pre-registration for the conference** (Tick the appropriate box)

**A – If you are a member in good standing, i.e. having paid your membership fee for 2008-09**

(1) and you have paid membership at the full rate

**87 euros**

(2) and you were entitled to a reduced fee

**44 euros**

**B – If you are not a member for 2008-09**

(NB: if you want to become a member for 2008-09, download the appropriate form at [www.sisr.org](http://www.sisr.org))

**109 euros** (this rate does not entitle you to present a paper, to chair a session or to be a discussant)

**Payment can ONLY be made in euros** by one of the following three methods (Please tick the appropriate box):

**The amount selected above will be paid as follows:**

by **credit card**, access to which is authorized here:

Card Number:     | \_ \_ \_ \_ | \_ \_ \_ \_ | \_ \_ \_ \_ | \_ \_ \_ \_ |

Expiration date:     | \_ \_ | \_ \_ |                      Visa:                      Eurocard/Mastercard:

Today's date: .....

Signature of cardholder: ..... **If the cardholder is not the person registering, give the name and first name of the cardholder:**

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by **bank transfer** of the net sum in Euros to the account of the SISR :  
777-5953575-82 at DEXIA/BACOB, Place de l'Hôtel de Ville 16, B-6200 Châtelet,  
Belgium/Belgique  
BIC - Swift code: GKCCBEBB; IBAN: BE25 7775 9535 7582  
And, in addition, **YOUR NAME AND FIRST NAME** .....

by **International Money Order from a European Post Office**, net in Euros, payable to the order of J.-P. Hiernaux, 32 Rabots, B-6220 Fleurus, Belgium  
And, in addition, **YOUR NAME AND FIRST NAME**.....

## NEWS OF THE MEMBERS

### **PUBLICATIONS** (only books and readers)

**ADOGAME Afe**, Roswith Gerloff and Klaus Hock (eds.). *Christianity in Africa and the African Diaspora: The Appropriation of a Scattered Heritage*. London: Continuum, 2008: 368 p.

**SHU-CHUAN, Chen**. *Contemporary New Age Transformation in Taiwan: A Sociological Study of a New Religious Movement*. Lewiston, NY: Edwin Mellen Press, 2009.

**CLARKE, Peter** and **Peter BEYER** (eds). *The World's Religions. Continuities and Transformations*. London: Routledge, 2008.

**DODSON, Jualynne E.** *Sacred Spaces and Religious Traditions in Oriente Cuba*. Albuquerque: NM: University of New Mexico Press, 2008: 260 p.

**KOENIG, Matthias** et **Jean-Paul WILLAIME**, Hg. *Religionskontroversen in Frankreich und Deutschland*. Hamburg, Hamburger Edition, 2008

**STADLER, Nurit**. *Yeshiva Fundamentalism: Piety, Gender, and Resistance in the Ultra-Orthodox World*. New York: NYUniversity Press, 2009: 280p.

**WILLAIME, Jean-Paul**. *Le retour du religieux dans la sphère publique. Vers une laïcité de reconnaissance et de dialogue*, Lyon, Editions Olivétan, 2008.

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### **A Call for Proposals**

**The University of Notre Dame is pleased to announce a \$3 million project on the Science of Generosity**, supported with funding from the John Templeton Foundation. Open invitations are now issued for letters of inquiry proposing research on generosity in the human and social sciences.

Generosity is an important personal virtue, collective responsibility, and vital element in the building of social capital, community wellbeing, justice, and peace in the world. The aim of this Science of Generosity initiative is to stimulate scientific research on the practice of generosity in human life and society. This initiative is particularly interested in better understanding three key aspects of generosity:

- The sources, origins, and causes of generosity
- The variety of manifestations and expressions of generosity
- The consequences of generosity for both the givers and receivers involved

Four to eight proposals for funding of between \$250,000 and \$500,000 will be awarded in this first wave of competition in 2009. A second competition in 2010 will fund \$1.2 million dollars worth of smaller projects. Letters of inquiry (LOIs) for the first wave of the competition are due April 1st, 2009.

“Generosity” is defined for purposes of this project as *the disposition toward and practice of giving good things to others freely and abundantly*. Generosity may involve the giving of

money, possessions, time, attention, talents, aid, encouragement, emotional investment, and more. Generosity is related to but not identical with the areas of charitable financial giving, volunteering, altruism, philanthropy, informal helping, corporate giving, voluntary service, bequests and estates, relational commitment, love, and social exchange.

Proposed projects are encouraged but not limited to scholars in the disciplines of economics, behavioral economics and finance, sociology, psychology, anthropology, political science, social psychology, family and developmental studies, geography, law, education, communication and cultural studies, religious studies, and sociobiology. Proposals may be either discipline specific or inter-disciplinary and may come from scholars with expertise in generosity research or those recently investing into researching generosity.

For detailed information about proposal procedures, topics of interest, eligibility, deadlines, available resources, contact information, or to sign up to receive project updates, refer to the project website:

<http://generosityresearch.nd.edu/>

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**SOCIAL RESEARCH CONFERENCE: The Religious – Secular Divide: the US Case**  
**March 5 and 6, 2009** The New School in New York City.

See: <http://www.socres.org/religiousseculardivide/agenda.html>

Over 2 days, we will explore the tension between religion and secularity in the United States, which is long-standing, widespread, and increasingly intense. This is evident in contemporary debates over such issues as evolution and intelligent design which challenge the traditional absence of religious discourse from education, in the increasing importance of religious priorities in political decision-making, in governmental reliance on spiritual or faith-based philanthropy, and on the role of faith-based communities in lobbying for legislation or bringing out the vote to elect candidates. Given the increasing number of calls we are hearing for lowering the “wall of separation” erected between church and state by our Constitution, the question at hand is whether we are experiencing a major shift in the role of religion in political decision making and in our lives.

These issues will be addressed from the perspectives of religious studies, legal studies, political science, sociology, and philosophy. The keynote address will be delivered by Charles Taylor.

We are very eager to get the word out to your staff and membership or sister organizations because we think you will contribute very much to the conversation (we have Q and A in every session). Would you please review the conference agenda ([www.socres.org/religiousseculardivide/agenda.htm](http://www.socres.org/religiousseculardivide/agenda.htm)) and consider posting the event in your newsletter or forwarding this announcement to anyone you think would like to attend? Let me know and I can send you a short conference description. We would also be happy to thank you by promoting your organization and initiatives in the conference lobby. Simply mail me your material for display to the address below and I'll be sure it's displayed at the conference. We intentionally keep the conference price very reasonable; the regular price is \$50 for the full conference and NGOs pay \$35. Other discounts are also available for groups of 3 or more.

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## Call for papers

### **The Sixth Symposium of the Social Scientific Study of Religion in China: Globalization and Localization of Religion Wuxi\*, Jiangsu July 7-8, 2009**

In the social scientific study of religion, the relationship of globalization and localization has become a hot topic in recent years. In the process of modernization, religious change appears to share some common patterns on the one hand, and religious expressions appear to be combined with diverse local cultures on the other hand. The newly coined term “globalization” is an indication of the scholarly effort to theorize such phenomena, which seems affirming a common belief among many Chinese intellectuals: the more national/local, the more international/universal.

“Globalization and Localization of Religion” is the theme of the Sixth Symposium of the Social Scientific Study of Religion in China, which is to be held on July 7-8, 2009 in the beautiful City of Wuxi in Jiangsu Province of China.

We invite you to present papers on topics including

1. Studies of the relationships between globalization and localization.
2. Empirical studies of religion in contemporary China, including major, minor, and folk religions.
3. Theoretical studies in the social science of religion, including discussions of Weber, Durkheim, secularization theories, economics of religion, and postmodern theories.
4. Studies of religions in the contemporary world.
5. Studies of religious policies.

Other topics of your choice are welcome too.

The conference site is Changguangxi Hotel (a four-star hotel) on the campus of Jiangnan University in Wuxi City, Jiangsu Province, China.

Scholars living outside mainland China: each scholar pays a conference fee of US\$100 (in cash or check) upon registration on site. This fee covers a hotel room up to three nights, some meals, conference materials, and a tour to a religious site.

Important dates:

April 30: deadline for submitting abstracts.

May 30: notification of acceptance for presentation.

June 20: due date of the full paper.

The Sixth Symposium is sponsored by The Institute of the Sociology of Religion and the Department of Sociology at Jiangnan University (contact: Professor DENG Zimei) and the Institute for the Study of Buddhism and Religious Theories at Renmin University of China (contact: Professor WEI, Dedong), and co-sponsored by the Shutong Academy in Wuxi and the Center on Religion and Chinese Society at Purdue University (USA) (contact: Professor Fenggang Yang).

Abstracts and papers may be in English or Chinese. Please send abstracts to [this email: crs@purdue.edu](mailto:crs@purdue.edu)

Inquiries about the city and logistical matters, please contact the local host: Professor Deng Zimei, Director, Institute of the Sociology of Religion, Jiangnan University. Email: [zjshxyjs@yahoo.cn](mailto:zjshxyjs@yahoo.cn); Phone: 0510-85329022.

\* Wuxi is a historical city with rich culture. It boasts to have 28 scenic areas each with a capacity of receiving more than 100,000 people, including the “bright pearl” Taihu Lake. In 2004, Wuxi received 539,500 foreign visitors and 22.0156 million domestic visitors.

For further info, you may search on the internet, or see [Wuxi - Wikipedia](#);

[Wuxi Travel: City Map, Location, Climate, Sights](#)

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<http://www.esa9thconference.com/>

## **THE 9TH CONFERENCE OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION** will

be held in Lisbon between 2 and 5 of September 2009. The Conference is being organised by a consortium including three Portuguese university and research institutions - the Department of Sociology of ISCTE-Lisbon University Institute (the leading institution of the consortium), the Human and Social Sciences School of the New University of Lisbon (FCSH-UNL), the Institute of Social Sciences of the University of Lisbon (ICS-UL) - and the Portuguese Sociological Association (APS).

### **RN27**

#### **REGIONAL NETWORK ON SOUTHERN EUROPEAN SOCIETIES**

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We are inviting papers submission in the following thematic session:

Organizer: Roberto Cipriani ([rciprian@uniroma3.it](mailto:rciprian@uniroma3.it))

**Religion and churches in Europe // Religions et églises en Europe.**

The scenario of European society is changing rapidly, particularly in the field of religion and Churches. Culture is of vital importance to the presence of religion and Churches in the single nations. The religions and Churches which have crossed Europe have exerted a certain degree of political power, thus influencing the economy and other related spheres of life.

A common datum affects religions and Churches in Europe today: a visible reduction of religious practice. Changes are also evident in other religions of non-European origin but present in almost all of Europe. The different religions and Churches operating in Europe manifest a variety of behaviours towards religious pluralism. The difference between religions of Western and Eastern Europe depends mainly on issues of national identity related to religious adherence. The territorial map of Religious Europe is not characterized only by the presence of this or that religious culture but also and above all by the existence of large numbers of minorities: Orthodox Christians or Protestants in Catholic countries, Catholics and Orthodox Christians in Protestant countries, Jews and Muslims in the majority of European countries.

### **KEY DATES ABSTRACT SUBMISSION**

**March 8th 2009** Deadline of submission for ESA2009 RN / RS Abstracts.