Call for Proposals for Papers at the 2012 workshop presented by
The Laboratory for the Experimental Research of Religion (LEVYNA)
The Czech Association for the Study of Religions (CASR)
The Department for the Study of Religions (Masaryk University)

PAST, PRESENT,
AND FUTURE IN THE
SCIENTIFIC STUDY
OF RELIGION

Plenary Speakers:
Professor E. Thomas Lawson (Queen’s University, Belfast)
Professor Luther H. Martin (University of Vermont)
Professor Donald Wiebe (University of Toronto)

The Laboratory for the Experimental Research of Religion (LEVYNA) and the Department for the Study of Religions (Masaryk University) invite interested scholars and students to submit proposals for papers (lasting no more than 25 minutes) and/or posters for possible inclusion in the program of its upcoming meeting on March 1-3, 2012 at Masaryk University in Brno, Czech Republic. Submissions related to the theme of scientific and comparative methodologies, specifically sociological, ethnographical, historical, and/or experimental will be given priority. We recognize that the scientific study of religion encompasses a wide array of disciplines and methods from the Humanities as well as the social and natural sciences, including, among others, ethnographic, historical, archaeological, sociological, psychological, biological, and comparative studies of religion. Furthermore, we welcome experimental data and analyses to the program. Presentations advancing new scientific theories of diverse religiosity and/or discussing the future of Religious Studies are also welcome. Additionally, we welcome advanced undergraduates and postgraduates students to submit papers related to their current research interests. The workshop/mini-conference will consist of four panels, each related to a main area of the academic study of religion: sociological, ethnographical, historical, and experimental.

The language of the Workshop / Mini-Conference will be English. Proposals should include:
1. Presentation title
2. All authors’ names (in case of papers with multiple authors)
3. All authors’ email addresses (papers with multiple authors should explicitly indicate which of the addresses should serve for any future communication)
4. An abstract of the presentation, no more than 300 words long.

Proposals should be sent to 2012levynaworkshop@gmail.com as MS Word attachments in an email with “PFSSSR2012 submission” in the subject line. The deadline for submission is February 15, 2012. All prospective participants (those who wish to present a paper as well as those who do not) are also kindly asked to register at: https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/viewform?formkey=dEVadEZuWVGVbFYtckRwdTVTbVIBREE6MQ

All proposals will be evaluated in blind peer review by expert reviewers who have not themselves submitted a proposal.

Dr. William W. McCorkle Jr., Director (LEVYNA)
Dr. Dimitris Xygalatas, Director (LEVYNA)
Dr. Aleš Chalupa, Chair (Department for the Study of Religions)
Accommodation
The organizers have made a group (preliminary) reservation of rooms in reasonably priced hotels in the vicinity of the workshop venue. These reservations are valid until 19th February 2012. Interested participants are kindly asked to contact the hotels individually and reserve their rooms for specific dates according to their arrivals and departures. In communication with the hotel staff please mention "LEVYNA WORKSHOP", only in this case you will be entitled to use a special workshop discount.

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