

Call for Proposals

This Group welcomes individual paper, papers session, and roundtable proposals on the following topics:

- Comparative study of contemplative practice, especially the contextual nuances of religiously-committed forms of meditation and contemplative prayer
- Contemplative pedagogy, with particular attention to ethics and potential standards in contemplative education
- Opportunities and pitfalls related to the scientific study of contemplation, including alternative methods of knowing and evaluation
- Modern secular and therapeutic meditation, including issues involved with reconceptualization and decontextualization
- Subtle body practices
- For a possible cosponsored session with the [Comparative Theology Group](#) , contemplative practice and theological comparison
- For a possible cosponsored session with the [Tantric Studies Group](#) , tantra and contemplative studies

We also welcome panel and paper proposals on any other topic related to contemplative studies.

Mission

This Group aims to strengthen and develop contemplative studies as an academic field of inquiry, especially in the context of religious studies and the AAR. Our Group provides a forum for:

- The investigation of contemplative practice and experience, considered inclusively and comprehensively

- Critical discussions on the field itself, including theoretical and interpretive issues
- The application of contemplative practice to academic life and university culture, including the possible contribution of “contemplative pedagogy” to teaching and learning

The Group thus aims to gather together currently diffused groups as well as dislocated, marginalized, and underrepresented individuals in the academy. To this end, we encourage research that is topical, tradition-specific, comparative, and cross-cultural. We also invite scholars to investigate contemplative practice and experience in ways that traverse and transcend the boundaries of traditions, disciplines, and research methodologies. Visit our Website at www.sandiego.edu/cas/contemplativestudies .

Anonymity of Review Process

Proposer names are **anonymous** to Chairs and Steering Committee members until **after** final acceptance or rejection.

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