

Call for Proposals

This Consultation welcomes proposals for papers or sessions on any aspect of the cognitive science of religion, although we would like at least one of our regular sessions to appeal to a broad audience. We would also like sessions that report on research that tests extant theories in the cognitive science of religion — scheduled either as a regular session or in our Research Forums, publicized to our e-mail list, and possibly cosponsored with [The International Association for the Cognitive Science of Religion](#)

. Papers are also invited on the following topics:

- Applying methods from cognitive science to historical materials

- Cognitive linguistics and religious thought (for a possible cosponsored session with the [Society for Biblical Literature](#))

- Music and bodily movement (for a possible cosponsored session with the [Tantric Studies Group](#))

- Game-theoretic models of religion

The [Consultation's blog](#) describes how proposals are evaluated and can be used as a forum for coordinating organized sessions or Research Forums.

Mission

This Consultation is dedicated to advancing cognitive scientific approaches to the study of religion in a critically informed, historically responsible manner. “Cognitive science” designates a broadly interdisciplinary approach to the study of the mind that integrates research from the neurosciences, psychology (including developmental, cognitive, evolutionary, and social psychology), anthropology, and philosophy. Our main goal is to bring together cognitive scientists, historians of religion, ethnographers, empirically-oriented theologians, and philosophers of religion to explore applications of cognitive science to religious phenomena, as well as religious insights into the study of the human mind. We wish to consider the ways in which historical and ethnographic data can be used to test theories and discuss theoretical and methodological concerns that are directly relevant to study design and data interpretation.

Anonymity of Review Process

Proposer names are visible to Chairs but anonymous to Steering Committee Members.

Questions?

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