

# Ways to Religion

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Conference  
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**1st Call for Papers**

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**The conference is jointly organized by:**

- Polish Academy of Sciences, Wrocław Branch, Poland
- Department of Contact Linguistics and Discourse Anthropology, Philological School of Higher Education in Wrocław, Poland
- Computational Linguistics Department, Jagiellonian University in Kraków, Poland
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- Universitatea din București, Facultatea de Limbi și Literaturi Străine, Programul de Studii Religioase, Bucharest, Romania
- Polish Academy of Sciences, Scientific Center in Rome, Italy

**Confirmed plenary speakers:**

**prof. Madeea Axinciuc** (Bucharest, Romania)

**prof. Camelia Cmeciu** (Bucharest, Romania)

**prof. Marcel Dascal** (Tel Aviv, Israel)

**prof. Tomasz P. Krzeszowski** (University of Social Sciences, Warsaw, Poland)

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**rev. prof. Grzegorz Ryś** (Kraków, Poland)

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**Ways to Religion** is an international conference that aims to create opportunities to share experiences of an international interdisciplinary forum of researchers. Its main aim is to bring together researchers representing a broad variety of areas dealing with various aspects of language contacts, cultural, and historical space and the development of communication in a variety of verbal and non-verbal religious discourses.

The conference is also dedicated to the integration of young researchers and PhD students who will be able to participate in a range of interdisciplinary scientific workshops.

*A non-religious man today ignores what he considers sacred but, in the structure of his consciousness, could not be without the ideas of being and the meaningful. He may consider these purely human aspects of the structure of consciousness. What we see today is that man considers himself to have nothing sacred, no god; but still his life has a meaning, because without it he could not live; he would be in chaos. He looks for being and does not immediately call it being, but meaning or goals; he behaves in his existence as if he had a kind of center. He is going somewhere, he is doing something. We do not see anything religious here; we just see man behaving as a human being. But as a historian of religion, I am not certain that there is nothing religious here (...).*

Mircea Eliade

*This is my simple religion. There is no need for temples; no need for complicated philosophy. Our own brain, our own heart is our temple; the philosophy is kindness.*

Dalai Lama

*If one has the answers to all the questions - that is the proof that God is not with him. It means that he is a false prophet using religion for himself. The great leaders of the people of God, like Moses, have always left room for doubt. You must leave room for the Lord, not for our certainties; we must be humble.*

Pope Francis

## **Thematic scope of the conference:**

- Christianity (culture, religion, language, writing, history)
- Buddhism (culture, religion, language, writing, history)
- Judaism (culture, religion, language, writing, history)
- Islam (culture, religion, language, writing, history)
- Sacral architecture
- Ancient religions
- Religious rhetoric
- Intercultural religious discourse
- Ethnography of religion
- Anthropology of religion
- Sociology of religion
- Evolution of religion
- Religion and its people

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## **Important dates:**

Closing date for registration online and submission of abstracts: April 25, 2015

Notification of abstract acceptance: May 11, 2015

Deadline for the conference fee payment: May 22, 2015

## **Registration and Submission of Proposals:**

Please send a 400–500 word abstract (in English) with a short bio for a 20-minute paper (max. 20 minutes of presentation and 10 minutes for discussion) at [waystoreligion@wsf.edu.pl](mailto:waystoreligion@wsf.edu.pl) and register online by April 25, 2015.

## **Languages of the conference: English, Italian and Polish**

**Please register online:** <http://www.wsf.edu.pl/81561.xml>

Paper proposals should include the following elements:

- Title of the paper
- Author(s) name
- Author(s) institution affiliation, address, and contact e-mail
- Abstract text (max. 400–500 words)
- Times New Roman font size 12 pts.
- A Microsoft Word file format

## **Conference fee:**

480 PLN (or 120 EUR) – conference materials, coffee breaks, lunch and banquet included.

The conference fee should be paid by 20 May, 2015 to the account of the Philological School of Higher Education in Wrocław:

Account Holder: Wyższa Szkoła Filologiczna we Wrocławiu

Bank: Raiffeisen Bank Polska S.A.

Account No (IBAN): PL 23 1750 1064 0000 0000 0856 4167

SWIFT Code: RCBWPLPW

**Please make sure to include your name and the conference title (Ways to Religion) in the description of the bank transfer.**

**The conference fee does not include travel and accommodation costs.**

## **Conference venue:**

The Training Centre of Work Standards and Safety Inspectorate in Wrocław (Centrum Konferencyjne Państwowej Inspekcji Pracy), ul. Mikołaja Kopernika 5.

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The conference will be held in a historic building, which is situated in the heart of a beautiful district of Wrocław, near the Szczytnicki Park, the Centennial Hall (a UNESCO heritage site) and the ZOO.

A conference dinner will be held at the restaurant Gospoda Wrocławska.

Please note that the organizers **do not** provide accommodation for the conference participants.

## **Important information:**

A list of recommended hotels and the map of location of the conference venue are available at [http://www.wsf.edu.pl/upload\\_module/wysiwyg/Konferencja/Ways%20to%20Religion/Recommended%20hotels.pdf](http://www.wsf.edu.pl/upload_module/wysiwyg/Konferencja/Ways%20to%20Religion/Recommended%20hotels.pdf)

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