

Association for Russian Centers for the Religious Studies
The 5th Congress of Russian Scholars of Religion
November 26–28, 2020
Saint Petersburg
The State Museum of the History of Religion

“RELIGION AND ATHEISM IN 21st CENTURY”

Association for Russian Centers for the Religious Studies announces The 5th Congress of Russian Scholars of Religion. The 5th Congress continues the series of scholarly events being started at the 1st Congress (St. Petersburg, 2012) and afterwards kept up at the 2nd (St. Petersburg, 2014), the 3^d (Vladimir, 2016) and the 4th (Blagoveshchensk, 2018) Congresses.

The Congresses provides an interdisciplinary platform to discuss a great variety of problems, trends and phenomena in the field of contemporary Religious Studies, being the complex research area, methodologically based on humanities, social sciences and also, particularly during the last decades, on natural science.

Previous Congresses took in participants from many cities of Russia, including Moscow, St. Petersburg, Arkhangelsk, Barnaul, Blagoveshchensk, Chita, Elista, Kazan, Khabarovsk, Krasnoyarsk, Murmansk, Nizhny Novgorod, Novgorod Veliky, Novosibirsk, Omsk, Oryol, Perm, Ryazan, Saratov, Sevastopol, Tambov, Tomsk, Tyumen, Ufa, Vladimir, Vladivostok, Volgograd, Voronezh, Yakutsk, Yaroslavl, Yekaterinburg.

The scholars from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, China, Denmark, Germany, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia, Sweden, Ukraine and United Kingdom have traditionally contributed to the Congresses work.

The Organizing Committee of the 5th Congress of Russian Scholars of Religion is happy to welcome all the scholars interested in Religious Studies from Russian Federation and other countries. Young scholars, postgraduate and graduate students are especially encouraged to contribute to the 5th Congress work.

We should like to highlight the following themes:

- Post-postsecularism: crisis of faith or modernization?
- Privatization of religion or new publicity?
- New Age and religious syncretism
- Religion and contemporary natural science: convergence, co-existence or conflict?
- Naturalistic approaches to consciousness and contemporary science of religion
- Archeology, paleogenetics and modern concepts of the origin of religion
- Religion, atheism, indifferentism and problems of identity
- New Humanism and religious values. Does atheism have moral values?
- History of atheism and contemporary philosophy
- Belief and unbelief in contemporary fiction
- Religious artifacts in secular museum space
- Religious and anti-religious motives of folklore and post-folklore
- Religious images and contemporary art
- Religious and postreligious in contemporary cinematography
- Historians of religion and atheism: biobibliographical and prosopographical studies

Renowned experts from all over the world are supposed to exchange and share their experiences and research results on all the above listed themes.

If you are interested in organizing a section or delivering an abstract, please submit your section details or abstract paper through The State Museum of the History of Religion web-site using the following link http://gmir.ru/special/v_congress_arir/ and following the instructions of Application Form 1 (for sections) http://gmir.ru/forma_sectia/ or Application Form 2 (for abstracts) http://gmir.ru/forma_doclad/.

Congress Proceedings are supposed to be published as a printed book with ISBN and indexed in the RUSSIAN SCIENCE CITATION INDEX. All submitted abstract papers will be considered for publication. The final decision for paper selection will be based on peer review.

The Organizing Committee retains the right to select submitted papers for participation in the 5th Congress and afterwards publication and also to arrange section details if necessary.

Participants' presence is required. All the authors will get a Certificate of Participation. Living and transportation costs are covered by sending organizations.

The registration fee for the 5th Congress is 1000 RUB.

The participation for postgraduate and graduate students is charge-free.

The registration fee covers Congress folder, Certificate of Participation and access to coffee-breaks.

The fee is paid during registration at the Congress venue. Both cash and non-cash payments are available.

Working languages: Russian, English

IMPORTANT DATES:

March 15, 2020 – Section proposals Deadline

May 10, 2020 – Abstracts Submission Deadline

July 30, 2020 – Abstracts peer review

September 10, 2020 – Notification of Acceptance/Rejection

November 26–28, 2020 – The 5th Congress dates

[Call for Panels \(Symposiums\)](#)

[Call for Individual Papers](#)

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