

Call for Papers

1st Global Conference

Spirituality in the 21st Century

At the Interface of Theory, Praxis & Pedagogy

Sunday 20th March – Tuesday 22nd March 2011
Prague, Czech Republic

Call for Papers

The contemporary study of spirituality encompasses a wide range of interests. These have come not only from the more traditional areas of religious scholarship—theology, philosophy of religion, history of religion, comparative religion, mysticism—but also more recently from management, medicine, and many other fields.

This inter-disciplinary and multi-disciplinary conference seeks to examine and explore issues surrounding spirituality in regard to theory, praxis and pedagogy. Perspectives are sought from those engaged in the fields of Alcohol and Drug Rehabilitation, Business, Counseling, Ecology, Education, Healing, History, Management, Mass/Organizational/Speech Communication, Medicine, Nursing, Performance Studies, Philosophy, Psychiatry, Psychology, Reconciliation/Refugee/Resettlement Projects, Social Work, and Theatre. These disciplines are indicative only, as papers are welcomed from any area, profession and/or vocation in which Spirituality plays a part.

Papers, reports, works-in-progress and workshops are invited on issues related to any of the following themes:

- Conceptualizations of Spirituality
- History(ies) of Spirituality
- Interpreting elements and examples of Spirituality
- The Liminal elements and facets of Spirituality
- Research methods for Spiritual Work
- Social and cultural aspects of Spirituality
- Spirituality and Children
- Spirituality Compassion and Reconciliation
- Spirituality and Cultural Identity
- Spirituality and Healing
- Spirituality in Medicine and/or Nursing
- Spirituality as Therapy
- Spirituality in Literature
- Spirituality in Art, Dance and/or Music
- Spirituality in Television and Film
- Spirituality in the Age of the Internet

- Spirituality and Communication
- Spirituality and the Environment
- Spirituality in Hospice Care
- Spirituality and Gaia
- Teaching Spirituality
- Theology and Spirituality – use and/or abuse
- Teleology and Spirituality
- Comparisons and/or Contrasts between Spiritual Theory, Praxis and Pedagogy
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The Steering Group particularly welcomes the submission of pre-formed panel proposals. Papers will be considered on any related theme.

300 word abstracts should be submitted by Friday 1st October 2010. All submissions are minimally double blind peer reviewed where appropriate. If an abstract is accepted for the conference, a full draft paper should be submitted by Friday 4th February 2011. Abstracts should be submitted simultaneously to the Organising Chairs; abstracts may be in Word, WordPerfect, or RTF formats with the following information and in this order:

- a) author(s), b) affiliation, c) email address, d) title of abstract, e) body of abstract
- b)

Please use plain text (Times Roman 12) and abstain from using footnotes and any special formatting, characters or emphasis (such as bold, italics or underline). We acknowledge receipt and answer to all paper proposals submitted. If you do not receive a reply from us in a week you should assume we did not receive your proposal; it might be lost in cyberspace! We suggest, then, to look for an alternative electronic route or resend. If an abstract is accepted for the conference, a 12-20 page full draft paper should be submitted to both Organising Chairs by Monday 7th February 2011.

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The conference is part of the 'At the Interface' programme of research projects. It aims to bring together people from different areas and interests to share ideas and explore various discussions which are innovative and exciting.

All papers accepted for and presented at this conference will be eligible for publication in an ISBN eBook. Selected papers may be invited for development for publication in a themed hard copy volume(s).

For more information regarding the venue, registration, accommodations, etc., please visit the conference web site at:

<http://www.inter-disciplinary.net/critical-issues/ethos/spirituality-in-the-21st-century/>