

# Conference on Historiography of Religion

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This conference is organised by the European Science Foundation (ESF) in partnership with Linköping University (LiU).

The conference will take place on **10-14 September 2012** in **Scandic Linköping Väst, Linköping, Sweden**.

Submission Deadline: **14 May 2012**

**Grants for Young and Early Stage Researchers available.**

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## Historiography of Religion

10-14 September 2012

Chaired by:

**Jörg Rüpke** - Max-Weber-Centre, University of Erfurt, DE

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## Programme

The conference will focus on the question: **How, under which conditions and with which consequences are religions historicized?** The conference aims at furthering the study of religion as of historiography by analysing how religious groups (or their adversaries) employ historical narratives in the construction of their identities or how such groups are invented by later historiography (comparative historiography). Thus the biases and elisions of current analytical and descriptive frames have to be analysed, too (history of research). Combining disciplinary competences of Religious Studies and History of Religion, Confessional Theologies, History, History of Science, and Literary Studies, the participants will help to initiate a *comparative historiography of religion* by applying literary comparison and historical contextualization to those texts that have been used as central documents for histories of individual religions and analyze their historiographic character, tools and strategies. Furthermore they will stimulate *the history of historical research on religion*; that is, identifying key steps in the early modern and modern history of research. The comparative approach will address Circum-Mediterranean and

European as well as Asian religious traditions from the first millennium BCE to present. [More](#)

## Invited speakers will include

**Corinne Bonnet** - Université Toulouse, FR | **Cristiana Facchini** - Università di Bologna, IT | **Giovanni Filoramo** - Università Torino, IT | **Ingvild Gilhus** - Bergen University, NO | **Danièle Hervieu-Léger** - Ecole des Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales, Paris, FR | **Thomas Kaufmann** - University of Goettingen, DE | **Reinhard Kratz** - University of Goettingen, DE | **Chris Lorenz** - Vrije University of Amsterdam, NL | **Franziska Metzger** - University of Fribourg, CH | **Martin Mulso** - University of Gotha, DE | **Tessa Rajak** - Oxford University, UK | **Susanne Rau** - University of Erfurt, DE | **Chris Robinson** - New York Central University, US | **Jörg Rüpke** - University of Erfurt, DE | **Giulia Sfameni Gasparro** - University of Messina, IT | **Per Sorensen** - University of Leipzig, DE | **Natale Spineto** - University of Torino, IT | **Yvonne-Maria Werner** - Lund University, SE

## How to Participate

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A certain number of grants are available for students and early stage researchers to cover the conference fee and possibly part of the travel costs.

Closing date for applications: **14 May 2012**

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