

CESNUR Center for Studies on New Religions



CONFERENCE

THE AHMADIYYA IN SCHOLARLY PERSPECTIVE

Call for papers

We are interested in organizing a conference on the Ahmadis and Ahmadiyya in which the speakers examine

- Its theology- Christology
- Its history,
- Its organization, governance and associated groups,
- Membership: numbers, growth, sociological profile.

- International expansion,
- Iconography,
 - Their original territories and their international developments, as well as their various types of changes,
 - Judicial issues addressing its status; prosecution in certain countries,
 - Media relations and media coverage,
 - Impact on humanitarianism, art and culture in general,
 - Influences in popular culture,
 - The peculiar way of placing itself within the Islamic world, from which it is considered "heretical"
 - Relationship with the broader society.

This list of topics above is not exhaustive. We welcome additional studies or surveys completed or in process on the Ahmadiyya and its followers.

As for our previous conferences, we will prepare the publication of the best papers, once the scientific committee has reviewed them. You may see our publications on www.antwerpfvg.org.

We plan our conferences on one or two days, presuming there will be about 12 speakers.

Our requirement is to make sure speakers have a scholarly record and training even if they do not work in an academic background. Doctoral students are welcome.

We do not offer grants or stipends to participants, and every participant has to pay registration fees.

Organized By:

The European Observatory of Religion and Secularism (Laïcité) in partnership with Faculty of Comparative Study of Religion and Humanism (FVG), Lirec (Rome), CLIMAS (Bordeaux), Cesnur (Turin).

Practical Information

Venue: Faculty of Comparative Study of Religion and Humanism (FVG)

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Date of the conference: May 23-24, 2019.

Language of the conference: English.

Submitting

Send a 10 line abstract, with a 5 line résumé of your previous work and a short biography to:

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Papers will be considered for publication, with editorial details given during the conference. It is understood that each presenter must submit his or her paper first to the organizers for possible inclusion in the conference proceedings. *When submitting the abstract, please inform the committee whether the paper has been submitted for review or publication in another venue.*

Registration and Transportation:

Registration Fee: 100 euros and 15 euros for each lunch.

Students: 30 euros and 10 euros each lunch.

There are many hotels in Antwerp and a few in the nearby town of Mortsels, which are discoverable online, and each attendee should book directly. FVG is located off of a bus line to downtown Antwerp.

Proposal Deadline: March 30, 2019

Scientific Committee:

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