



RELIGIOUS VIOLENCE AND/ OR VIOLENCE IN THE NAME OF RELIGION

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Department of Religion Studies
University of Johannesburg

37TH Congress of the Association for the
Study of Religion in Southern Africa
ASRSA

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

The Association for the Study of Religion in Southern Africa (ASRSA) in collaboration with the Department of Religion Studies at the University of Johannesburg is pleased to announce the "Call for Submissions" for the 37th ASRSA Congress. This year's congress will be held at the University of Johannesburg, Kingsway Campus. The theme identified for this year's congress is "**Religious Violence and / or Violence in the Name of Religion**". In the past decade, we have seen discourses of "religious violence" and "violence in the name of religion" dominate much of the global agenda. These discourses have also taken center stage within the academe, with scholarship and research repositioning the discourse within a broader interdisciplinary milieu. In addition, there has been an increase in public interest with new media (such as social networks) emerging as a contested space for dialogue and debate. Based on the growing interest of this niche, the 2015 ASRSA Congress organizers are glad to announce this call for submissions, inviting researchers and scholars to present and share their findings and experiences on the chosen theme. Researchers and scholars working within this niche have explored a myriad of ways in which religion intersects with violence, such as historical, political, economic, legal, psychological, identities, norms, practices, gender, literature, and new media, etc. This 37th ASRSA congress will provide opportunities for careful and focused discussion of these and many more related issues. We invite submissions that seek to address the following congress tracks (but not limited to these):

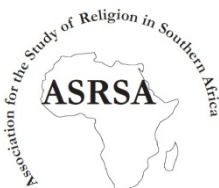
Track 1: Foundational Texts (extent to which violence is embedded in Religious Texts)

Track 2: Media Representations of Religion and Violence

Track 3: Regional Studies (East, West, North and Southern Africa)

Track 4: Shifting Gender Constructs in Religious Discourses of Violence

Track 5: Role of States in Religious Discourses of Violence



PRESENTATION TYPES

We welcome proposals within the following presentation structures:

- **Paper Presentation:** Single paper presentation (prepared by one or more authors). Time allocated: 20 minutes presentation and 10 minutes discussion
- **Poster Presentations:** Displays may be in the form of posters (maximum 121.92 x 91.44 cm/ 4 x 3 feet), digital/ computer displays, or other visual media. Each display should include a brief abstract of the purpose and procedures of the work; handouts or copies of written material may also be available. Space for the presentation will be provided by the congress organizers. All other materials including posters, displays, handouts or other appropriate materials are the responsibility of the presenter.
- **Colloquium:** This congress session is scheduled for 90-120 minutes and involves several presenters who are proposing a set of papers based on a shared theme or topic. Presenters should conceive and design the session to allow for time for individual presentations and time for engagement with conference attendees.
- **Pecha Kucha:** These are short presentations, approximately 10 slides at 1 minute per slide within an allocated time of 10 minutes. The aim of this presentation type is to keep the flow concise and fast-paced.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

All submissions to include the following:

1. Name of Author/s
2. Institutional Affiliation of Author/s
3. Email Address of Author/s
4. Title (not more than 15 words)
5. Abstract (minimum 350 – maximum 500 words)
6. Keywords (minimum 3 – maximum 6)
7. Conference Track
8. Presentation Type

Email submissions in MS Word Format to: chettd@unisa.ac.za

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLICATION

The Association for the Study of Religion in Southern Africa encourages presenters to submit their full papers for consideration in the Journal for the Study of Religion (JSR) – ISSN 1011-7601. JSR is an accredited journal and all papers are submitted to a double-blinded peer review process. Acceptance for presentation at the congress does not guarantee acceptance in JSR.

CONFERENCE FEES

Full Conference Registration: R500 per delegate

Day Registration: R200 per delegate

Note: The above fees cover the costs for tea/ coffee and lunch. This excludes accommodation. Conference attendees are required to make their own arrangements for accommodation.

Conference fees are to be paid into the following account:

Bank: Standard Bank

Account Name: Association for the Study of Religion in Southern Africa (ASRSA)

Account Number: 01 309 290 1

Account Type: Current Account

Branch: Musgrave (Code 04 2626)

Swift Account Number: SBZAJJ

Reference: Use your "Name" and "ASRSA 2015 Congress"

Send the proof of payment and completed registration form (see end of document) to: Ms. Charlene Louw at Email: clouw@uj.ac.za or Fax: (+27) 011 559 3858.

IMPORTANT DATES

Abstract Submission:	Submission for abstracts is now open. We will receive submissions until the 25 th September 2015.
Conference Registration:	Registration is now open and will close on the 12 th October 2015.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact one of the following:

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2015 CONGRESS ORGANIZERS

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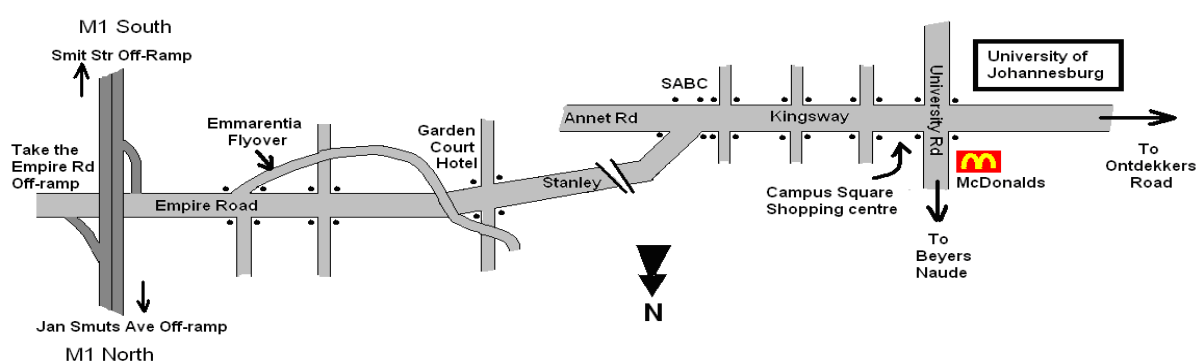
ACCOMODATION LISTING

Below is a list of five guest houses that are in close proximity to the University of Johannesburg (in walking distance)

- **Twickenham Guest House** - 66 Twickenham Ave Auckland Park
- **Auckland Lodge** - 6 Greenlands Road Auckland Park
- **Tower Lodge** - 2 Cookham Ave Auckland Park
- **Hampton Court** - 47 Hampton Ave Auckland Park
- **Surbiton** - 13 Surbiton Ave Auckland Park.

For further information, please contact Tina Stucke tina@aucklandlodge.co.za 082 591 5355 or Linda Vink linda@aucklandlodge.co.za 082 782 4628. All five lodges are managed by the same people.

MAP: DIRECTIONS TO UNIVERSITY OF JOHANNESBURG



From Johannesburg South: Travel on the M1 North, take the Empire Rd. off-ramp and turn left into Empire Rd. (the off-ramp before Empire is Smit Str.)

From Johannesburg North / Sandton / Pretoria: Travel on the M1 South, take the Empire Road off-ramp and turn right into Empire Rd. (the off-ramp before Empire is Jan Smuts Ave)

Once you have turned into Empire Rd: Keep to the middle lane until you passed the Holiday Inn. Keep on going until you get to the Annet / Kingsway T-junction (please note that the cross roads on Stanley is not indicated on the MAP). Turn right into Kingsway. Approximately 1km further the UJ will be on your left.



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Reference: Use your "Name" and "ASRSA 2015 Congress"	
Conference Fees	<input type="checkbox"/> R500 – Full Registration Fee <input type="checkbox"/> R200 – Day Registration Fee
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