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URPP Digital Religion(s)

## CALL FOR PAPERS

*University Research Priority Program (URPP) "Digital Religion(s)".*

### **Conference 16 - 21 October 2022, Monte Verità (TI), Switzerland**

**Guest speakers:** Prof. Dr. Heidi Campbell (USA), Prof. Dr. Pauline Cheong (USA), Prof. Dr. Kwabena Asamoah-Gyadu (GH), Prof. Dr. Charles Ess (NOR) and Dr. Jonas Kurlberg (UK), among others.

**Deadline** for abstract submission: April 20, 2022

### **Call for Papers**

Since the beginning of 2021, the URPP "Digital Religion(s)" at the University of Zurich has been investigating how current digitalization dynamics influence and transform the religious practices of individuals and institutions. The focus will be on topics such as digital religious practice, religious identity formation, hate speech, the development of digital religious networks, media communication practices of mourning, and phenomena of religion-related digital education.

The planned Monte Verità conference is closely related to this URPP. In the sense of a networking exchange beyond the URPP, "emerging topics", "emerging methodologies" and "emerging projects" of digital religion(s) research will be discussed with leading international experts. The highly participatory and explorative format of the conference will include workshops, group work, creative methods such as Open Space, as well as paper presentations and panel discussions.

The goal of the meeting, conducted in English, is to further develop this open research network within and outside of URPP and to explore next steps in digital theology and religion research.

The call for papers is addressed to experts, researchers and young scholars in the field of digital religion(s) and theology. The proposed paper can be characterized by either or both a hermeneutical or an empirical approach. In addition, active participation in the deliberations of the URPP consortium as well as active networking among researchers in the field is welcome and encouraged.

### **Notes on the abstract:**

Please submit an abstract of 300-500 words by April 20, 2022, that clearly identifies both your expertise in the field and the topic you plan to address (preferably including a didactic/interactive design). Please send the abstract to: [thomas.schlag@theol.uzh.ch](mailto:thomas.schlag@theol.uzh.ch) and to [sabrina.mueller@theol.uzh.ch](mailto:sabrina.mueller@theol.uzh.ch).

The cost of participation in the meeting (accommodation and meals) for this week is CHF 600. The participation in the whole conference is required for the acceptance of the paper.

### **Organizer:**



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