

Call for applications – UCSIA Summer School 2019

We would like to draw attention to the **call for applications** for the 2019 UCSIA Summer School on “Religion, Culture, and Society: Entanglement and Confrontation.” This summer school is a one-week course taking from **Sunday, August 25, 2019 until Sunday, September 1, 2019** at the University Center Saint Ignatius Antwerp, University of Antwerp, Belgium. This year the program will focus on the topic “**Religion, Mobility and Materiality**”.

The UCSIA Summer School brings together a multidisciplinary and international group of 30 PhD students and postdoctoral scholars. Participation and stay for young scholars and researchers are free of charge, but participants should pay for their own travel expenses to Antwerp.

You can submit your application via **the electronic submission form** on the summer school website. The completed file as well as all other required application documents must be submitted to the UCSIA selection committee no later than **Sunday 31st of March 2019**.

For further information regarding the program and application procedure, please have a look at our **website**.

Topic:

It is the aim of the interdisciplinary UCSIA summer school to investigate the dynamic interplay between macro-level developments and bottom-up approaches in the fields of religion and culture and the way in which this may induce innovative synergies and/or provoke new and old forms of confrontation.

The **2019 UCSIA summer school** will discuss the ways in which mobility influences the global and local religious landscape. We focus on:

(1) the ways in which religious materials and rituals travel around the globe and facilitates religious exchanges and changes in our global world: Do refugees travel with their icons and does that involve a change in the rituals? Can relics travel with people and what does that

mean for the ritual space surrounding it? Is there space for practices and material exchange within the digital world; and how does this come about?

(2) the individual exchange of religious beliefs through mobility: How do the different modes of individual mobility (migration, asylum seeking, tourism, schooling...) change the religious belief-system of the 'moving person' but also of the people in the host country? How do people theologize their experience of migration, asylum-seeking? Does this mobility foster new forms of religion, 'multiple religious belongings' or does it create feelings of alienation, deculturalization, discrimination?

(3) the religious change that mobility and globalization has fostered and the meaning this has on the larger geopolitical context and social set-up of countries: How do postcolonial regions claim a position in the world through their traditions, churches, practices? What does religious conversion mean for the established world religions (internally, but also in the global geopolitical context)? How does this changing religious landscape influences the social set-up of a country (more solidarity, segregation)?

Guest lecturers are

Jayeel Serrano Cornelio, Associate Professor and Director of the Development Studies Program at the Ateneo de Manila University.

David Henig, Associated professor/visiting researcher, Department of Cultural Anthropology, Utrecht University.

Angie Heo, Assistant Professor of Anthropology and Sociology of Religion at Divinity School, University of Chicago.