

**IV INTERNATIONAL CONGRESS ON THE SCIENCE OF RELIGION and  
XI STUDIES IN RELIGION WEEK  
“RELIGION, CULTURAL TRANSFORMATION AND GLOBALIZATION”  
(Goiânia, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> September, 2010)**

**1. Presentation**

The Master and Doctoral Program in the Science of Religion at the Pontifical University of Goiás has established itself in the Midwest and in Brazil at large as a privileged forum for academic and scientific reflection on the science of religion. This comes in the wake of a decade of activities devoted to research and scientific production dealing with the religious phenomenon and the formation of scholars and researchers in this field. The Congresses held throughout these ten years have provided a space for the construction and dissemination of knowledge in the field. The **IV International Congress on the Science of Religion** crowns this ongoing effort with the blossoming of the Program and forms part of the continuity of the ten Studies in Religion Weeks (this being the eleventh).

**2. Aims**

- Discuss the challenges and contributions that the religious phenomenon and its cultural interfaces bring to the field of the Science of Religion.
- Discuss religions and cultural transformations against a background of globalization, involving researchers from Europe and Latin America and other regions so that the reach, process of change and the appearance of new proposals in the cultural and religious fields can be understood, according to the specific characteristics of each region and country.
- Contribute by enhancing the nation debate, strengthening projects for partnership and international cooperation, encourage joint publications and exchange of researchers and students between the institutions involved.

**3. Institutional Responsibility**

The of Religion at the Pontifical University of Goiás (Postgraduate Program in the Science of Religion – Master and Doctorate in the Science PUC-GO).

**4. Organizing Committee**

- Dr. Irene Dias de Oliveira (President)
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### **5. XI Studies in Religion Week**

The Congress coincides with the holding of the XI Studies in Religion Week, organized annually by the Postgraduate Program in Religious Studies. Hence it is hoped to involve Master and Doctoral students in the Congress with themes related to the field of Religion and its interface with the theme of the event. Participation is also open to anybody interested.

### **6. Certificates**

Certificates corresponding to **24 hours** will be awarded to participants who have enrolled, paid and participated in **75%** of the event.

### **7. Theme**

With the general theme of “**RELIGION, CULTURAL TRANSFORMATIONS AND GLOBALIZATION**”, the IV International Congress on the Science of Religion hopes to discuss religion and its interface with the process of cultural transformation of globalized societies, based on the specificities of each region and country, with the cultural perspective as a background.

### **8. Program**

The Congress will be organized into these sections: Conferences, Round tables and Communication sessions.

## SEPTEMBER 27 (MONDAY)

### **8:30am – OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE EVENT**

**Location:** *Auditório do Básico* and Classrooms – Area II (PUC-GO)

### **9:00-10:30am CONFERENCE I**

#### **RELIGION, CULTURAL TRANSFORMATIONS AND GLOBALIZATION**

Dr. Alberto da Silva Moreira (PUC-GO)

Moderator: Dr. José Carlos Avelino da Silva (PUC-GO)

10:30 -11:00am Coffee Break

### **11:00am - 12:30pm ROUND TABLE I**

#### **RELIGION, CULTURAL TRANSFORMATIONS AND GENDER**

- Laity and questions of gender: from the desire for power in religion and the faithful's desire for action - Dr. Sandra Duarte de Souza (UMESP)
- Religion, transformations in culture and intimacy - Dr. Carolina Teles Lemos (PUC-GO)

Moderator: Dr. Maria Eliane Rosa de Souza (PUC-GO)

### **AFTERNOON**

**Location:** *Auditório do Básico* and classrooms in Area II (PUC-GO)

### **2:00 - 3:30pm – COMMUNICATIONS**

3:30 - 4:00pm Interval

### **4:00 - 5:30pm – COMMUNICATIONS**

### **5:30 - 6:30pm CONFERENCE II**

**Location:** *Auditório do Básico* (Area II)

#### **POPULAR RELIGIOSITY AND CULTURAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN LATIN AMERICA**

Dr. Cristián Parker (Universidad de Santiago de Chile)

Moderator: Dr. Carolina Teles Lemos (PUC-GO)

## **SEPTEMBER 28 (TUESDAY)**

**Location:** *Auditório do Básico* (Area II)

**8:30 - 10:00am – CONFERENCE III**

**FROM GLOBALIZATION TO THE INTERRELIGIOUS UNIVERSALISM OF JUSTICE, PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS: TOWARDS INTERCULTURAL DEVELOPMENT**

Dr. Giuliana Martirani (University of Naples – Italy)

Moderator: Dr. Irene Dias de Oliveira (PUC-GO)

10:00 -10:30am Coffee Break

**10:30am - 12:30pm – ROUND TABLE II: RELIGION AND ETHNOLOGY: A LOOK AT MEDIATION PROCESSES AND ETHNIC EMERGENCE**

- Shamans and sympathizers in the re-ethnicization of the Amazonian hinterland – Dr. Florêncio Vaz (UFPA)
- Indigenous peoples and cultural mediation: the work of the Consolata mission and the peoples of Roraima - Dr. Melvina Araújo (UNIFESP)
- Shamanism and "Revolt": the work of the Capuchins and the Tapuyan people of Minas - Dr. Izabel Missagia de Mattos (UFG)

Moderator: Dr. Pedro Adalberto Gomes de Oliveira Neto (PUC-GO)

## **AFTERNOON**

**Location:** *Auditório do Básico* and classrooms (Area II)

**2:00 - 3:30pm – COMMUNICATIONS**

3:30 - 4:00pm Interval

**4:00 - 5:30pm – COMMUNICATIONS**

**5:00 - 6:30pm – CULTURAL PROGRAM AND LAUNCHING OF BOOKS**

**Location: *Auditório do Básico* (Area II)**

**SEPTEMBER 29 (WEDNESDAY)**

**Location: *Auditório do Básico* (Area II)**

**8:30 - 10:00am – CONFERENCE IV**

**RELIGIOUS PLURALISM AND IDENTITY IN EUROPE: THE RELIGIONS OF THE IMMIGRANTS BETWEEN INTEGRATION AND SOCIAL EXCLUSION**

Dr. Giuseppe Lucà Trombetta (University of Bologna – Italy)

Moderator: Dr. Alberto da Silva Moreira (PUC-GO)

10:00 - 10:30am Coffee Break

**10:30 - 12:00am – ROUND TABLE III**

**RELIGION, CULTURAL TRANSFORMATIONS AND ETHNICITY**

- Religious pluralism and ethnicity: the emerging challenges - Dr. Irene Dias de Oliveira (PUC-GO)
- Afro-Brazilian religions and cultural transformations: a multicultural perspective - Dr. Afonso Ligório Soares (PUC-SP)

Moderator: Dr. Eduardo Gusmão de Quadros (PUC-GO)

**AFTERNOON**

**Location: *Auditório e Salas de Aula* (Área II)**

2:00 - 3:30pm – **COMMUNICATIONS**

3:30 - 4:00pm Interval

**4:00-6:00pm – CONFERENCE V**

**Location: *Auditório do Básico***

**THEOLOGY AND CULTURAL TRANSFORMATIONS IN EUROPE**

Dr. Rosa Morelli (Pontifical Faculty of Theology of Southern Italy)

Moderator: Dr. Valmor da Silva (PUC-GO)

**18:00pm – CLOSING: Cultural Program**

Location: *Auditório do Básico* and classrooms in Area II

**9. Communications Sessions**

Sessions will be limited to 3 communications, each with a maximum presentation of 20 minutes (plus 10 minutes for discussion); should the presentation of the communication go beyond the time limit the discussion time will be forfeited.

Proposals for communications on one of the following themes should be submitted by August 20, 2010:

**1. IMPACT OF CULTURAL TRANSFORMATIONS AND  
GLOBALIZATION ON THE (INTER)RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN  
RELIGION AND HEALTH**

If the reflexivity of modern social life consists in the fact that social practices are being constantly examined and revised in the light of new information on these very practices, constitutively altering their character (Giddens), then the traditional (inter)relationship between religion and health also undergoes these reviews. The impact of this reflexivity affects religion, which reconfigures its look in relation to health, as well as the field of health (researchers in the field, professionals, people who are seriously ill or not) and which revises its religious conceptions and inquiries. With this situation as background, the communication session will be a space for discussion on the impact of cultural transformations and globalization on the (inter)relationship between religion and health.

**Keywords:** religion, health, cultural transformations.

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**2. RELIGION, VIOLENCE, ETHNICITY AND GLOBALIZATION**

The aim of this communication session is to analyze the relationship between religion, violence and ethnicity in the context of a globalized, multicultural, pluri-religious

society. There has been a considerable increase in violence in modern society and this demands a more accurate attentive reflection. On the other hand, the relationship between violence, religion and ethnicity has given rise to generalized and at times superficial controversies hampering a more attentive and accurate look at the historical, cultural and social dimensions in relation to certain ethnic groups. So this communication session is open to proposals which discuss and question the relationship between religion, violence and ethnicity in modern society.

**Keywords:** religion, ethnicity and violence.

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### **3. PROTESTANTISM AND GLOBALIZATION**

Relations between Protestantism and Capitalism are part of the classical studies on religious movements born out of the Protestant Reform. However, there is a lack of analysis on the possible overlapping between the practice of the present economic system and the expansion of Protestantism in Latin America. Without any linear causality, the Protestant experience in the continent would seem to be correlated with modernization, with market expansion, rapid urbanization, and ever more hegemonic media cultures. So, this communication session is a space for reflection where researchers exchange ideas and information on the evangelical world, its culture, its manifestations of faith, its social practice, with the process of globalization as a background.

**Keywords:** Protestantism, globalization, beliefs and the market.

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### **4. HOLINESS, PROPHECY AND WISDOM**

This communication session aims to discuss saints, prophets and scholars, in the context of religions and their sacred texts. The themes of sanctity, prophecy and wisdom, although starting from specific cultural situations, permeate the different religions and cultures, from the viewpoint of globalization. They also permeate the different historical

periods to express tradition, transformation and modernity. The personalities brought for discussions illustrate aspects, such as charisma, leadership, martyrdom and messianic figures. They also present sacred texts which illustrate the proposed theme, as well as specific themes with a definite focus.

**Keywords:** holiness, prophecy, wisdom

**Coordination:** Dr. Valmor da Silva

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## 5. TRANCE AND POSTMODERN RELIGIOSITY

The aim of this communication session is to promote an exchange of experiences and studies on trance/possession in religions, especially those of a mediumistic nature such as Umbanda, Candomblé and Kardecism. The trance constitutes one of the principal and, at times central, phenomena in these different forms of religiosity. It will also be interpreted from different scientific viewpoints such as those of psychoanalysis, anthropology, sociology and theology.

**Keywords:** Trance, possession, mediumism and Afro-Brazilian religions.

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## 6. RELIGION AND MODERNITY

The study of the re-composition of relations between religion and modernity has been the focus of a considerable part of present scientific production. The secularization phenomenon has given a new dimension to the place of religion in present times. Religion is losing its position of important matrix in social relations and assuming a less noble status, sharing the production of meaning with other instances, such as the media and science. Furthermore, an ever wider range of alternative religions has opened up a fragmentary opposition, making the constitution of symbolic religious monopolies unfeasible, weakening traditions and threatening their survival. This communication session is open to receive proposals for communications which dialogue with the binomial Religion and Modernity in its most varied forms.

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## **7. RELIGION, PHILOSOPHY AND GLOBALIZATION**

This communication session is a space which aims at reflecting on themes or problems involving philosophy in dialogue with religion and/or political, social, cultural and ethical issues proper to the globalized world. It sets out to develop a dialogue along a philosophical basis which however is open to approaches from other fields of knowledge, especially the science of religion, the social sciences and anthropology, in the sense of accepting the diversity reflected in the theme “Philosophy, Religion and Globalization”.

**Keywords:** philosophy, religion, globalization, society, culture.

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## **8. THE SACRED FEMININE AND GLOBALIZATION**

This is an approach to the Sacred Feminine by means of a dialogue between the various conceptions, bringing to this communication session knowledge and concepts which unveil the wealth of contemporary discussion on the theme. Antiquity and its reflections for a globalized world will be a focus of the approach.

**Keywords:** Sacred Feminine, Antiquity, globalized world.

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## **9. RESISTENCE, ASSIMILATION AND ACCOMMODATION IN THE PROCESSES FOR BUILDING IDENTITY AND BELONGING IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHURCH**

The theme covers texts, iconography and the reality of the first three centuries in order to discover the dynamics and asymmetrical power games which existed in political, social, religious and gender relationships. Rooted in the Roman globalizing imperial context, the movement of Jesus and the early Churches, in a process of continuity and

rupture, lived out and drew up various different postures and survival strategies in building identity and community forms. At times they simultaneously present counter cultural features, but also features of assimilation and accommodation to new emerging realities. Knowing the diversity and atmosphere of conflict involved in the formation of the Church at the start helps one to understand its later development, with reflections and expressions in contemporaneousness.

**Keywords:** beginnings of the Church, power relationships, resistance, assimilation, accommodation, identity.

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## **10. HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL DEMANDS AND ECOLOGICAL CONCERNS IN THE BIBLICAL TRADITION**

This communication session seeks to focus on the emergence of ecological thought in the Biblical tradition, in both its original texts (Old and New Testaments) and its interpretative developments in the history of transmission and reception. Corollaries: biblical texts and environmental concern; militarism and the awareness of ecological protection; affirmation and overcoming of anthropocentrism; gratitude and inclusiveness; the ethics of responsibility.

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## **11. HEBREW TRADITION: HISTORY, EMERGENCIES AND CULTURAL ACCOMMODATION**

The focus of this communication session is on the configuration of the Hebrew tradition, highlighting the emergencies themselves and the cultural and religious accommodation resulting from broader historical processes in the context of the Ancient Middle East throughout the first millennium. Corollaries: interpretation of texts and other productions and cultural representations of the Hebrew tradition (iconography,

archeology etc; cultural borrowing, critical reception and accommodation, hybridism, overlap with oriental and Hellenic culture.

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## **12. SOPHIA AS A SEARCH FOR SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION IN CORINTH**

The “strong” (proprietors, males, Greeks, Romans, Jews, the rich, philosophers) of the people of Corinth considered themselves superior to the world and also to less sophisticated Christians. Within the ecclesial community the “strong”, the “perfect”, also existed. They considered themselves free to do what they wanted; nothing reaching their “ego” (**1 Corinthians 6:12; 10:23**). This is the type of “freedom” they practiced, with no thought of others. But for Paul there is no other freedom than that which serves one’s neighbor and builds community. “Freedom for” is absolute. It is determined by the concrete content of the act of love which does good to one’s neighbor and to the whole community. By opting for the “weak”, those on the margin, the Apostle was suggesting to the groups that they leave the Greek-Roman “system”.

**Keywords:** Sophia, the strong, the weak, transformation

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### **9.1 Communication Proposal**

The Communication proposal should indicate:

Thematic area:

Title:

Name(s) of the proposer(s):

Qualification (title):

Institution where working:

Abstract (Summary) of up to 10 lines (arial 12):

Proposer’s email address:

After enrollment (on-line or with the Program Secretary), the proposal should be sent directly to the coordinators of the chosen thematic area by August 20, 2010, at their respective emails. Enrollment is an essential condition for acceptance of the proposal.

The finished papers should be forwarded by **September 10, 2010 directly to the coordinators of the chosen thematic area.**

## **9.2 Proposals for Communication Sessions**

Professors and researchers from other academic institutes can present COMPLETE PROPOSALS for Communication Sessions on condition that the above-mentioned overall Congress theme is respected. Proposals for the Sessions should be sent to the Congress Secretary **by August 20, 2010, after duly enrolling.**

**For suggestions of thematic areas or communication sessions, the following should be indicated:**

Central Theme

Coordinator's name

Names of the communicators and their emails

Coordinator's email

Outline of thematic area of the Communication Sessions (10 lines) and keywords.

Complete information of the Session should be sent to the Program Secretary at [cicr@pucgoias.edu.br](mailto:cicr@pucgoias.edu.br).

A 'scientific communication' is a literary genre in itself, which should be characterized by brevity of presentation (a total of 30 minutes, of which 15-20 are presentation and the rest discussion) and clarity of formulation; the communication must be clear, with a brief introduction and outline of the theme, concise development of the theme and conclusion; a communication is a 3 to 5-page text (arial 12, double space) which should contain: **an indication of the chosen thematic area**, title, author's name and qualifications, development of the theme, references at the end of the text.

Communications sessions will take place in classrooms in Area II of the Pontifical University of Goiás.

### **9.3 Publications**

Communications will be approved by the team coordinating the thematic area. There will be an initial selection of proposals for communications to be presented at the event. After the Congress a Scientific Commission will select the papers to be published in the annals.

### **10. Enrollments**

Enrollments for participation in the IV International Congress on the Science of Religion – “**RELIGION, CULTURAL TRANSFORMATIONS AND GLOBALIZATION**” can be made through the site [www.pucgoias.edu.br](http://www.pucgoias.edu.br) or directly at the Secretariat of the Science of Religion Program.

#### **Enrollment period**

##### **a. Enrollment for Communication Sessions**

- by August 20, 2010.

##### **b. Enrollment for participation**

- by September 20, 2010.

#### **Payment on-line**

Print the bank slip and pay in any bank.

#### **Payment in the Program Secretariat**

Pay the secretary directly.

#### **Price of enrollment**

**Up to July 30, 2010 enrollment costs will be:**

US\$ 50 – professors, researchers (whether presenting or not);

US\$ 30 – **Postgraduate** students (whether presenting or not);  
US\$ 20 – Undergraduate students (whether presenting or not) ;  
US\$ 60 – professionals/others.

**After July 30, 2010 cost of enrollment will be :**

US\$ 55 – professors, researchers (whether presenting or not);  
US\$ 35 – **Postgraduate** students (whether presenting or not);  
US\$ 25 – Undergraduate students (whether presenting or not);  
US\$ 65 – professionals/others.

Contacts can be by phoning 55-62-3946-1673 or by e-mailing [cicr@pucgoias.edu.br](mailto:cicr@pucgoias.edu.br) and/or through the Executive Secretary of the Congress, Miss Geyza Pereira.

**OTHER INFORMATION**

**11 Accommodation**

Participants will be responsible for their own accommodation and for their own meals, wherever they choose. There are snack bars on the University Campus, and restaurants can be found in the university surrounds.

**12. Travel**

Participants' travel expenses will be paid either by participants themselves or by their respective institutions. Because of the difficulties in finding extra funding we appeal to Institutes to financially support their personnel.

Accommodation will be provided by the University and financing agencies for the seven lecturers giving Conferences during the Program

**13. Publications of the IV Congress**

The Postgraduate Program in the Science of Religion – Master and Doctorate – at the Pontifical University of Goiás will be responsible for publication of the Annals, in partnership with the Methodist University of São Paulo (UMESP), through the coordinating team: Dr. Irene Dias de Oliveira (PUC-GO) and Dr. Sandra Duarte de Souza (UMESP).

During the Congress, books by lecturers and participants will be on sale. So anybody who has a publication can bring it. **The people available to sell these books will receive a 5% commission from the author.**

It is also hoped to hold a launching of books by researchers in the Science of Religion Program and others who may be interested. Anybody interested should get in touch with the Secretary of the event through the email [cicr@pucgoias.edu.br](mailto:cicr@pucgoias.edu.br)

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