

Program Themes

Professional Organizations in the Social-Scientific Study of Religion

	Religious Research Association	Association for the Sociology of Religion	Society for the Scientific Study of Religion	International Society for the Sociology of Religion (SISR)	International Sociological Association, Research Committee on the Sociology of Religion (RC22)
2023	Religion, Empowering or Oppressing People and Communities? (<i>Salt Lake City</i>)	Justice and Religion (<i>Philadelphia</i>)	Religion, Empowering or Oppressing People and Communities? (<i>Salt Lake City</i>)	Religions in dialogue: Transformations, Diversity, and Materiality (<i>Taipei</i>)	World Congress: Religion, Politics, Economics, and the New Authoritarianism (<i>Melbourne, Australia</i>)
2022	Religion, Racial Unrest and Pandemics (<i>Baltimore</i>)	Religion, Repression, and the Search for Justice (<i>Los Angeles</i>)	Religion, Racial Unrest and Pandemics (<i>Baltimore</i>)	-----	-----
2021	----- Some 2021 Conferences Moved Online due to COVID 19 -----				
	A Year of Change: The Impact of 2020 on Religion and Congregational Life (<i>Online/Portland OR</i>)	Communicating Religion's Relevance (<i>Chicago</i> <i>Online</i>)	"Global and Comparative Perspectives on Religion" (<i>Online/Portland OR</i>)	Religion in Global/Local Perspective: Diffusion, Migration, Transformation (<i>Taiwan</i> <i>Online</i>)	Midterm Conference: Religion and Politics: Shifting Boundaries (<i>Vilnius, Lithuania</i>)
2020	----- 2020 Conferences cancelled due to COVID-19 -----				
	[Religious Responses in a Challenging World: Spirituality, Worship, and Communal Life (<i>Pittsburgh</i>)]	(<i>San Francisco</i>) Theme moved to 2021	[Religion and Spirituality in a Frightening World (<i>Pittsburgh</i>)]	-----	-----
2019	Engaging with Scholarly Research on Religion (<i>St. Louis</i>)	Engaging Religion in a Contested Age (<i>New York</i>)	Diversifying the Social Scientific Study of Religion: The Next Seventy Years (<i>St. Louis</i>)	The Politics of Religion and Spirituality (<i>Barcelona, Spain</i>)	Midterm Conference: Rethinking Religion in the Public Sphere in 21st Century Global South (<i>Accra, Ghana</i>)
2018	Missing Pieces, Changing Puzzles (<i>Las Vegas</i>)	Strengthening Weak Ties to Other Sociological Subdisciplines (<i>Philadelphia</i>)	Religion and Power: The Creation, Reproduction and Deconstruction of Social Orders (<i>Las Vegas</i>)	-----	World Congress: Religion, Power, and Resistance: New Ideas for a Divided World (<i>Toronto</i>)
2017	Applying Our Research (<i>Washington</i>)	Religion and Division: Causes, Consequences, and Counters (<i>Montreal</i>)	"Going Public: The Social Impact of Scientific Research on Religion. (<i>Washington</i>)	Religion, Cooperation and Conflict in Diverse Societies (<i>Lausanne, Switzerland</i>)	-----
2016	Is American Religion Exceptional? Comparing Patterns of Religion in the United States with Other Countries (<i>Atlanta</i>)	Exploring Diversity: Varieties of Religion and Non-Religion (<i>Seattle</i>)	[Religion and Public Life (<i>Atlanta</i>)] (there was no formal theme in the call for papers or the program)	-----	3 rd Forum of Sociology: Religion, Secularity and Post-Secularity: Crafting Meaningful Futures (<i>Vienna</i>)

2015	Religion across the Individual and Organizational Life Course (Newport Beach)	Understanding Religious Change (Chicago)	Pluralization of Religions, Cultures, and Research Methods in an Era of Globalization (Newport Beach)	Sensing Religion (Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium)	-----
2014	Revisiting Gender and Religion (Indianapolis)	Religion as a Social Force (San Francisco)	Building Bridges (Indianapolis)	-----	World Congress: Facing an Unequal Post-Secular World (Yokohama)
2013	Religious Communities: Local, National, Global, and Digital (Boston)	Tributaries, Eddies and Cross-Currents: Religion Outside the Mainstream (New York)	How Does Religion Work? (Boston)	Rethinking Community (Turku/Åbo, Finland)	-----
2012	Creating and Remaking the Sacred: Sacralization in Religious Organizations and Other Social Settings (Phoenix)	Religion and Social Change (Denver)	Religion, Race, and National Identity (Phoenix)	-----	Midterm Conference: Religion, Conflict, Violence and Tolerance in Global Perspectives (Abuja, Nigeria)
2011	Religiosity Reconsidered: Challenges and Opportunities for Denominations and Congregations (Milwaukee)	Socially Engaged Religion in Global Context (Las Vegas)	Research in the Scientific Study of Religion: From the Local to the Cross-National (Milwaukee)	Religion and Economy in a Global World (Aix-en-Provence, France)	-----
2010	Religion in Unsettled Times (Baltimore)	Religion, Identity, and Place (Atlanta)	Religion in Global Perspective (Baltimore)	-----	World Congress: Religion on the Move (Gothenburg, Sweden)
2009	Religion and Relations: Linking Faith with Marriage and the Family (Denver)	Religion, Culture, Politics (San Francisco)	Discoveries in the Scientific Study of Religion (Denver)	The Challenge of Religious Pluralism (Santiago de Compostela, Spain)	-----
2008	Conflict and Renewal/Stability and Tradition: What is a (Religious) Body to Do? (Louisville)	Religion Crossing Boundaries (Boston)	Global Religion: Boon, Nightmare, or Passing Phenomenon? (Louisville)	-----	Midterm Meeting: Religion and the Formation of New Publics (Manila)
2007	Changing Religious Forms and Connections	Striving for a Better World: Religion and Social Change (New York)	Religion, Community, and Social Action	Secularity and Religious Vitality (Leipzig, Germany)	-----
2006	Diversity Within Religious Organizations	Intersections: History Meets the Sociology of Religion ... Again (Montreal)	Religion v Spirituality: Assessing the Relationship Between Institutional Religious Involvement and Personal Religious Experience	-----	World Congress: The Quality of Religious Existence in a Globalizing World (Durham, South Africa)
2005	Congregations, Denominations, and Research on Religion: Promoting Cooperation	Religion, Politics, and the State at Home and Abroad (Philadelphia)	Multiplying the Study of Religion	Challenging Boundaries: Religion and Society (Zagreb, Croatia)	-----
2004	Linking Social Action and Religious Research	The Causes and Consequences of Contemporary Moralities (San Francisco)	Overcoming Boundaries in the Scientific Study of Religion	-----	-----
2003	Religion and Contemporary Culture: Exploring the Intersections	The Sociology of Religion:	Religion in Motion (Norfolk, VA)	Religion and Generations (Turin,	-----

	of Religious Research (<i>Norfolk, VA</i>)	Constructing an Agenda (<i>Atlanta</i>)		<i>Italy</i>)	
2002	Theory and Applied Research	Freedom and Control (<i>Chicago</i>)	Practicing Religion in the 21st Century	-----	World Congress: Religion in the 21 st Century (<i>Montreal</i>)
2001	Interorganizational Relations in Religious Research	Religion and Societal Marginality (<i>Anaheim</i>)	Mainstreaming the Scientific Study of Religion	Interpreting Religion Today (<i>Ixtapan de la Sa Mexico</i>)	-----
2000	Gender, Religious Organization and Practice	Religion and Global Civil Society (<i>Washington</i>)	Religion and Transnationalism: Challenges of the 21st Century.	-----	-----