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Klaus G. Boehnke	Germany
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Abdolrahim Gavahi	Iran
William Grassie	USA
Niels H. Gregersen	Denmark
Giselher Guttmann	Austria
M. Khodayarifard	Iran
Archbishop Franz Lackner	Austria
Heinz Laubreuter	Austria
S.M. Mohaghegh Damad	Iran
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Andrew Newberg	USA
Michael Reiss	England
Bernd Rieken	Austria
Michael Ruse	USA
Mikael Stenmark	Sweden
Michael Utsch	Germany
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Thank you for your interest, and see you in Vienna!

Registration Fee

	Early Reg. <i>before</i> 01 May 2015 (€)	Late/Onsite <i>after</i> 01 May 2015 (€)
Full Participants	500	650
Developing Countries	300	400
Travel Companion	150	150
Students	150	250
Students from Dev. Countries	100	150
ISSR and IAPR members	350	500

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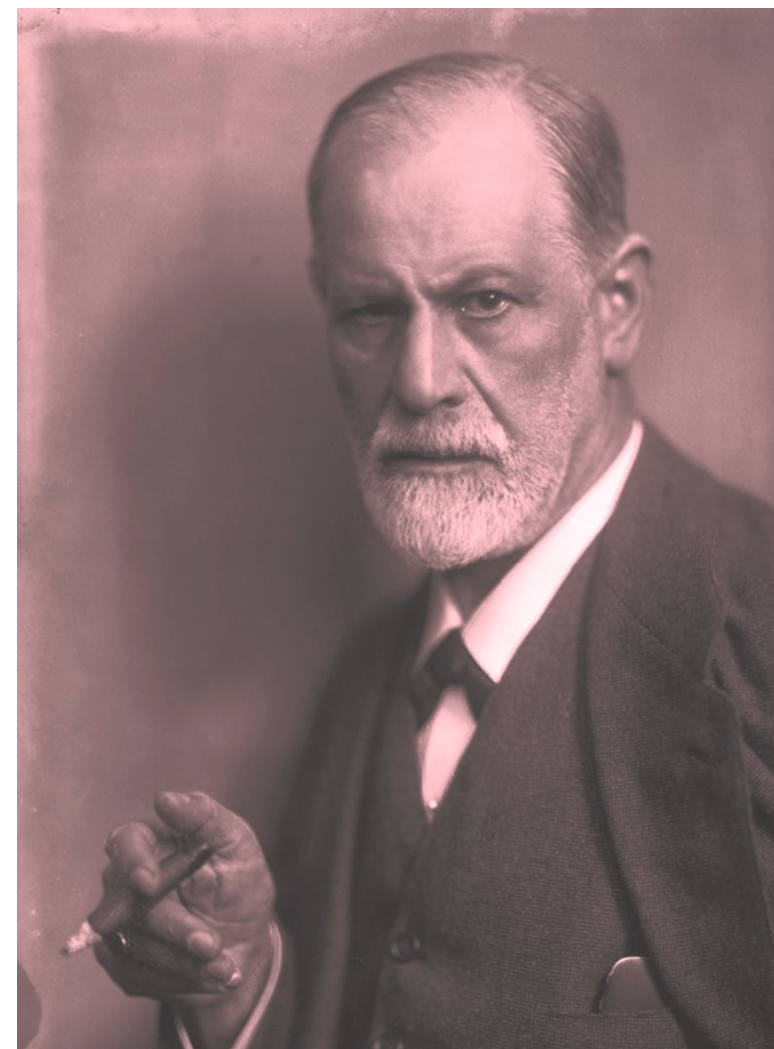
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International Congress on Science and/or Religion: a 21st Century Debate

Vienna, 27–29 August 2015

With Continuing Professional Development (CPD)
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The progresses of modern sciences and technology have led to remarkable insights into the nature of universe and human life, challenging or transforming the former traditional worldviews and narrations. Sigmund Freud University and the International Society for Science and Religion share the view that the dialogue between religions and modern sciences remains crucial for the 21st century to analyze and examine these challenges that arise at the interface of science and religion.

Call for Papers

The congress welcomes papers from all pertinent academic disciplines that take a multi-/interdisciplinary approach as well as religious, (a)theistic, and philosophical scholarly pieces, and reports of comparative, cross-cultural and cross-religious studies.

Congress Topics

1. The Science and Religion Debate in Current Social Context:

- Sociological and historical perspectives on the contemporary relationship between science and religion
- Religion and scientific naturalism: conflict or integration?
- Current religious and scientific interpretations and narratives
- The philosophical and scientific study of atheism
- The philosophical and scientific study of fundamentalist religion
- Implications of the scientific study of religion for religious life and thought

- Scientific research on morality/humanity related to/or separated from religion

2. Science and Religions Explaining the Human Being:

- Science and religions' explanations for human evolution, past and future
- Mechanisms and functions of the brain/mind
- The meaning of being human in religion and sciences
- Existential and basic human questions
- Meaning-giving beliefs throughout history: supernatural, religious, science-based systems of beliefs
- Science and religion on death and the finiteness of human life

3. Science and Religions Explaining Religion-/Spirituality-related Phenomena:

- Evolution of religious and spiritual traditions
- Mechanisms and functions of souls/spirits/ancestors/Gods and supernatural phenomena
- Mechanisms and functions of meditation/prayer/religious and spiritual rituals
- Religious/mystical/spiritual experiences
- Religious development across the lifespan (including relationships with cognitive, emotional and social development; parenting styles; God image(s); identity formation; personality, personal values, moral development, scientific education, life events and personal experiences, gender, social, political features, life style etc.)
- Traditional, modern, and postmodern orientations to religion and spirituality

- Religion/spirituality and human (mental) health and well being
- Research reports from Psychopathology, religion and culture
- Culture/religion/spirituality sensitive psychotherapy
- Contemporary research in psychology, psychotherapy and spirituality/religion
- Assessing religious and spiritual phenomena

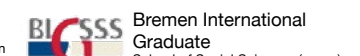
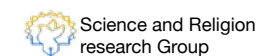
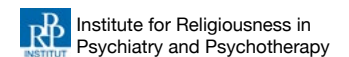
4. Applied Issues in the 21st Century:

- Science and religions on functions of religions in 21st century: benefits and vulnerabilities
- Science and religions on compassion and morality
- Ethics, human rights, and gender issues
- Family issues
- Science education and technology
- Transhumanism/Posthumanism

Important dates

- Abstract/workshop/panel submission deadline extended: 20 December 2014
- Poster/Full text submission – *deadline*: 20 March 2015
- Early registration deadline: 1st May 2015

Cooperating organizations:



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