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Religion, Migration, and Conflicts in Polarized Societies

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We live in a globalized world shaped by migration, geopolitical crises, and social polarization. Religion is closely entangled with these changes. Linking up with the theoretical debates in the sociology of religion about the role of religion in public life, we invite scholars to reconsider how religion, in terms of religious practices, discourses, imaginaries, organizations, and individuals, is involved in the context of a currently polarized society.

The role of religion in social and political conflicts within polarized society, as well as religious contributions to their mitigation and overcoming, is a timely and relevant scientific and social question. When moving to new places to escape violent conflicts, entire religious communities struggle with integration into host societies. One issue arising concerns the ways the modified religious landscape is socially constructed and accepted. How do diverse social formations contribute to the integration of migrating religions and their communities and how do the conflicts change the relationship to established religions and society in general?

How does the potential of religious beliefs to counter or contribute to economic, political, and social polarization play out? How might sociological research illuminate the contributions of conflictual and peaceful aspects of religions to geopolitical crises? How do political conflicts, social polarizations, and religious responses change existing religion, politics, and state relations and their interpretations? How do they change the public perception of religion, religious identity, and individual religiosity?

We hereby invite ISSR members in good standing and COST Action COREnet members to submit their session and paper proposals following but not limited to the raised questions and join us for lively days of academic discussions in Kaunas, Lithuania.

Conference timeline

Call for sessions	25 July – 30 September 2024
Notification of the session acceptance	30 October 2024
Call for papers	14 October – 9 December 2024
Notification of the paper acceptance	3 February 2025
Early Bird Registration deadline.....	7 April 2025
Late Bird Registration deadline	26 May 2025

The conference is co-organized by the International Society for the Sociology of Religion, COST Action 20107 “Connecting Theory and Practical Issues of Migration and Religious Diversity” (COREnet) and Vytautas Magnus University V. Kavolis Transdisciplinary Research Institute.

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