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2nd International Conference ComSymbol on Public Sphere and Communicating Faith
at
Paul Valéry University of Montpellier 3
Centre du Guesclin de Béziers,
July 2-3, 2014, Béziers, France

Scientific organizer
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The society and religious practices go now through profound transformations in which new contexts firmly call into question familiar models. Religious, economic, social, political, scientific, and so on, actors unavoidably have to take into account the creativity and inventiveness that take place concerning communicating of faith and raise many questions about how institutions and organizations function. This conference is intended to identify the current major problems that involve the communicating of faith and secondly, to bring together the answers offered by the scholars who are interested in this subject, regardless of their discipline and approach. As a suggestion – but without setting up some limitations – of special interest would be proposals on themes such as:

- Traditional practices for communicating faith
- Communicating faith in a secular society
- Mass media, new media, new technologies, and communicating of faith
- Communicating of faith and religious and/or social pluralism
- Communicating faith in the context of increasing assertiveness of independence and distrust of institutions
- The means used to facilitate the religious culture and/or the relationship between faith and culture
- Communicating of faith as patrimony and the patrimony of communicating faith
- The academic framework and the religious values as well as their practice
- Communicating of faith and individual freedom
- The laity and clergy concerns for awakening, initiation, and nurturing of faith
- Communicating of faith in a form to meet the needs of youth, their culture, and their world
- Communicating of faith and violence
- Communicating of faith and food, dress, vacations, entertainment, sport, holydays, and so on

The proposals submitted are expected to emphasize the experience of communicating faith within divers structures and religious and lay organizations of the society; to identify new ways of communicating faith and the role they could play in different kinds of communities; to investigate the role of communicating faith in the evolution of symbolic practices and especially the articulation between the sacred and the secular as well as the interaction with the government; to evaluate the impact of the communicating of faith in the dynamic of social intervention.

The conference is open to scholars regardless of their discipline as well as to specialists on sharing of faith.

**Important dates**

**February 10, 2014:** Submission of an abstract of approximately 350-400 words, including spaces, and five keywords. The abstract could be written in French or English. The proposal must include the name and affiliations as well as the email address of all authors.  
**March 1st, 2014:** Notification of abstract acceptance via email  
**May 15, 2014:** Submission of the full papers

All proposals and questions should be addressed to:

comsymbol2014@gmail.com

All proposals will be double blind peer reviewed. Authors of the accepted papers will be notified by e-mail.

**Conference website**


For further details please visit the conference website which will be updated regularly
Conference venue
Paul Valéry University of Montpellier 3, Centre du GUESCLIN Béziers, France
http://beziers.upv.univ-montp3.fr/

Fees

Registration fee
Registration fee is 60 euros / participant (with paper/ without paper)
The registration fee includes coffee breaks, lunch, conference materials, entrance to all sessions of the conference

Publishing fee for selected proposals
The publishing fee is 190 euros/author and includes conference proceedings. The proceedings will be reviewed and will have an ISBN. The proceedings will be published at a French Academic Publishing and will be submitted for indexing in a number of citation indexes including (Google Books, GESIS – Leibniz Institute for the Social Sciences, the Thompson Web of Science, etc.)

The participant will pay the publishing fee only after receiving the acceptance of the proposal from the Scientific Committee.

Payment deadlines
The fees (participation fee and publishing fee) will have to be paid no later than April 15, 2014.

Languages of the conference
French and English

Scientific Partners
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