



**EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF RELIGION  
SEVENTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
PALERMO, 20-23 MAY 2024**

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

The European Academy of Religion is pleased to announce its seventh Annual Conference, which will take place in Palermo (IT) from 20 to 23 May 2024. The conference will be hosted by [FSCIRE](#).

The overarching topic of the conference is *Paradigm Shifts*, with keynote lectures planned for the conference days.

Scholars, students, practitioners, and other interested parties are encouraged to participate in the conference by organizing and proposing panels.

These may be:

- 'Closed' Panels if the proposal includes a topic, convenor, and agreed panellists for all its sessions. Closed panels must include presenters from at least two different institutions.
- 'Open' Panels if the proposal includes a topic and convenor and invites submissions from scholars,
- 'Author Meets Critique' (AMC) panels if the proposal includes the author of a significant, recently published work who will receive and respond to critique from other panellists.

According to our new policy, a valid 2024 membership is mandatory to register for the conference. All information about the EuARe membership is available on [our website](#).

Registration will open on 1 December 2023. Membership applications for 2024 will open simultaneously.



## KEY EUARE 2024 DATES

Opening of the call for closed and open panels, and AMCs proposals	2 October 2023
Opening of the rolling call for papers within open panels	1 November 2023
Opening of early-bird registrations	1 December 2023
Deadline for open panel proposals	7 January 2024
Deadline for proposals of closed panels and AMCs	21 January 2024
Deadline for early-bird registrations	31 January 2024
Deadline for paper proposals within open panels	4 February 2024
Deadline for submitting the panels' final details	3 March 2024
Release of the draft conference schedule	1 April 2024
Deadline for schedule alteration requests	15 April 2024
Deadline for registrations for all panellists	15 April 2024
Release of the final conference schedule	29 April 2024
Deadline for regular registration	5 May 2024



## PROPOSAL SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

The conference will be organized in one-hour timeslots. Panel convenors will be able to book as many timeslots as the composition of their panel requires when filling out the online submission form. Every hour-long timeslot must allow sufficient time for speakers' presentations as well as questions and discussion. A typical arrangement of a timeslot could be two presentations of 20 minutes each, followed by 20 minutes of questions, although other arrangements (e.g. three presentations of 15 minutes each, followed by 15 minutes of questions) are valid.

The European Academy of Religion will contact panel convenors within two weeks of proposal submission, usually with notification of acceptance or rejection, but occasionally with a request for more details.

### 1. CLOSED PANELS

The panel convenor must submit a title, an abstract, and the names of panellists, of which the convenor may be one, who have confirmed their participation to him or her. **To be accepted, panels must comprise at least three participants (one chair and two speakers, as required for the minimum one-hour slot)** and be convincing in terms of academic quality. Closed panels must include presenters from **at least two different institutions**. In the online submission form, panel convenors must submit:

- the title of the panel
- an abstract of up to 1500 characters, spaces included
- disciplinary tags
- the names, institutional affiliations, and e-mail addresses of the convenor, the chair of the panel, and at least two speakers
- an indication of the desired number of slots/hours (one slot equals one hour).

### 2. OPEN PANELS

The panel convenor must submit a title, abstract, and the names of **at least three agreed panellists (chair or speakers) coming from at least two different institutions**, of which the convenor may be one. Following acceptance of the panel by the EuARE Executive Committee, open panels will be advertised on the EuARE website and social media outlets and may be publicized further by their convenors. Individuals wishing to join an open panel must submit their paper abstracts directly to the panel convenor following the instructions provided in the panel description. In the online submission form, panel convenors must submit:



- the title of the panel
- an abstract of up to 1500 characters, spaces included
- disciplinary tags
- the name, institutional affiliation, and e-mail address of the panel convenor
- the names, institutional affiliations, and e-mail addresses of at least three panellists (of whom the convenor may be one)
- an indication of the number of papers that will be accepted
- an indication of the desired number of slots/hours (one slot equals one hour)
- an e-mail address to which paper proposals should be sent for evaluation (if different from that of the convenor).

Open panels will be advertised on the EuARe website beginning 1 November or as soon as accepted thereafter. Individuals interested in participating in the conference by means of an open panel are encouraged to check the website regularly between November and February.

### 3. AUTHOR MEETS CRITIQUE PROPOSALS

An 'Author Meets Critique' panel (AMC) allows the author of a significant, recently published work to receive and respond to scholarly critique.

While the author need not be the panel's convenor, his or her participation must be agreed at the time of proposal. As with other panel types, **AMC proposals must be composed of at least one chair and two academic commentators coming from at least two different institutions.**

In the online submission form, AMC convenors must submit:

- a title for the session
- the name, institutional affiliation, and e-mail address of the panel convenor
- the name, institutional affiliation, and e-mail address of the book author
- the names, institutional affiliations, and e-mail addresses of the panellists
- an abstract of up to 1500 characters, spaces included
- disciplinary tags
- full details of the book to be discussed, including an image of the cover page in .jpg or .pdf format.

The standard duration of an AMC panel is one hour, although more slots could be granted upon request.



## **FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FOR ALL CONVENORS AND PANELLISTS**

1. The online system does not accept abstracts longer than 1500 characters. Panel convenors must make sure the description does not exceed this length.
2. **The language of the European Academy of Religion and its annual conference is English** to enable the widest possible participation. We invite each and every speaker to take this policy into account.
3. All convenors and panellists will receive final notification of their paper's acceptance no later than 12 February 2024.
4. After publication of the draft conference programme, convenors will be allowed to request changes of the date and time of their panels up until 15 April 2024. Changes, while usually accepted, are not guaranteed.
5. All panellists will be required to have registered for the conference prior to the release of the final conference schedule. Panellists whose registration will not be in good standing by April 15, might be removed from the programme.