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Dear colleagues,

We announce the celebration of the symposium "An overflowing diversity. The new challenges for religious coexistence in Spain", II GREMHER International Symposium, which will take place on January 31 and February 1 and 2, 2024, at the Faculty of Geography and History of the University of Barcelona (Campus Raval), in hybrid format, face-to-face and virtual. We open the period for the submission of proposals for thematic sessions until June 30, 2023.

The call corresponds to GREMHER, Grup de Recerca en Místiques i Heterodòxies Religioses, framed in the consolidated research group GRECS, of the University of Barcelona, which, since 2013, brings together researchers in the field of Religious Anthropology, promoting research, the publication and dissemination of studies related to this field of knowledge. The event will be possible with the support of the Pluralism and Coexistence Foundation in its 2021 call for aid to carry out activities aimed at promoting knowledge and accommodation of religious diversity in a framework of dialogue, promotion of coexistence and fight against intolerance and hate speech. However, the responsibility for the contents of the symposium corresponds only to its organizing committee.

The purpose of the meeting is to promote understanding and debate on the transformation processes of religious and spiritual communities and currents, as well as the proliferation of new forms of worldviews and cults in Spain. To do this, it wants to bring together specialists in the social sciences of religion and spiritualities to present and discuss their research on the forms of communication with the invisible that make up the growing plurality of religious beliefs and practices in Spain. The structure of the meeting will be made up of thematic sessions and will be accompanied by other activities in dialogue with the different religious entities, with institutions related to religious plurality and with society in general.

# Session proposals

The presentation of proposals for sessions related to any area or aspect of the purpose of the meeting will be accepted, that is, the knowledge and management of religious heterogeneity in the Spanish State, from the anthropology and sociology of religion.

Proposals must include:

- a) Title
- b) Abstract of 250 words
- c) Responsible for the session –up to three–, with their institutional affiliation, and email of the person responsible for their coordination.
- d) Subject, brief status of the issue, objectives and bibliography of the topic of the session (up to 1,500 words)

The Scientific Committee of the Symposium reserves the right to accept or deny session proposals.

Once the sessions that will make up the Symposium have been approved, the coordinator of each session will receive the communication proposals, select them and organize them for their exhibition. Each session will be able to collect up to a maximum of eight communications and will require a minimum of four for their inclusion in the final program. Each participant in the Symposium may coordinate a single session.

Deadline for submission of session proposals: June 30, 2023.

Notification of the acceptance of session proposals: July 15, 2023.

## Submission of proposals:

All proposals will be sent to <u>gr.gremher@ub.edu</u> within the established deadlines and may be submitted in Spanish, Catalan, Basque, Galician, Portuguese, English and French. Simultaneous translation service is not expected.

## Inscription

Registration for the Symposium will be free. It can be done within the deadlines established through its website https://www.ub.edu/plurirelig/.

You can consult all the information of the Symposium on our website or write to us at gr.gremher@ub.edu, for more information.

We look forward to your participation.

Esperem poder comptar amb la vostra participació.

Kind regards,

## Organizing Committee of the II GREMHER International Symposium

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