

FIRST CALL

EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON SOCIO-RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Dialogue among religions as strategy and means for peace
Havana, July 12-15, 2016

The Department of Socio-religious Studies of the Center for Psychological and Sociological Research (CIPS) of the Ministry of Science, Technology and the Environment of Cuba calls scholars on religion, academics and religious believers to participate in the EIGHTH INTERNATIONAL MEETING ON SOCIO-RELIGIOUS STUDIES, sponsored by Comité Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Développement (CCFD) and the Oscar Arnulfo Romero Group of Reflection and Solidarity, that will be held on July 12-15, at the Cuban Anthropology Institute, in historic old Havana.

This traditional event will take place at a time when humankind is facing serious issues in the social, economic, political, ethical and cultural relations fields, with no immediate solution prospects, in which, as it is known, religion has a growing impact.

At the same time, the critical world conditions exert a particular impact on religion, bringing about a relationship between changes in both scenarios. Taking the former into account, presentations, panels, lectures and videos dealing with the following topics will be presented and discussed:

- *Fundamentalisms as a cause of violence and religious intolerance*
- *Reshaping of religious spaces in the first decades of the 21st century.*
- *Poverty, social inequity and discrimination as conflict sources*
- *Role of religions in the environmental and educational crisis currently being faced by humankind*

At the meeting a workshop on **“Religion, religiosity and culture”** will take place in commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the death of Dr. Jorge Ramírez Calzadilla, founder and head of the Department of Socio-religious Studies up to his passing away in 2006.

The experience gained at the seven previous meetings--- held every three years from 1995 to 2013---, attended by scholars and specialists from all continents, including well-known personalities who study religion from a social sciences approach, is conducive to meaningful dialogues from different approaches, in an atmosphere of scientific rigor and respect of the opinions of others.

REGISTRATION AND HANDING OF ABSTRACTS AND PRESENTATIONS

All those interested in attending must send before November 20, 2015, by email, a registration application containing the following data:

1. Name and surname

2. Name of Institution
3. Country of origin
4. Abstract of presentation (up to 150 words)

Those who will make presentations must send, before April 30, 2016, the following:

- Full text of the presentation (presentation time will be 10-15 minutes, depending on the number of speakers), and written authorization to publish the text in a DVD.
- A request for the audiovisual aids to be used (data show, video, and slide projector, etc.);

The presentations or panel proposals for the **“Religion, religiosity and culture” Workshop** must be sent on the above-mentioned date.

The registration applications, abstracts, full text of the presentation and all other data must be addressed to:

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OFFICIAL LANGUAGES:

The official languages of the event are Spanish and English. Please, name the language in which your presentation will be made in order to arrange interpretation services.

The official registration will take place on July 11, 2016 (from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m) at the Center for Psychological and Sociological Research (Centro de Investigaciones Psicológicas y Sociológicas (CIPS), at No. 352 B Street., El Vedado, La Habana, and from 8 30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the seat of the event located at No. 203 Amargura Street. between Habana y Aguiar streets, Old Havana, Havana, Cuba. CP10100.

Registration fee:

- Presenters: 150.00 CUC (Cuban Convertible Currency)
- Accompanying persons: 100.00 CUC
- Students (with official accreditation): 80.00 CUC