***Call for Papers***

**Religion and Social Communication in Asia: Research Challenges**

***A Roundtable organized by the “Asian Reserch Center for Religion and Social Communication”(ARC) at St. John’s University, Bangkok***

**October 17 to 20, 2011**

Religion and Social Communication in Asian Cultures and Societies is a field which has hardly been touched by academic Research.. This 4th Roundtable of the ARC wants to look deeper into this need and possibilities:

* How does Religion influence the communication of and in Asian societies?
* What are traditional communicative expressions in and of Asian Religions?
* Is religious communication in Asian Religions changed through modern technologies (Media/New Media)? How?
* What are the different communicative means used by Religions traditionally and in modern times? How are they adjusted , when and where? Who are their recipients?
* Are the ways of sharing religious experiences and content today different from the Past and with what consequences?
* How are religious convictions and messages comunicated to members of the same Religion and to other people?
* Does religious communication change humans and political situations of people?Does Religious Communication contribute to the daily lives of people and how?
* How can Social Communication contribute to Inter-Religious Dialogue and mutual understanding?

This are only some of the areas and developments which could constitute special Challenges for studies and research on Religion and Scial Communication.

The Center itself sees its main activities in the following three broad fields:

1. Communication within Religions
2. Religion and Communication in Society
3. Religion and social Communication in Cultures

*Contributions*

Any contribution or proposals for the conference along the lines indicated are welcome!

Please send a draft proposal (300 to 500 words) till May 31,2011 to the Center for evaluation with the remark: “For October Roundtable”. If invited Final Papers should be submitted till August 31, 2011. They will be included in the proceedings of the Conference.

While participation in the Roundtable is only for invited scholars, those whose paper is accepted will be able to present it at the Conference on their own expense. Accepted Papers will also be published in the “Journal” of the ARC.

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