

Material Religion

Between Heritage and New Perspectives

Conference (Journée d'étude)
Programme

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| 25 February 2025 | 13:45-18:15 |
| | Université de Strasbourg |
| Palais universitaire | Room 33 |



Free admission, no registration required
Organisation: Christophe Monnot and Benjamin Gagné



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Workshop Presentation

The workshop will explore the relationship between the materiality of religion and society. Papers and discussions will be divided into two main sections. The first will examine how the physicality of religious structures influences society, exploring the continued presence of congregations due to ownership of buildings and the destruction of religious buildings. It will also consider the preservation and dissemination of specific items, such as statues or furniture, in other settings, such as museums. A second part will explore the materiality of sacred objects, books, and spaces, as well as their role in religious rituals. Researchers will present case studies from Brazil, France, Switzerland, and Turkey.

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1:45 p.m.-2 p.m. Introduction

Isabel Iribaren, director of the ED270 (Theology and Sciences of Religion)

Marc Vial, director of the UR 4378 (Protestant Theology)

First part Material religion through building and interaction with society

2 p.m.-2:40 p.m. Does the building play a role in the continuation of religious activities of local congregations in Switzerland? Consideration from the second wave of NCS Switzerland

Jeremy Senn, Université de Lausanne & Christophe Monnot, Université de Strasbourg

2:45-3:25 p.m. Giving and taking access to urban material resources: a case study in two evangelical churches in Quebec City and Sherbrooke

Benjamin Gagné, Université de Montréal & Université de Strasbourg

3:30-4:10 p.m. Material Religion, Colonial Heritage, and building modernity in Brazil

Rodrigo Toniol & Marcella Araujo, Universidede Federal do Rio de Janeiro UFRJ

Second part Material religion through ritual objects and the design of the ritual space

4:30-5:10 p.m. Neo-ottomanism and materialisation of Religion in Turkey

Samim Akgönül, Université de Strasbourg

5:15-6 p.m. The Ontology of Religious Objects in Neo-Pagan Movements: From Productive Effort to Rapid Consumption as a Mode of Transmission

Kerem Görkem Arslan, Université de Strasbourg

6-6:15 p.m. Conclusion

Benjamin Gagné & Christophe Monnot

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