

Call for Proposals

This Group encourages submissions from scholars whose research employs ethnographic and field-based methods in the study of ritual and from scholars keen to develop theoretical sophistication in the study of ritual. We particularly invite papers on:

- The critiques and developments of the theories of Victor Turner (perhaps for a prearranged roundtable session)
- Theoretical and methodological contributions to the study of ritual and the senses, especially ritual and sound
- Ethnographically-grounded studies of ritual dance
- Ritual as an instrument of social protest and activism
- For a possible cosponsored session with the [Western Esotericism Group](#) , play and games in an esoteric context, particularly the dimensions of irony, games, play, and humor in esotericism and challenging the classic stereotype of the esotericist who looks at his/her endeavors and doctrines with extreme seriousness and gravity
- For a possible cosponsored session with the [Religion, Holocaust, and Genocide Group](#) , the politics of memory in annual commemorations of Holocaust and genocide (e.g., Yom HaShoah, Kristallnacht, the Rwandan genocide, Srebrenica)
- For a possible cosponsored session with the [SBL Ritual in the Biblical World Group](#) , field-based perspectives on studying ritual in biblical texts
- For a possible cosponsored session with the [Practical Theology Group](#) , culturally diverse rituals on death, dying, and the body (e.g., contemporary practices/adaptation of funerals — green funeral movement, increase in cremation and cremation art, and cryogenics)

Mission

This Group provides a unique venue for the interdisciplinary exploration of ritual — broadly understood to include rites, ceremonies, religious and secular performances, and other ritual processes — in their many and varied contexts, and from a range of theoretical and methodological perspectives. To learn more about this Group, visit our Website at <http://www.ri>

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Anonymity of Review Process

Proposer names are **visible** to Chairs but **anonymous** to Steering Committee members.

Questions?

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