Call for Proposals

Individual papers and panel proposals are invited on the following topics:

- Religion and animals — beyond sacrifice. Submissions are invited to address discourses on animals in Hinduisms and Judaisms that are distinctive from discourses on sacrifice and attentive to the reality of animals (not simply animal symbols). For a possible cosponsored session with the <u>Animals and Religion Consultation</u>

- Games, toys, and ritual in religion — playing seriously. Submissions are invited to address the roles of games and toys in the ritual practices of Hinduisms and Judaisms, including similarities and boundaries between game and ritual. For a possible cosponsored session with the <u>Ritual Studies Group</u>

- Sacred weeping — theorizing religion and emotion. Submissions are invited to address the textual representation or practice of sacred weeping in Hinduisms and Judaisms and its religious and social significance

Please note that individual papers usually explore one of the traditions, and a panel consists of individual papers on Hinduism or Judaism.

Mission

This Group seeks to bring together specialists in South Asia and/or Judaica to discuss topics within various streams of Hinduism and Judaism, with the intention of developing alternative categories and paradigms to the Protestant-based paradigms that have tended to dominate the academic study of religion. For an extended discussion of the rationale, history, and methodologies of the Group, contact the Program Unit Chair to see the *AAR Group Self-Review: Comparative Studies in Hinduisms and Judaisms Group* (November 1, 2008).

Anonymity of Review Process

Proposals are anonymous to Chairs and Steering Committee Members during review, but visible to Chairs prior to final acceptance or rejection.

Questions?

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Method of Submission

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