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RELIGIOUS ISSUES AND THE RISE OF ASIA

CALL FOR PAPERS AND FOR PARTICIPATION

The conference is open to individual and group paper presentations. Those willing to present their papers are invited to submit their abstracts before August 31, 2019. The selected abstracts will be communicated to their authors in October 2019. Please, follow the instruction below.

INTRODUCTION

“The twenty first century will be spiritual or will not be”. That is the famous prophecy circulated, quoted, and requoted, at least in France, since the 1950s. It was attributed to a French eminent intellectual, writer and once minister of culture, André Malraux. Later on, people discovered that this prophecy does not exist. André Malraux himself declared that he has never said that. However, its recurrence in the comments related to the current events indicates that it may be what many people hope. And it seems that the so called Malraux’s prophecy has been in the making since the end of the 20th century. Religion-based movements have been in action in the countries where religions have been rooted, in the developing world (Afghanistan, Algeria, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Burkina Faso, China, Egypt, India, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Malaysia, Mali, Morocco, Myanmar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Philippines, Somalia, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syria, Thailand, Tibet, Tunisia, Turkey…) as well as in industrialised countries (France, Germany, UK, USA…). They show the beautiful as well as the horrible sides of humanity. On one side, interreligious gatherings, dialogues and actions for peace, justice, democracy, human rights, solidarity … On the other side, violence, conflicts, wars, terror, bomb attacks, kidnappings, hostages … in the name of religion, among which the attack on the New York World Trade Centre in September 11, 2001 is globally the most historical and spectacular.

The rising Asia does not escape from this phenomenon. Whereas most of Asian countries after independence opted for secular philosophies of national unity, fifty years later we see a global resurgence of religion to the public domain where religion serves as a source of orientation and inspiration: in economy (e.g. Islamic
banking and finance), in politics (e.g. Buddhist, Hindu and Islamic nationalism), in law (e.g. sharia), in ecology (e.g. Eco-Islam), in social and solidarity movements (Islamic feminism, interfaith dialogues and solidarity actions)... On the other hand there is an increase of religion-based, intra-and inter-religious, conflicts where religion serves as justification of violence: conflicts between followers of Buddhism and Islam (Myanmar, Thailand), Christianity and Islam (Indonesia, Philippines), Hinduism and Islam (India), Sunnism and Shi’ism (Middle East); discrimination against minorities of Christian, Muslim, Indigenous Religion believers (China, India, Indonesia, Myanmar, Thailand)...

Why do those happen? And how? And what to do with those realities? Proposals dealing with interactions in religious issues between Asia and other continents are also expected. Is there any role of religions in the relations between Asia and Africa? In its relations with the West: what is the legacy of Western colonialism in term of religion in Asia? What are its impacts today? Have religions established by the West in colonised Asia been decolonised? How about the relations between “transnational religions” (especially Buddhism, Christianity and Islam) and “local/ethnic/indigenous religions” in divers countries of Asia? Those are among the questions to be presented and discussed in the special sessions/panels/roundtables/workshops of the conference.

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GUIDELINES FOR PRESENTER CANDIDATES

The selection of presenters is based on the abstract and the basic personal data of the presenter candidates in respect to the following dates:
1. Deadline of abstract submission: August 31, 2019
2. Announce of the selected presenters: October 2019
3. Deadline of full paper submission: December 31, 2019

The abstract is limited to approximately 300 words (figures, tables, and references should not be included in the abstract) accompanied by basic personal data of the author(s) including:
- Full name and surname
- Gender (male/female/other)
- University title (if any)
- Specialism (if any)
- Professional category (lecturer/researcher or activist/practitioner or both)
- Institution/organisation/company
- Function in institution/organisation/company
- Full address (physical/postal address, phone and fax numbers, email)
The basic personal data are to be presented below the abstract (in the same file of the abstract, not in a separate file)

The full paper is to be presented according to the following basic rule:
- Paper size: A4 (kwarto)
- Margins: 2.5 cm from all the borders (top, bottom, left, right)
- Interline: double space
- Typography: Times New Roman, 12 points
- Article size: around 4000 words
- Language: English, British style, article to be checked by a competent person in language editing before submission
The abstract with basic personal data and the full paper are to be sent by e-mail to the following e-mail address: conference-masterasie@univ-lehavre.fr

FINANCING

The organising committee does not provide travel grant to any participant. The presenters as well as simple participants of the conference are supposed to find the necessary fund for their own participation (visa, international and national transport, accommodation).

REGISTRATION FOR PAPER PRESENTERS

The selected abstract authors will receive a notification and be requested to confirm their participation. Those who confirm will be automatically registered by the organising committee and exempted from registration fee. Before the conference, they will receive an official invitation to present their papers in the conference. And during the conference, if they are present, they will receive the following items for free:
1) A personalised badge
2) A copy of conference booklet
3) A certificate of participation
4) Drinks and snacks during all the coffee sessions of the conference in Le Havre
5) Two lunches and two dinners in Le Havre

REGISTRATION FOR SIMPLE PARTICIPANTS

The conference is open to public with or without registration. However, those who are registered will receive an official invitation to attend the conference. And during the conference, if they are present, they will receive:
1) A personalised badge
2) A copy of conference booklet
3) A certificate of participation
4) Drinks and snacks during all the coffee sessions of the conference in Le Havre
5) Two lunches and two dinners in Le Havre for those registered with meals

The registration fee is 20 euros (without meal) or 60 euros (with 4 meals).

The registration payment is to be done online between December 16, 2019 and January 17, 2020 through a bank transfer procedure indicated some time before the opening date.

PRACTICAL MATTERS

The organising committee will provide practical information related to local hotels and transport in Paris and Le Havre. The participants will be accompanied by students of the Université Le Havre Normandie in Master's Degree in Exchanges with Asia (with their language proficiencies in Chinese, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean and Russian, in addition to English and French) and Master's Degree in Exchanges with Latin America (with their language proficiencies in Portuguese and Spanish, in addition to English and French).