

Dear Delegate,

Thank you for participating in the Religion and Spirituality Conference! We are pleased you will be joining us in Chicago at the University Center and hope you are looking forward to coming together with colleagues and members of the Learning community this February.

In preparation for the conference, we have put together some information that we hope will prove useful to you as you begin to prepare for the conference and your arrival in Chicago. In this document, you will find information such as transportation information, a map of the University Center, conference registration information, presentation information, and paper and journal information.

This packet is a starting point for your preparations, and we realize you may have some additional questions after reviewing the material here. For any questions that remain, please contact the conference secretariat at support@religioninsociety.com.

We hope your planning goes well, and we look forward to meeting you in Chicago!

Best regards,

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Religion and Spirituality Conference Producer

For the Religion and Spirituality Conference

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TRAVEL INFORMATION

DIRECTIONS FROM THE AIRPORT

Midway Airport

Take the CTA (subway/"EL") Orange Line to the Library/Van Buren stop; walk 1 block south on State Street to Congress Parkway. If you take a taxi, expect to pay around \$25-\$30 from Midway to the University Center.

O'Hare International Airport

Take the CTA (subway/"L") Blue Line to LaSalle/Congress stop; walk four blocks east on Congress to State Street. If you take a taxi, expect to pay around \$35-\$40 from O'Hare to the University Center.

DIRECTIONS BY CAR

From the Southwest (I-55 Stevenson Expressway)

Proceed east to the end of I-55 to North Lake Shore Drive. Continue north (towards downtown) on Lake Shore Drive to Balbo Street. Turn left on Balbo to State Street; turn right on State Street. Continue one block. University Center will be on your right between Harrison Street and Congress Parkway.

From the South (I-57 to I-94 Dan Ryan Expressway)

Exit at Congress Parkway. Drive east towards downtown to State Street. Turn right on State Street. University Center will be on your left between Congress Parkway and Harrison Street.

From the North (I-90/94 Kennedy/Edens Expressway)

Exit at Congress Parkway. Drive east towards downtown to State Street. Turn right on State Street. University Center will be on your left between Congress Parkway and Harrison Street.

From the West (I-290 Eisenhower Expressway)

I-290 turns into Congress Parkway at it nears downtown. Continue driving east to State Street. Turn right on State Street. University Center will be on your left between Congress Parkway and Harrison Street.

DIRECTIONS FROM HOTEL BLAKE TO UNIVERSITY CENTER

Head north on S. Dearborn St toward W. Congress Pkwy. Take the first right onto W. Congress Pkwy. Take the second right onto S. State St. The University Center will be half a block down State St.

PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

Amtrak | +1-800-872-7245

Metra | +1-312-322-6777
Chicago Transit Authority (CTA) | +1-888-968-7282

PARKING

The University Center does not have dedicated parking. However, there are a number of parking garages and lots surrounding the building.

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

PRESENTATION INFORMATION

Equipment:

Each parallel session room is supplied with a projector and a laptop for your convenience. Please be sure to bring a thumb drive containing your presentation.

Program:

The current draft can currently be found online at <http://10.cgpublisher.com/program-detail.html>. In addition to this, you will receive a program booklet at the conference with the final schedule for the plenary and parallel sessions.

Online Presentations:

Online Presentations can be viewed through our YouTube Channel at <http://www.youtube.com/group/religioninsociety> .

These presentations are made by both our virtual registrants and our in-person participants. Whether you are presenting at this conference, or are a virtual participant, we encourage all participants to present on the World Universities Forum YouTube Channel. Here are two suggestions:

1. Record a video of your presentation before or after the conference, or ask a colleague to record a video of your presentation at the conference, and then submit it to our YouTube channel.
2. Create a PowerPoint presentation with voice-over before or after the conference, or record the audio of the presentation at the conference, then link this to the PowerPoint presentation.

These presentation recordings will be published to YouTube with a link to your session description on the conference website, and (if your paper is accepted to the journal), a link to the abstract of your paper on the journal website.

For instructions on how to create and upload these presentations, visit the conference website at <http://religioninsociety.com/Conference-2011/> .

ACTIVITIES AND EXTRAS

Dinner Information:

Your Conference Dinner may be added during the registration process in the registration area. However, if you have already registered and now wish to add the dinner, please email the Conference Secretariat (support@religioninsociety.com) with your request.

Conference Dinner - Berghoff Restaurant - Wednesday, 16 February 2011 - 6:30 PM (18:30)

After your original registration, payment for additional dinners will be charged to the credit card that we have on file for you. If you prefer that an alternate card be charged, please submit the new card number when submitting your amended booking request.

The Berghoff Restaurant is a Chicago classic, serving German-American style cuisine and culture since 1898. One of the oldest family-run businesses in the nation, it is now run by fourth generation, Carlyn Berghoff. At today's Berghoff, menus have evolved to add newer, lighter and more contemporary dishes, but it's still the same old Berghoff, down to the famous root beer.

Located at 17 W. Adams in Chicago's Loop for more than 112 years, Berghoff Catering & Restaurant Group includes a full-service catering business, the Berghoff Restaurant, the Berghoff Café and the Berghoff Café at O'Hare International Airport. The Berghoff is known for family traditions, its annual Oktoberfest celebration and being a part of the fabric of Chicago.

PAPER AND JOURNAL INFORMATION

Submission Timeline:

Whether you participate in the conference as a virtual registrant or as an in-person delegate, you are invited to submit a paper for consideration in *The International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society*. **The final date for submitting your paper for consideration is 17 March 2011.** This will guarantee that your paper is reviewed through our one way blind refereeing process.

More information on submitting your paper to *The International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society* can be found at <http://religioninsociety.com/conference-2011/call-for-papers/>. At this site you will find extensive information about the submission process, author guidelines, the editorial quality of our journal, and the publications process. This information will also be available in the conference program.

