

## CALL FOR PAPERS

*Title of the panel:* Religions and Conspiracy Theories

*Conference:* European Academy of Religion 2021 – Münster\*, August 30-September 2

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*Deadline* for paper proposal submissions: Monday, May 31st, 2021

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### **Religions and Conspiracy Theories**

The panel investigates the manifold relationship between religions and conspiracy theories in past and present contexts of sociopolitical change, tension and conflict. In this sense, it is aimed not only at illustrating samples of the ways in which religious minorities have been targeted by suspicion, but also at exploring the ways in which religions have been influencing or shaping, even in secular discourses, conspiracy theories by inspiring specific configurations of the relationships, for instance, between: power and secrecy; revelation and transparency; belief and trust; heresy and truth; skepticism and authority. In this regard, the panel welcomes papers that will address these kinds of influence: as forms of the explanatory power of religion or/and the inspirational power of religion for political action for marginal groups as well as for hegemonic powers; and by paying peculiar attention to their historical change and dynamics.

\* Due to the COVID-19 related emergency, the conference will be moved online in case the sanitary measures should not allow to host it in presence. Conference cancellation will be announced in due time, with further information on how to run the sessions online.