

**Digitalization and Religious Contact
CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**

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Are you doing research on digitalization and religious contact? Or do you have a general interest in learning more about methods and theories in media and religious studies to address the ethical and social consequences of digitalization? Then you might like to actively join the round table at our workshop and share information about your project.

The workshop “Digitalization and Religious Contact” will take place on 14-15 November 2019 at Ruhr University, in Bochum. It will be organized by two research centers: the Center for Religious Studies (CERES), which is an interdisciplinary and international center studying the dynamics of religious change and religious encounters in Europe and Asia (www.ceres.rub.de); and the Center for Advanced Internet Studies (CAIS).

During our workshop we want to address the following practical questions: How can scholars collect data about digital religion and analyze them? Which framework can better capture the role of the Internet in relation to religious contact? What kind of impact does digitalization have on religion, and how can it be analyzed?

The workshop will last two days. It will be held in English. The first day will be dedicated to presentations from international and national scholars followed by responses. The second day will host the round table that will bring together senior researchers and early career scholars. You will have the opportunity to present your work in a short input.

After the workshop, there is the possibility to publish the proceedings in the peer-reviewed online journal “Entangled Religions” (verlinken mit: <https://er.ceres.rub.de/>).

Please send us your abstract (300-400 words) before 30 July 2019 (to: phdnet@cais.nrw). The abstract should sum up your current research and point out your interest in the workshop. If you want to give an input at the roundtable, please explain in one or two sentences, what you would like to talk about. You will be informed by the end of August 2019, if your application has been successful.