

Personal Religion

Agency,
Autonomy &
Individual Responsibility
in the History & Practice of Religions

4th – 8th August 2025, Salzburg

Welcome to **THE CROSSCULTURE RELIGIOUS STUDIES SUMMER SCHOOL:**
Personal Religion: Agency, Autonomy, and
Individual Responsibility in the History and
Practice of Religions
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3 ECTS

Speakers:

Prof. Soonil Hwang, Ven. Chongdok C.H. Park, Buddhist Studies, Dongguk University, South Korea

Prof. Martin Rötting, Religious Studies, University of Salzburg; Austria

Prof. Dr. Wamae W. Muriuki, University of Nairobi, Kenya

Prof. Dr. Edith Kayeli Chamwama, University of Nairobi, Kenya

Prof. Emma Abate, University of Bologna, Italy

Prof. Ananda Mishra, Department of Philosophy & Religion, Banaras Hindu University, India

Prof. Grace Darlin, Department of Philosophy & Religion, Banaras Hindu University, India

Leading scholars specializing in diverse religious traditions – including Judaism, Islam, Christianity, Buddhism, and Jainism – explore personal religion through a series of lectures. The program examines historical and contemporary expressions of individual faith and spirituality, including practices and spaces. Students will present their research and engage in in-depth discussions. A cultural program complements the academic sessions.

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PROGRAM

Monday 04.08.2025

- 09:00 Arrival
10:30 Registration, Welcome & Introduction in HS 103 by Martin Rötting: *Personal Religion: Agency, Autonomy; and Individual Responsibility*
Lecture 1: Samsul Maarif: *Dancing the Religious -Dialogical Person* and Response 1
12:00 Lunch
14:00 Lecture 2: Ven. Chongdok C.H Park: *Young Adult Buddhism in the 21st Century* and Response 2: Martin Rötting
15:30 Group Work 1
17:00 Debate / Moderation: Martin Rötting
19:30 Student party (catholic faculty yard)

Tuesday 05.08.2025

- 09:00 Lecture 3: Martin Rötting: *The Empirical Grammar of Personal Hope*. Case Studies in South Korea and Austria and Response 3
10:30 Lecture 4: Wamae W. Muriuki: *Spiritual and/or Religious? Kenian Youth, Online Spaces and Conversations about Religion* and Response 4
12:00 Lunch
14:30 Lecture 5: Edith Kayeli Chamwama: *Faith and Freedom: The impact of African Cultural and Socio-Political Landscapes on Religious Autonomy* HS 101 in coop. with Salzburger Hochschulwochen and Response 5: Emma Abate

- 15:30 Group Work 2
19:30 Concert

Wednesday 06.08.2024

- 09:00 Student Papers I
10:30 Student Papers II
12:00 Lunch
14:00 Cultural Outing
19:30 Award Ceremony (in German) or free evening

Thursday 07.08.2025

- 09:00 Lecture 6: Emma Abate: *Jewish-Christian Syncretism in Magic and Art. Renaissance to Modernity* and Response 6
10:30 Lecture 7: Ananda Mishra & Grace Darling: *Agency, Autonomy, and Individual Responsibility in Theism with special refernce to Hindu Religious Text Śrimadbhagavadgītā* and Response 7: Wamae W. Muriuki
12:00 Lunch
14:00 Workshop: *Cross-Cultural qualitative Analysis of Individual Religion*
15:30 Ulrich-Winkler Award (in German)
19:30 Reception (Bischofsresidence)

08.08.2025 Friday

- 09:00 Group Work presentations
10:30 Reflections & closure and farwell
12:00 Lunch & Departure



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