

# CALL FOR PAPERS TRAJECTA CONGRESS 2019

The return of religion?  
Towards a new agenda for the history  
of religion in Belgium and The Netherlands

Over the past decade, the multi-confessional research field 'history of religion' has rapidly established itself within the academic world. Research from a broad perspective and into all religions in all possible manifestations has received important stimuli. The success of the research field corresponds with the growing interest in the role of religion and life philosophies in our society.

In the wake of the renewed social relevance, the history of religion has become a crossroads for researchers from different disciplines and diverse theoretical and methodological perspectives. Historians, theologians, specialists of religious studies, social scientists and heritage experts find each other in a fascination with the religious past. This fruitful cross-fertilization has already resulted in many multi-disciplinary research projects, congresses and academic publications.

The first Trajecta Congress wants to gather historians of religion focusing on the Low Countries from the 19th century onwards and challenge them to question and discuss their methods, theories, topics and future perspectives. The congress aims to establish a platform to reflect on the various visions on and missions of the history of religion, and to shape and refine the interdisciplinary and inter-confessional historical dialogue.

The congress invites junior and senior researchers of modern Dutch and Belgian history to create an innovative agenda for the history of religion over the years to come. Speakers will be challenged to offer new theoretical, methodological and thematic reflections and to debate about new insights and understandings, incomprehensible gaps and cross-disciplinary and cross-religious chances and obstacles. Impulses can be given for interesting research questions, new or improved collaborations and promising, unexplored collections.

It is the ambition of the renewed *Trajecta* journal, published by the Amsterdam University Press from 2019 onwards, to continuously function as a forum for innovative research on the modern religious past of Belgium and The Netherlands.

The Trajecta Congress will be organized in De Volksabdij, Ossendrecht, on the 22nd and 23rd of May 2019. Junior and senior researchers are invited to send in a proposal in Dutch or English. A selection of the papers will be published after peer-reviewing. For PhD-students as well as Research Master-students it is also possible to send in a pro-posal for a poster presentation on their current research in history of religion.

Abstracts and proposals can be send to Koos-jan de Jager > [j.j.de.jager@vu.nl](mailto:j.j.de.jager@vu.nl), no later than the 15th of January 2019.

Proposals have to consist of a title and a summary of 250 words max., a name, address, phone number, e-mail address and research institute or organization of the author.

Selection feed-back will be given no later than the 1st of February 2019.