

# INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL

ON

## RELIGION, CULTURE AND SOCIETY

IN

### EUROPE [1750-]

**Religion and Modernity** [Leuven, 27 - 4 September 2012]

Full information is available on [http://kadoc.kuleuven.be/summer\\_school/](http://kadoc.kuleuven.be/summer_school/)

#### About

The Summer school in Research on Religion, Culture and Society in Europe (1750-) is an initiative of KADOC-KU Leuven, Documentation and Research Centre on Religion, Culture and Society.

The summer school offers its students an introductory training by means of a balanced programme of seminars, lectures and field trips. Established researchers in the field develop specific topics and cases, students have the possibility to present their own work and discuss their ideas in a relaxed and open atmosphere and within a multi-disciplinary framework.

#### Issue

Religion in Europe has taken an unexpected turn. Although European societies - both in the East and in the West - were once looked upon as highly secularised and unchurched, expressions of Christianity, Islam and “new” religions are asserting themselves in the public domain. The reappearance of religion has far-reaching social and political implications in all European countries. These need to be properly understood. It is high time to question the idea of a disenchanting Europe, and to take a closer look at the complicated historical relationship between religion and modernity.

The 2012 Summer School on Religion, Culture and Society in Europe (1750-) will focus explicitly on this issue. It will offer its students a solid introduction to the very different domains in which religion has influenced, (re)shaped and even embodied the modernisation process, but also the continuous adaptation and transformation processes of the religious domain itself, thus finding a clear contemporary reflection in Europe’s cultural identities. The much-disputed concept of modernity and its fundamental ambiguities will also be developed.

## Programme

### Introductory key-note lecture

Staf Hellemans, [University of Tilburg]

### In-depth discussions of 6 related themes:

- structure and organisation of churches [Jan De Maeyer]
- gender and piety [Tine Van Osselaer]
- international missionary movement [Carine Dujardin]
- statistical data on religiosity [Koenraad Abts]
- christian identities and material expression [Jan De Maeyer and Peter-Jan Margry]
- religion and the modern welfare state [Patrick Pasture]

## Location

Situated at the heart of Western Europe, the **University of Leuven** (KU Leuven) has been a centre of learning for almost six centuries.

Founded in 1425 by Pope Martin V, KU Leuven bears the double honour of being the oldest extant Catholic university in the world and the oldest university in the Low Countries.

European surveys rank KU Leuven among the top ten European universities in terms of its scholarly output. Likewise with regard to teaching, several quality surveys demonstrate that KU Leuven stands on par with internationally respected institutions in a large number of fields. In contrast to most university cities, the KU Leuven buildings are spread throughout the city.

## Application and Fees

Participation in the summer school is **limited to 20 students**. The Board welcomes students, academics and professionals who are actively interested or involved in research on the subject.

**Application** starts on 10 June 2012 and ends on 10 July 2012

Students will pay a fee of 100 €.

Professionals will pay a fee of 200 €.

Participants who register after 10 July 2012 will pay a 50 € supplement.

**Registration forms** and other practical information (accommodation) are available on the website [http://kadoc.kuleuven.be/summer\\_school/](http://kadoc.kuleuven.be/summer_school/)

For any other **questions**, please feel free to contact the secretary of the summer school at [summerschool@kadoc.kuleuven.be](mailto:summerschool@kadoc.kuleuven.be)

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