



RELIGIOUS STUDIES WORKSHOP SERIES

X. IMPLICIT RELIGION IN SOCIAL MEDIA

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This workshop focuses on the way in which religion manifests itself in subtle and often unexpected ways on the internet. Using the concept of “implicit religion”, we will discuss how to properly investigate spiritual or religious trends on media such as TikTok. The aim is to sensitize students of Religious Studies to the often invisible (or conversely, the dramatized) nature of online spirituality.

Sarah Perez holds a B.A. in German Literature and Philosophy and an M.A. (2018) in Religion and Ethics from the Christian-Albrecht University of Kiel. She received her Ph.D. (2024) in Religious Studies from the University of Bern. Her research focuses on early modern pamphlets containing accounts of religious experiences. With a focus on deathbed visions and angelic apparitions, she analyses the connections between mediumship, politics, and religion.

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18:30–19:15

Seminar Room 7 (Main Building)

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