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# IX. STUDYING MARTIAL ARTS SPIRITUALITIES

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East Asian martial arts as practised in Europe constitute an under-explored topic in Religious Studies but offers many rewarding dimensions for scholars in our field to investigate. But how can the topic best be studied? This workshop will offer insight into some of the approaches and methodologies that should arguably be combined to gain an understanding both broad and deep of the European martial arts milieu.

Per Faxneld is Associate Professor in Study of Religions at Södertörn University since 2017. Specialising in alternative spirituality, secularity, and esotericism, his earlier work (encompassing three monographs, three edited volumes, and numerous articles and chapters) has focused on Satanism, gender, occult art and popular culture, and the intersections of religion and politics. A recipient of the Donner Institute Prize for Outstanding Research on Religion, Faxneld has been a visiting scholar at Tohoku University in Japan, Cambridge University, and Amsterdam University. He is currently conducting a three-year project on spirituality in Japanese martial arts in Sweden, funded by the Swedish Research Council.

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11:30–12:15

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