



RELIGIOUS STUDIES WORKSHOP SERIES

XII. EMPIRICAL APPLICATIONS OF THE CONCEPT OF “LIVED RELIGION”

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The concept of “lived religion” emerged from the empirical work of various scholars on the religious practice of individuals, focusing on how they perceive, experience, and practice their personal beliefs in everyday life. The category of “lived religion” became an alternative definition of religion, with benefits and risks for broadening the understanding of the term “religion.” Recent research has shifted from “finding” lived religion to “applying” lived religion to empirical case studies, along with its synonyms and related concepts such as everyday religion, vernacular religion, or popular religion. How scholars today apply the concept of lived religion to their research is the topic of this workshop.

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