

4. S. Claerhout, *The European Experience and the Concept of Religion*

5. N. Cusumano, *Memory and Religion in the Greek World*

6. F. Mora, *The Circulated Sacred Text*

7. M. Pasi, *The presence of esoteric currents and ideas in Italy from the 18th century to our days*

8. T. Sakaranaho - H. Kupari, *Conceptualizing Religiosity: Perspectives of Social Memory*

9. E. Sanzi - C. Sfameni - D. Wiebe, *From One Side to the Other of the Mediterranean Sea in Late Antiquity: Religious Traditions in Comparison*

10. C. Giuffrè Scibona, *Mysteries, Dionysism, Orphism. Analogies, tangencies and differences*

11. A. Hvithamar - I.Kh. Maksutov, *Orthodox Christianity and Contemporary Europe: traditions and transformations*

11bis. Workshop: I.Kh. Maksutov, *International Online-Conference for the Study of Religions*

12. A. Mastrocinque - J. Rüpke, *Religious experience in sanctuaries in the Roman World*

13. M. Mazza - G. Casadio - N. Spineto, *Religio-historical historiography in Italy, between the end of the nineteenth century and World War II*

14. Workshop: J. Rüpke - K. von Stuckrad, *How to write a History of Religion of Europe?*

15. M. Massenzio - P. Scarpi, *History of Religions as comparative history: West, the "Other" and the origin of the religious fact*

16. K. Knott - V. Anttonen, *Theorizing the Sacred: Secular and Religious Approaches*



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**Main Hall of University, P.zza Pugliatti**

### 10.00 Conference Opening

Francesco Tomasello, Chancellor of the University of Messina  
Vincenzo Fera, Dean of the Faculty of Letters and Philosophy  
Gherardo Gnoli, SISR President  
Rosalind Hackett, IAHR President  
Tim Jensen, IAHR General Secretary  
Maya Burger, EASR President  
Kim Knott, EASR General Secretary  
Giulia Sfameni Gasparro, Conference Organiser

### 11.40 Armin W. Geertz

University of Aarhus, Denmark  
*Religion, Cognition and Culture: A European Idea?*

### 12.20 Enrico Montanari

University of Roma "La Sapienza", Italy  
*Comparative Method and Historico-Religious "Commitment": the Concept of "Secular Faith" in R. Pettazzoni*

### 15.00 Tim Jensen

University of Southern Denmark, Odense, Denmark  
*The EASR within the World Scenario of the IAHR 2000-2009. Observations and Reflections*

### 15.40 Jörg Rüpke

University of Erfurt, Germany  
*Hellenistic and Roman Empires and Euro-Mediterranean Religion*

### 16.20 Giovanni Filoramo

University of Torino, Italy  
*Dangerous Liasons. Roman Catholic Church and Jewish Communities in the History of Religious Europe*

### 17.00 Meeting of EASR Executive Committee

**15<sup>th</sup> September 2009**  
**Faculty of Letters, Polo Annunziata**

### 9.00 Sessions 1a1, 1c, 2ab

**Panels 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7**

### 12.20 Kim Knott

EASR General Secretary, University of Leeds, UK  
*Theoretical and methodological resources for breaking open the secular and exploring the boundary between religion and non-religion*

### 15.00 Sessions 1a1, 1d, 2a-b, 2c, 3

**Panels 2, 3, 6, 8, 9**

**16<sup>th</sup> September 2009**  
**Faculty of Letters, Polo Annunziata**

### 9.00 Sessions 1a1, 1a2, 1b, 2c, 5

**Panels 3, 11, 11bis, 12, 13**

### 12.20 Maya Burger

EASR President, University of Lausanne, Switzerland  
*Europe and India: an Essay in Creative Misunderstanding*

### 15.00 Sessions 1a2, 1b, 2c, 3, 4

**Panels 10, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16**

**17<sup>th</sup> September 2009**  
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### 10.00 Kari Elisabeth Børresen

University of Oslo, Norway  
*The Formation and Significance of Christian Gender Models in European Culture*

### 11.00 EASR General Assembly

### SESSIONS

1. "Religious Europe" in the Mediterranean context: between Asia and Africa. Contacts and influences
  - a1) Antiquity
  - a2) Late Antiquity
  - b) the Middle Ages
  - c) the Modern Age
  - d) the Contemporary Age
2. The History of the "History of Religions"
  - a) A European "invention"?
  - b) Reflections on the religious phenomenon and theories of culture
  - c) Methodologies and theories on the origin and nature of religion: the contribution of European culture and the current scientific debate
3. Meeting and conflicts between peoples and cultures: the role of religions in the European Scenario. From Antiquity to the present day
4. Europe: centre for the "diffusion" of religious traditions and pole of "attraction". From Antiquity to the present day
5. Religion: Art and Archaeology

### PANELS

1. W. Alberts - T. Jensen, *Textbooks and syllabuses for religion education (RE): the notion of religion and the representation of individual religions*
2. W. Alberts - T. Jensen, *Non-Confessional RE in European post-communist countries*
3. G. Casadio, *Raffaele Pettazzoni: an Italian Scholar in the International Context of the IAHR*