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Rituals in Life

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All cultures and religions have rituals to mark particular moments in life. In (semi-)public organizations such as education, justice, defense and care, professionals are challenged to conduct rituals for participants from different backgrounds. This course offers you theoretical knowledge about the phenomenon 'ritual': its origin, structure and meaning, as well as its appearance in different cultures. In addition, attention is given to the design and practice of rituals in various settings and at different moments of life.

Specialists on rituality will share their theoretical as well as their practical knowledge on the challenges to deal with actual culture in institutional contexts. One of the characteristics of the return of religion to the public sphere is the freedom people have to construct their own spirituality, making use of various traditions. The term ‘spirituality’ denotes all human experiences relating to an ultimate reality, otherwise the personal orientation of life – and therefore is broader than institutional ‘religiosity’. The tension between a classic denominational and institutional religious identity and the ‘postmodern’ eclectic, multifarious and ‘unaffiliated’ religious identity is one of the most striking features of the contemporary religious landscape, causing religious identity to be contested at various levels.

Beside theoretical reflection, the course will be an interesting mix of theory and practice, listening and creative groupwork.

After this course you are able to

- Describe the relevance of rituals in (semi-)public organisations
- Develop a view on the relevance of rituals for different moments in your own life (history)
- Design and perform rituals in your own professional context
- Write an essay for the public debate on rituals

Number of EC

2 ECTS credits

Course leader

Wim Smeets,
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Entry level
Advanced Bachelor and Master

This course is designed for
Students from a range of disciplines, including religious and education professions, health care and welfare professions and the humanities

You can find more details about this course on our website

Course date
Monday 12 August - Friday 16 August 2019

Course fee
€ 400

Deadline application
1 June 2019

Discounts
• 10% discount for early bird applicants. The early bird deadline is 1 March 2019.
• 15% discount for students and PhD candidates from partner universities. Please note that these discounts can be combined if you apply before 1 March 2019.

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What is the RSS experience?

**RSS is more than just a course!**

Radboud Summer School offers you a unique opportunity to meet other students and researchers from all over the world with different cultural and academic backgrounds. You will also get to know Radboud University and the city of Nijmegen. Our social programme includes a welcome reception, guest lecture and farewell drinks. And for a small fee you can join our BBQ, River Cruise on a pancake boat, a Pub Quiz, Sports Activities or a City Game.

**Want to know more?**
Have a look at what participants have said about their experience on our website!

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