



Sacred Journeys 11th Global Conference: Kyoto, Japan

July 1-4, 2024. Venue: Wajunkaikan Conference Center. Chion-In Temple, Kyoto. Sponsored by the Office of International Affairs, Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI), and the University of the Philippines Manila. Host: Prof. John Shultz, Kansai Gaidai University, Japan.

Call for Papers

More than 400 million people embark annually on pilgrimages with numbers steadily increasing. Pilgrimage is one of the most ancient practices of humankind and is associated with a great variety of religious and spiritual traditions, beliefs and sacred geographies. As a global phenomenon, pilgrimage facilitates interaction between and among diverse peoples from countless cultures, occupations, and walks of life. In the 11th Global Conference, we will continue to explore pilgrimage's personal, interpersonal, intercultural, and international dimensions. This includes similarities and differences in the practice in Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Christianity, Judaism, Taoism, and other traditions, as well as secular pilgrimage. The impact of the internet and globalization, pilgrimage as protest, and pilgrimage and peace building, among others, are all topics of interest, as are the concepts of the internal pilgrimage and the journey of self-discovery. Other potential topics include: (1) pilgrimage and the marketplace (2) the metaphor of the journey as explored by writers, artists, performers, and singers, including humanists and agnostics (3) pilgrimage and 'miracles' and the related topic of thanksgiving, and (4) 'dark' pilgrimages to sites of remembrance and commemoration.

Submitting Your Abstract

Abstracts (300 words) should be submitted by **January 15, 2024** to:

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The following information **must be included**:

Author(s), Affiliation, Email address, Title, Keywords (maximum of five)

Evaluating Your Proposal

Abstracts addressing the conference themes will be double-blind peer reviewed by pilgrimage scholars and you will be notified of the Organizing Committee's decision no later than **March 1, 2024**. When a positive decision is made, you will be asked to promptly register online. Accommodation is available at the conference venue in Kyoto. The conference registration fee is \$250 US and \$150 for students, seniors and observers. Submitting a draft paper of no more than 7000 words by **1 June 2024** is recommended if you intend to publish.

Publishing Your Work

We have an established linkage with the *International Journal of Religious Tourism and Pilgrimage* and you will have the opportunity to expand your draft for submission. If there are sufficient papers on a single theme or group of themes, we can consider a book proposal to a major publishing house like CABI or Peter Lang Publishing.

Additional Information: Visit the Sacred Journeys website at www.theCN.com/sj2014 for details on past conferences, publications, and testimonials.