



## Religion and the Natural Environment

### Call for Papers

### International Conference at BGU, January 2023

The Center for the Study of Religious Conversion and Inter-Religious Encounters (CSoc) at the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU), chose "**Religion and the Natural Environment**" as its annual theme for the 2022-2023 academic year, acknowledging its global relevance for researchers, political activists, and the public.

The Center would like to invite researchers from all disciplines of the humanities and social sciences - who engage with at least one of the following questions in the context of one world religion or more - to participate in an international conference at BGU, in January 2023. As we wish to address this topic across boundaries between religious beliefs and spiritual traditions, comparative approaches are especially welcome.

- Perceptions of the natural environment as reflected in scriptures, mythology, theology, mysticism, and ethics
- Attitudes towards the natural environment as performed in religious practices
- Means of interpreting and preventing natural disasters in religious law, theology, preaching, liturgy, ritual, and magic
- Spiritual leadership and religious institutions in times of ecological crisis – ethical prescriptions and historical case-studies
- The impact of religion on the treatment of animals and land
- Non-anthropocentric themes in religious thought
- Current religious environmentalism: ideologies, activists, organizations

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