

CULTURAL EVOLUTION OF RELIGION

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**Workshop organized by “Ritual and the Emergence of Early Christian Religion” (REECR),
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First Day: Cultural Evolution and Religion

- 9.00–9.15 Welcome
- 9.15–10.30 Joseph Bulbulia (Victoria University of Wellington): “Evolutionary Religious Studies: Recent Findings and Challenges”
- 10.30–11.00 Coffee break
- 11.00–12.00 Fiona Jordan (University of Bristol): “Exploring and Explaining the Evolution of Cultural Diversity”
- 12.00–12.30 Discussion
- 12.30–14.00 Lunch break
- 14.00–15.00 Petri Ylikoski (University of Helsinki): “Cultural Evolution and Social Science”
- 15.00–15.30 Coffee
- 15.30–16.30 Vojtěch Kaše (University of Helsinki/ Masaryk University) & Tomáš Glomb (Masaryk University): “Cultural Diffusion of Religions in the Ancient Mediterranean: Introducing the GEHIR Project”

Second Day: Cultural Evolution and Early Judaism/Christianity

- 9.00–10.00 Ronit Nikolsky (University of Groningen): “Narratives, Cognition and Cultural Evolution”
- 10.00–10.30 Coffee break
- 10.30–11.30 Istvan Czachesz (University of Tromsø): “Evolution as Learning: Early Christianity as a Test Case”
- 11.30–13.00 Lunch break
- 13.00–14.00 Rikard Roitto (Stockholm School of Theology): “Cultural Evolution of Baptism”
- 14.00–15.00 Nina Nikki (University of Helsinki): “Cultural Evolution of ‘Pauline Christianity’”
- 15.00–15.30 Coffee
- 15.30–16.30 Petri Luomanen, Elina Lapinoja & Pasi Hyytiäinen (University of Helsinki): “A Project on Cultural Evolution of Early Christianity: Methodological Considerations and Case Studies”
- 16.30–17.00 Conclusion