



**UPDATED**  
**FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT**  
**11th SSEASR Conference**

on

*Reflections of Religion in the Culture and Societies  
of  
South and Southeast Asia*

**10 -12 August 2026**

**Host**

**Souphanouvong University, Luang Prabang  
Lao PDR**

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**Rector, Souphanouvong University**

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**Extended Deadline for Abstract Submission: 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2026**

**Reflections of Religion in the Culture and Societies of South and Southeast Asia** invites a deep exploration of how religious traditions have shaped, and continue to shape, the cultural, social, and intellectual landscapes of this diverse region.

South and Southeast Asia are home to some of the world's oldest and most influential religious traditions - Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, Christianity, and a rich array of indigenous belief systems, with each contributing to the formation of values, rituals, arts, social norms, and collective identities. The theme of the conference encourages scholars to examine the dynamic interplay between religious thought and everyday life, the ways in which faith traditions influence social harmony and political structures, and how religious narratives are reinterpreted amid modernity, globalization, and digital transformation. By reflecting on these intersections, the conference aims to illuminate the sempiternal significance of religion in shaping cultural expressions, societal behaviours, and the evolving identities of communities across South and Southeast Asia.

**Sub Themes:**

- 1. Sacred Spaces and Cultural Landscapes**
- 2. Contemporary Socio-Religious Issues**
- 3. Ethics and Environmental Consciousness**
- 4. Comparative Religious Studies in the Region**
- 5. Art, Architecture, and Archaeology**
- 6. Cultural-Tourism in South and Southeast Asia**
- 7. Folklore, Language, and Literature**
- 8. South and Southeast Asian Diaspora in the World: Religiosity and Survival**
- 9. Pilgrims and Pilgrimage Centres**
- 10. Trade Routes: A Carrier of Culture and Religion**
- 11. Indigenous Peoples: Worldview and Belief Systems**
- 12. Performing Arts, Fairs and Festivals**
- 13. Trade and Sacred Economy**
- 14. Artificial Intelligence (AI), Communication, and Media in Relation to Religion**

- Any other papers related to the main theme of the conference are also welcome.
- A special academic session will be organized on the theme of culture and religion of Laos, providing scholars an opportunity to participate and engage in a fruitful academic exchange.

## Important Dates

Conference Dates: **10 -12 August 2026**

Pre-Conference Tour to UNESCO Heritage Sites, Luang Prabang: **9 August 2026**

Submission of Panel: **15 April 2026**

Submission of Abstract: **03 June 2026 (Revised deadline)**

Submission of Full Paper: **30 June 2026**

Post Conference Tour to Champassak\*: **13-15 August (return at 12 noon) 2026**

**\*(Tour to UNESCO World Heritage Site of Vat Phou and Associated Ancient Settlements, Champassak. This tour will consist of a 1-hour flight each way.)**

## Registration Fees:

Developed Countries: **US\$300**

Countries with Weaker Currency: **US\$250**

Students from Developed Countries: **US\$200**

Students from weaker currency Countries: **US\$150**

Accompanying Person (without conf. kit): **US\$200**

## Late Registration Fees (04 June 2026 onwards)

Developed Countries: **US\$350**

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Students from Countries with Weaker Currency: **US\$200**

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Purpose of transfer: **Conference Registration for Laos**

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