

## ISA RC22 Special Issue

**"Religion, Power, and Resistance: New Ideas for a Divided World"**

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"Religion and Politics: Shifting Boundaries"  
August 26-29, 2021  
Vilnius University  
Lithuania

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## Fourth ISA Forum of Sociology

Porto Alegre, Brazil

postponed to February 23-27, 2021

“Challenges of the 21st Century for Sociology of Religion”

### Key Dates

Early registration deadline for presenters: 15 December 2020

<https://isaconf.confex.com/isaconf/forum2020/registration/call.cgi>

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- [Culture, Religion, and Gender Inequality](#)
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- [Religion, Environment, and Social Movements](#)
- [Religion, Spirituality and Morality in a Post-Secular Age](#)
- [Religions, Social Movements and Politics Circulation, Production and Politics of Knowledge in the “Christianisms of Liberation” and Its Adversaries](#)
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- [Religious, Spiritual and/or Non-Religious Young People](#)
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- [Where Is Religion in Popular Religion? New Approaches for an Old Debate](#)
- [Wtf? \(“What the Faith?”\) – Peering Anew into the Conceptual Domains of “Religion”, “God”, “Spirituality”, “Faith” and Related Constructs](#)

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- **First, the number of members we have determines how many sessions we get at the World Congress and at other conferences. Your RC membership gives more people a chance to participate in these events.**
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