



## Call for papers

### *Resacralisation and desacralisation of urban spaces: Transforming sacred places in Poland and Germany*

The idea of the editors and authors of the volume entitled *Resacralisation and desacralisation of urban spaces: Transforming sacred places in Poland and Germany* is to examine on selected case studies current trends of urban sacred space changes. The comparative perspective is important to determine the impact on the examined phenomenon (individual cases as well as general patterns). We assume that social processes and related challenges of the new definition of the relationship between religions and between religion a secular society are also reflected in urban space. As

Lily Kong (1993: 40) states, sacred “are places where one's god(s) may be found and where one may undergo a sacred experience, including a gamut of emotions from serenity and protection to fear and the sense of being overwhelmed”. In this respect, we think that the concept of space sanctity might not fit into today's way of our thinking about the city. However, other researchers argue that *sacrum* is "still" present in the urban space, as *sacrum* means basically *art* (Landres 2002) or it is socially reconstructed as part of global processes.

The concept of the volume is to present how - in different contexts - “new” sacred places function in an already mapped sacred urban geographies. We would like to bring urban sociology and sociology of religion closer together to answer the questions about the comparative perspective of the social process of resacralisation. What is then the role of religious minorities in Poland and Germany (with special focus on Islam in this process)? What is the nature of the new sacred spaces in contemporary cities - are they only connected to minority religions? Contributors will revise the concepts and methods used so far in the context of changing Polish and German Christianity and its secularization (and de-secularisation) referring to the emerging new sacred spaces and redefining the old ones.

The book will consist the texts of German and Polish researchers, will be published in one of a German publishing house in 2016. Authors should send their title and **abstract proposal to the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2015** (Please send it to [maciej.kowalewski@whus.pl](mailto:maciej.kowalewski@whus.pl))

**For the complete version of the articles we are waiting until 28th February 2016.** Authors are asked to prepare texts in English of approx 15-20 standard pages (12pt font, Chicago style citation and bibliography: [http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools\\_citationguide.html](http://www.chicagomanualofstyle.org/tools_citationguide.html))

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