

CLAREMONT PRIZE FOR THE STUDY OF RELIGION

The Institute for Religion, Culture, and Public Life at Columbia University is seeking submissions to its second annual **Claremont Prize for the Study of Religion**. The prize is dedicated to the publication of first books by early career scholars working in any discipline of the humanities or social sciences. Submissions can be on any aspect of the study of religion, including the study of secularism. Prize-winners will be invited to IRCPL to participate in a workshop and the books will appear in IRCPL's series, "Religion, Culture, and Public Life," published by Columbia University Press.

Eligibility

The international competition is open to scholars working in the social sciences and humanities.

Submissions must meet the following criteria:

1. Authors must have received the PhD on or after January 1, 2013.
2. The manuscript must be single-authored.
3. The submission must be the author's first book (excluding edited books).
4. The manuscript must not be under consideration at any other press.

Timeline

September 14, 2020: Deadline for submission

November 2020: Notification by selection committee of short list

November 2020 – February 2021: Short-listed manuscripts peer reviewed by Columbia University Press

March 2021: Prize winners announced by IRCPL

May 2021: Workshop for winning books at Columbia University

Submission Instructions

Applicants should submit the following materials to Marianna Pecoraro at mp3699@columbia.edu. Please merge application form, CV and book précis into one PDF file; the book manuscript should be sent as a separate PDF file. All file names should include the applicant's last name.

1. **Completed application form** (found at this link: <https://www.ircpl.columbia.edu/s/Claremont-Application-Form.pdf>).
2. **Brief CV**. Maximum 2 pages. Please include contact details for two references.
3. **Book précis**. Maximum 2000 words. Please include: (a) Title; (b) Abstract; (c) Full description (thesis, purpose, methodological approach, and intended contribution to literature); (d) Chapter outline; and (e) Market considerations and intended audience.
4. **Full book manuscript**, including low-res images (if applicable).

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Email Marianna Pecoraro at mp3699@columbia.edu with any questions.