

The background of the entire poster is a close-up photograph of a wood surface, showing concentric growth rings. The top half features a lighter, more detailed view of these rings, while the bottom half is a darker, more textured view. The text is overlaid on these sections.

# RELIGION & SPIRITUALITY IN SOCIETY

AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE

20–22 February 2012

Robson Square, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada

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Dear Delegate,

Thank you for participating in 2012 International Conference on Religion and Spirituality in Society! We are pleased you will be joining us in Vancouver at the University of British Columbia's Robson Square and hope you are looking forward to coming together with colleagues and members of the Religion community this February.

In preparation for the conference, we have put together some information that we hope will prove useful to you as you begin to prepare for the conference and your arrival in Vancouver. In this document, you will find information such as transportation information, a map of Robson Square, conference registration information, presentation information, and paper and journal information.

This packet is a starting point for your preparations, and we realize you may have some additional questions after reviewing the material here. For any questions that remain, please contact the conference secretariat at [support@http://religioninsociety.com](mailto:support@http://religioninsociety.com).

We hope your planning goes well, and we look forward to seeing you in Vancouver!

Best regards,

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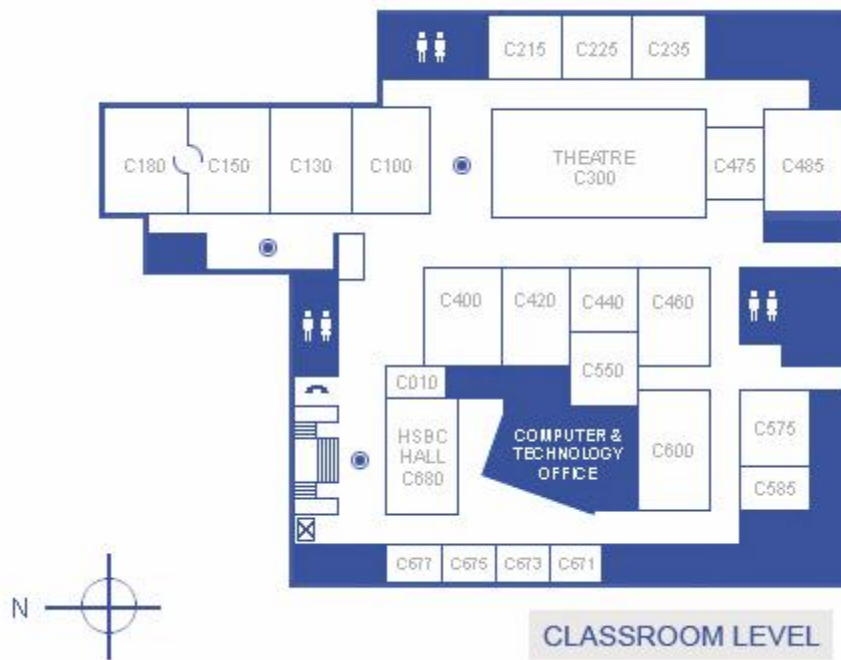
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## TRAVEL INFORMATION

### TRANSPORTATION FROM THE AIRPORT TO THE FOUR SEASONS

The Four Seasons is located in Downtown Vancouver – a short walk to Robson Square. It is approximately 20-25 minutes to travel from the Vancouver International Airport to the Four Seasons by taxi. We would recommend taking a taxi or using the train, however, if you are renting a car, please find directions below.

### TRANSPORTATION FROM THE FOUR SEASONS TO ROBSON SQUARE

To Robson Square at the University of British Columbia

The Four Seasons Hotel is approximately a 3 to 4 minute walk to Robson Square.

1. Exit the Hotel and onto Howe St.
2. Head southwest on Howe St.
3. Turn right on Robson St.
4. Robson Square will be on the left

Taxis are another option to get to Robson Square. Here are some phone numbers to order taxis:

1. Vancouver Taxi- (604) 871-1111
2. Yellow Cab Vancouver Taxi Service- (604) 681-1111
3. Vancouver Taxis- (604) 272-1111
4. MacLure's Cabs- (604) 683-6666

These two companies also offer van cabs to order:

1. Sunshine Cabs, Ltd- (604) 987-3333
2. Aeroshuttle – 1-877-921-9021

From Robson Square to the Four Seasons Hotel

Here are the reverse directions to get back to the hotel

1. Head southeast on Robson St.
2. Turn left at Howe St.
3. Destination will be on the left.

## CONFERENCE INFORMATION

### REGISTRATION DESK LOCATION AND HOURS

The registration desk will be located directly in front of room C300/Theater, which is also the plenary room. The Religion Conference will be held from 20-22 February 2012. The registration desk will open at 8:00 on the morning of the first day, 20 February. The registration desk will remain open each day for the duration of the conference.

### PRESENTATION INFORMATION

#### Equipment:

Each delegate will need to provide his/her own laptop for the conference.

#### Program:

When the draft program is available it can be found at:

<http://religioninsociety.com/conference-2012/program/>

In addition to this, you will receive a program booklet at the conference with the final schedule for the plenary and parallel sessions.

#### Online Presentations:

Online Presentations can be viewed through our YouTube Channel at

<http://www.youtube.com/group/>.

These presentations are made by both our virtual registrants and our in-person participants. Whether you are presenting at this conference, or are a virtual participant, we encourage all participants to present on the Religion Conference YouTube Channel. Here are two suggestions:

1. Record a video of your presentation before or after the conference, or ask a colleague to record a video of your presentation at the conference, and then submit it to our YouTube channel.
2. Create a PowerPoint presentation with voice-over before or after the conference, or record the audio of the presentation at the conference, then link this to the PowerPoint presentation.

These presentation recordings will be published to YouTube with a link to your session description on the conference website, and (if your paper is accepted to the journal), a link to the abstract of your paper on the journal website.

For instructions on how to create and upload these presentations, visit the conference website at

<http://religioninsociety.com/conference-2012/online-presentations/>

## EXTRA ACTIVITIES

### Conference Tour

#### **Museum of Anthropology at the University of British Columbia - Tuesday, 21 February 2012 6:30-8:00PM**

##### The Setting

The Museum is located on the traditional territory of the Musqueam First Nation. The Musqueam (which means “river grass”) and their ancestors have occupied the point of land on which the Museum and University are built for over 9000 years.

##### The Architecture

Designed by world-renowned architect, Arthur Erickson, the Museum is known for its soaring glass windows and spectacular setting overlooking mountains and sea. Erickson took his inspiration for the building from traditional northern Northwest Coast 19th century post-and-beam style architecture.

##### The Collection

MOA houses approximately 37,000 ethnological objects and 535,000 archaeological objects. These include historic and contemporary collections from around the world – Asia, Africa, Europe, Oceania, South and Central America and of course, the Northwest Coast (largest collection at MOA in the world). The Koerner Ceramics Gallery contains over 600 pieces of 16th – 19th century European ceramics as well as extraordinary contemporary works. From towering totem poles to textiles to exquisite examples of Greek and Roman jewelry in gold and other precious metals, we have it all!

##### The Great Hall

This magnificent space showcases full-size totem poles from many different First Nations in BC. The tallest is 15 meters high – as high as the glass walls for which the Museum is famous. Frequently, the site of events staged by artists from all over the worlds, the Great Hall has also been visited by such luminaries as Prince Charles, Bill Clinton (twice!) and Boris Yeltsin.

##### The Haida Houses

From the Great Hall inside MOA, you can see two full-size Haida Houses outside the Museum, surrounded by a forest of soaring totem poles. These houses were built in 1962 under the supervision of Haida artist, Bill Reid, and Namgis artist, Doug Cranmer. They replicate the bighouses common to the Northwest Coast in the 19th century.

##### The Raven and the First Men

This sculpture by Haida artist, Bill Reid, is one of the most famous carvings in the world (it even appears on the Canadian \$20 bill). It depicts the figure of Raven discovering the first Haida humans, and coaxing them out of their protective clamshell. Carved from a massive block of 106 laminated yellow cedar planks, the sculpture rests on a bed of sand brought to the Museum in 1980 by children from the village of Haida Gwaii where this event is said to have taken place.”

The tour will meet at the museum and be about 90 minutes long. You are welcome to stay at the museum until closing at 9:00PM

## **Conference Reception**

Common Ground Publishing and the Religion Conference will be hosting a Reception please check the Activities and Extras Page for additional information on the date, location and time.

<http://religioninsociety.com/conference-2012/activities-and-extras/>



## PAPER AND JOURNAL INFORMATION

### Submission Timeline:

Whether you participate in the conference as a virtual registrant or as an in-person delegate, you are invited to submit a paper for consideration in *The International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society*. The final date for submitting your paper for consideration is 22 March, 2012. This will guarantee that your paper is reviewed through our one way blind refereeing process.

More information on submitting your paper to *The International Journal of Religion and Spirituality in Society* can be found at <http://onsustainability.com/journal/publish-your-paper/> . At this site you will find extensive information about the submission process, author guidelines, the editorial quality of our journal, and the publications process. This information will also be available in the conference program.