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This conference brings together scholars from Europe and Asia to discuss religion and value education in diverse societies. Flows of migration and global exchange transformed and continue to transform religion and value education across Europe and Asia.

In Europe, confessional Christian education in religiously open societies is increasingly experienced as a challenge and calls for differentiation and new approaches. European societies have taken different paths and found new ways of offering religious knowledge across traditions. In East, South East and South Asia, religious diversity has been a lived reality for centuries while we can trace the emergence of the semantic category of "religion" in the Sinitic languages towards the end of the 19th century only. How does religious and value education currently look like across Asia? What are new approaches to adapt to the needs of global citizens, and how do these approaches relate civic and religious values? How can the rise of Life Education be understood? This conference intends to create a stimulating Asian-European exchange related to educational concepts of religion and value education.

Speakers include:

- **Thithimadee Arphattananon** | Mahidol University
- **Jenny Berglund** | Stockholm University
- **Chae Young Kim** | Sogang University, President of the Korean Association for the Study of Religious Education
- **Giovanni Lapis** | Ca' Foscari University, Venice
- **Erica Larson** | NUS
- **Johanna Gustafson Lundberg** | CTR, Lund University
- **Synnøve Markeng** | University of Inland Norway
- **Kristian Niemi** | Karlstad University
- **Johannes Sun** | Director of the Life Education Research Centre, NTU Taiwan
- **Kwan-cho Tse** | The Chinese University of Hong Kong
- **Martin Ubani** | University of Eastern Finland
- **Bing Wang** | Hong Kong Chu Hai College, Hong Kong

