

Existential approaches to Health, Culture, Religion/Spirituality, and Ecology

# What does it mean to be human in a time of crises?

HONNE CONFERENCE HOTEL, BIRI ► 21–23 October 2024

**The purpose of the conference is to be a Nordic interdisciplinary meeting place for existentially oriented research on health, culture, religion, spirituality, ecology and other related fields. Existential approaches are on the agenda and vital within a number of disciplines and practices. The idea behind this conference is that we can meet, tell each other about our research, learn from each other, and together contribute to further research and knowledge development in our related fields.**

The conference builds on the psychology of religion conferences, which have been arranged annually since 2007. This year, the conference asks what it means to be human in a time of crises. This relates to the global situation of war and ecological threats, as well as to individual human crises associated with illness or other forms of suffering. However, all themes within the broad spectrum of existential approaches are welcome for presentations at the conference.

Monday, we are pleased to announce that professor Pehr Granqvist at Stockholm University will have the opening lecture on “Attachment, spiritual experiences, and psychedelic science”. For more information: [Pehr Granqvist - Stockholm University \(su.se\)](https://www.su.se/pehr-granqvist).

Later on Monday, professor and psychiatrist Neil Krishan Aggarwal from New York State Psychiatric Institute and Columbia University Medical Center talks about “The importance of cultural and existential information for diagnostics and treatment planning”. For more information: [Neil Krishnan Aggarwal | South Asia Institute \(columbia.edu\)](https://www.southasiainstitute.org/). Tuesday afternoon professor Jan-Olav Henriksen lectures about “Religion, Solidarity, and response-ability in times of crisis” [Jan-Olav Henriksen | MF](https://www.mf.no/jan-olav-henriksen/). See the preliminary program.

## PAPER, PANEL, POSTERS

There will be 20-minute presentations of papers, and it is possible to propose panels for 1 hour or more. Submit an abstract (300 words) on the conference website; [www.religionspsykologi.no](http://www.religionspsykologi.no). For those who need approval for presentation from the scientific committee before Summer holiday, please submit by 29 May 2024. The committee will respond within 12 June. For others the deadline is 1 September, and you will have the response in 2 weeks.

You are also welcome to have meetings in established research groups at the conference. Feel free to contact us if more information is needed.

The final keynote will be chosen from the submitted abstracts by the scientific committee and the organizers.

## REGISTRATION

Online registration opens in early May and closes in late September. More practical information about registration will come later. The conference fee, 550 NOK, is to be paid online at registration.

## CONFERENCE VENUE

Honne Conference Hotel is located at Biri, Gjøvik. [Honne Hotell og Konferansesenter](https://www.honnehotell.no/). Train from Oslo or Trondheim to Moelv station. 1 hour 15 min from Oslo airport.

## CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Lars Danbolt, Tatjana Schnell, Peter la Cour, Gry Stålsett, Lars Lien and Sigrid Helene Kjørven Haug. The conference is planned in collaboration with a network group of researchers in the Nordic countries.

The conference is arranged by the Research Center for Existential Health, Sykehuset Innlandet, Norway.

**Welcome to Honne 21–23 October!**

# PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

## MONDAY 21. OCTOBER

- 09.00** Time for Parallel research group meetings etc.  
**12.00** Lunch  
**13.00** **Opening and Keynote**  
"Attachment, spiritual experiences, and psychedelic science" / *Pehr Granqvist*  
Discussion  
**14.30** Coffee break  
**15.00** "The importance of cultural and existential information for diagnostics and treatment planning"  
/ *Neil Krishan Aggarwal*  
**16.30** Parallel panel / research group meetings  
**19.00** Dinner  
**20.30** Social

## TUESDAY 22. OCTOBER

- 09.00** **Keynote / plenary**  
Invited (more info later)  
Discussion  
**10.30** Parallel panels  
Workshops / Research group meetings  
**11.30** Poster presentations  
**12.00** Lunch  
**13.30** Parallel panels  
Workshops / Research group meetings  
**15.30** Coffee break  
**16.30** "Religion, Solidarity, and response-ability in time of crisis" / *Jan-Olav Henriksen*  
**19.00** Dinner  
**20.30** Social

## WEDNESDAY 23. OCTOBER

- 09.00** **Keynote / plenary**  
Chosen from submitted abstracts  
Discussion  
**10.30** Plenary discussions / sum up / closing  
**12.00** Lunch

### ACCOMMODATION PRICES

**All inclusive pr. day** ..... 1.795 NOK  
single room, lunch, dinner, breakfast, coffee / tea, fruit etc

**Day package on Wednesday**..... 625 NOK  
lunch, coffee / tea, fruit, etc

**Total hotel costs**..... 4.215 NOK  
Full pension Mon-Tues (1.795\*2 + 1 day pack 625)

It is possible to arrive Sunday evening, 1.225 NOK extra (single room) and 1.150 double (includes dinner Sunday and breakfast Monday morning). If you want double room full pension (Monday – Wednesday) that is 1.675 NOK pr. day.

*All hotel expenses are to be paid to the hotel by checkout.*