

FOREWORD

The current issue of the journal «Researches in Religious Studies», first of 2015, is dedicated to New Religious Movements. Here we have papers addressing such diverse problems as Russian paganism influencing ergonyms (Andrey Beskov), the cult of Santa Muerte in Mexico and the USA (Anton Dannenberg), the contemporary reconstructions of Ancient Egyptian religion (Artem Tyurin), creeds of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter–Day Saints (Sergey Saltanov). As for the paper of Pavel Nosachev, that discusses the relations between new religious movements and Western esotericism, it creates a bridge between current issue and forthcoming in late 2015 volume on esotericism.

The rubric «Works» includes a paper of Anna Sokolova on transformation of burial practices in Russia today. It is followed by the rubric «Discussion» that is dedicated to reflection on state of affairs in the scientific study of religion in Russia by scholars, starting with a seminal paper by Tatiana Folieva, with answers by Konstantin Antonov, Evgeny Arinin, Larisa Astakhova, Ivan Davydov, Pavel Kostylev, Mikhail Smirnov, William Schmidt, Ekaterina Elbakyan. The issue is concluded by the «Reviews».

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