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Kerstin Radde-Antweiler studied Theology and Religious Studies in Bielefeld and Heidelberg, Germany. She is a junior researcher at the Institute for the Scientific Study of Religions at the Ruprecht-Karls-University, Heidelberg, Germany, where she also teaches about Wicca, religion and rites on the internet, as well as about theoretical approaches concerning the research about religion and rituals on the internet. She is currently finalising her doctoral thesis "Ritual Design on the Internet: Reception and Invention of Magical Rituals of New Wicca Groups" as part of the project "Between Online-Religion and Religion-Online: Forms of 'Transfer of Ritual' on the Internet" within the collaborative research centre "Ritual Dynamics" in Heidelberg.

Main Research and Ongoing Projects

Kerstin Radde-Antweiler concentrates on religion in „new media“ with a focus on the internet. Further interests are the formation of theory in the Study of Religions, ritual studies, contemporary religiousness, new religious movements and Wicca (a form of modern witchcraft).

Curriculum Vitae

- since 2007 Member of the academic staff at the Institute for Religious Studies, University of Heidelberg
- 2002 – 2007 research fellow at the Collaborative Research Centre Dynamics of Ritual at the University of Heidelberg
- since 2002 PhD student of Religious Studies at the University of Heidelberg
- 2002 Diploma in Theology

Major Publications

- 2008 Radde-Antweiler, K. (Ed.): Virtual Worlds. Research Perspectives from Cultural Studies. (Online – Heidelberg Journal of Religions on the Internet Vol 3). [<http://www.online.uni-hd.de>]
- 2008 Radde-Antweiler, K.: "A Religious and Ritual Topography of Second Life." In: Virtual Worlds. Research Perspectives from Cultural Studies. (Online – Heidelberg Journal of Religions on the Internet Vol 3). [<http://www.online.uni-hd.de>]
- 2007 Radde-Antweiler, K.: "Cyber-Rituals in Virtual Worlds. Wedding-Online in Second Life." In: Masaryk University Journal of Law and Technology.
- 2007 Interview mit dem Spiegel Online Redakteur Christian Stöcker über ‚Religion und Religiosität in Second Life‘. Den Bericht „Sponto geht in die Knie“ findet sich auf www.spiegel.de.