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Religion Past & Present 2007

history is one of the most important cultural tools to make sense of one s situation to establish identity define otherness and explain change this is the first systematic scholarly study that analyses the complex relationship between history and religion taking into account religious groups both as producers of historical narratives as well as distinct topics of historiography coming from different disciplines the authors of this volume ask under which conditions and with what consequences religions are historicised how do religious groups employ historical narratives in the construction of their identities what are the biases and elisions of current analytical and descriptive frames in the history of religion the volume aims at initiating a comparative historiography of religion and combines disciplinary competences of religious studies and the history of religion confessional theologies history history of science and literary studies by applying literary comparison and historical contextualization to those texts that have been used as central documents for histories of individual religions their historiographic themes tools and strategies are analysed the comparative approach addresses circum mediterranean and european as well as asian religious traditions from the first millennium bce to the present and deals with topics such as the origins of religious historiography the practices of writing and the transformation of narratives

History and Religion 2015-08-31

religious ideas practices discourses institutions and social expressions are in constant flux this volume addresses the internal and external dynamics interactions between individuals religious communities and local as well as global society the contributions concentrate on four areas 1 contemporary religion in the public sphere the tactics of in visibility among religious communities in europe religion intersecting de nationalization and re nationalization in post apartheid south africa 2 religious transformations forms of religious communities in global society political contributions of ancestral cosmologies and the decolonization of religious beliefs esoteric tradition as poetic invention 3 focus on the individual religion and life trajectories of islamists angels animals and religious change in antiquity and today gaining access to the radically unfamiliar in today s religion between individuals and collectives 4 narrating religion entangled knowledge cultures and the creation of religions in mongolia and europe global intellectual history and the dynamics of religion on representing judaism

<u>Dynamics of Religion</u> 2016-11-21

nvmen publishes papers representing the most recent scholarship in all areas of the history of religions ranging from antiquity to contemporary history it covers a diversity of geographical regions and religions of the past as well as of the present the approach of the journal to the study of religion is strictly non confessional while the emphasis lies on empirical source based research typical contributions also address issues that have a wider historical or comparative significance for the advancement of the discipline numen also publishes papers that discuss important theoretical innovations in the study of religion and reflective studies on the history of the discipline brill is proud to present this special volume of articles compiled to celebrate the occasion of the 60th anniversary of nvmen international review for the history of religions in 2014 the articles in this volume have been selected under the auspices of the international association for the history of religions iahr and reflect critically on the past present and future of nvmen the iahr and the study of the history of religions

NVMEN, the Academic Study of Religion, and the IAHR 2015-11-24

why do people study religion how have they studied it in the past how do we study religion today is the academic study of religion the same as religious education these and many other questions are addressed in this engaging introduction to the discipline of religious studies written by two experienced university teachers the authors have crafted this book to familiarize novice students with key concepts and terminology in the study of religion more advanced students will find a varied array of theoretical perspectives and methodological approaches to the field topics include definitions of religion perspectives in the study and teaching of religion began to be studied traditional perspectives philosophical and theological how people experience religion perspectives in the study of religious consciousness and perception phenomenological and psychological studying religion within communities social and cultural perspectives anthropological sociological political and economic judging religion critical perspectives feminist approaches the interaction of popular literature and religion contextual perspectives historical and comparative the book encourages students to think critically about the theories and methods presented students will find arguments for the strengths and limitations of these approaches

understand connections among religious studies and other intellectual movements and develop their own ideas of how they might want to go about the study of religion summary boxes a timeline a glossary and other pedagogic aids help students grasp key concepts along with a companion website at sastor com

The Study of Religions in Africa 1996

drawing on recent developments in the comparative study of religion this book explores the trends of the past sixty years from a global perspective each of the ten chapters covers the study of religion in a different region of the world from europe and the americas to asia and the far east topics covered include local background to the study of religions formation of religious studies in the region important thinkers and writings institutions interregional diversity and interregional connections emerging issues this book is a major contribution to the field of religious studies and a valuable reference for scholars researchers and graduate students

Introduction to the Study of Religion 2008-08-20

this book provides a comprehensive examination of the study of religions in sweden from the early twentieth century to the present and shows how the intersection of national and social forces shape the study of religion in specific countries and contexts it traces the establishment of the study of religions as an integrated part of higher education in sweden and it critically examines the development of the most significant disciplines themes and questions that form religious studies in sweden demonstrating the interconnection between nationality and the formation of the academic study of religion the book explores how sweden is often described as the most secularised country in the world yet the study of religions in sweden has a long rich and diverse history the book emphasizes the interdisciplinary nature of the study of religions and bring together the voices of 30 scholars

Religious Studies 2010-03

what do we talk about when we talk about religion is it an array of empirical facts about historical human civilizations or is religion what is in essence unpredictable perhaps the very emergence of the new in what ways are the legacies of religion its powers words things and gestures reconfiguring themselves as the elementary forms of life in the twenty first century given the latin roots of the word religion and its historical christian uses what sense if any does it make to talk about religion in other traditions where might we look for common elements that would enable us to do so has religion as an overarching concept lost all its currency or does it ineluctably return sometimes in unexpected ways the moment we attempt to do without it this book explores the difficulties and double binds that arise when we ask what is religion offering a marvelously rich and diverse array of perspectives it begins the task of rethinking religion and religious studies in a contemporary world opening essays on the question what is religion are followed by clusters exploring the relationships among religion theology and philosophy and the links between religion politics and law pedagogy is the focus of the following section religion is then examined in particular contexts from classical times to the present pentacostal revival leading into an especially rich set of essays on religion materiality and mediatization the final section grapples with the ever changing forms that religion is taking such as spirituality movements and responses to the ecological crisis featuring the work of leading scholars from a wide array of disciplines traditions and cultures religion beyond a concept will help set the agenda for religious studies for years to come it is the first of five volumes in a collection entitled the future of the religious past the fruit of a major international research initiative funded by the netherlands organization for scientific research

Religion Past & Present 2013

this c s lewis collection is formatted to the highest digital standards the edition incorporates an interactive table of contents footnotes and other information relevant to the content which makes the reading experience meticulously organized and enjoyable novels the chronicles of narnia the lion the witch and the wardrobe prince caspian the voyage of the dawn treader the silver chair the horse and his boy the magician s nephew the last battle space trilogy out of the silent planet perelandra that hideous strength the screwtape letters the pilgrim s regress the great divorce till we have faces short stories screwtape proposes a toast ministering angels religious studies the allegory of love the problem of pain a preface to paradise lost the abolition of man miracles mere christianity reflections on the psalms the four loves an experiment in criticism a grief observed letters to malcolm chiefly on prayer poetry spirits in bondage a cycle of lyrics autobiography surprised by joy the shape of my early life

speeches transposition the weight of glory membership learning in war time the inner ring de descriptione temporum the literary impact of the authorised version hamlet the prince or the poem kipling s world sir walter scott lilies that fester psycho analysis and literary criticism the inner ring is theology poetry transposition on obstinacy in belief the weight of glory clive staples lewis 1898 1963 was a british novelist poet academic medievalist literary critic essayist lay theologian broadcaster lecturer and christian apologist he is best known for his fictional work especially the chronicles of narnia the screwtape letters and the space trilogy and for his non fiction christian apologetics such as mere christianity miracles and the problem of pain

The Study of Religion in Sweden 2024-03-07

religion and its history offers a reflection of our operative concept of religion and religions developing a set of approaches that bridge the widely assumed gulf between analysing present religion and doing history of religions studies have adapted a wide range of methodologies from sociological tool kits to insights and concepts from disciplines of social and cultural studies their massive historical claims which typically idealize and reify communities and traditions and build normative claims thereupon lack a critical engagement on the part of the researchers this book radically rethinks and critically engages with these biases it does so by offering neither an abridged global history of religion nor a small handbook of methodology instead this book presents concepts and methods that allow the analysis of contemporary and past religious practices ideas and institutions within a shared framework

Religion 2008

most ontario universities were established by christian denominations a christian ethos was assumed and pervasive and students were required to take courses designed to teach and inculcate religion this insightful and comprehensive study demonstrates how as ontario society became secularized and pluralistic so too did universities today religion is again studies in university classrooms but as religious studies a relatively new field that reflects the religiously pluralistic nature of ontario and the world wide explosion of knowledge this authoritative volume will be of interest to students of religion in and outside academic circles to adminstratots of academic institutions and granting agencies and to persons wanting to know more about the social and cultural changes that have transformed ontario and canadian society

The Complete Works: Fantasy & Sci-Fi Novels, Religious Studies, Poetry & Autobiography 2023-12-29

the series religion and society rs contributes to the exploration of religions as social systems both in western and non western societies in particular it examines religions in their differentiation from and intersection with other cultural systems such as art economy law and politics due attention is given to paradigmatic case or comparative studies that exhibit a clear theoretical orientation with the empirical and historical data of religion and such aspects of religion as ritual the religious imagination constructions of tradition iconography or media in addition the formation of religious communities their construction of identity and their relation to society and the wider public are key issues of this series

Religion and its History 2021-05-09

theory for religious studies presents the key theoretical influences on religious studies since the 1960s an essential guide to the figures and ideas animating religious studies today drawing on thier complementary knowledge of eastern and western religious traditions william deal and timothy beal begin with four foundartional figures marx nietzsche saussure and freud and go on to provide guided introductions to althusser bakhtin barthes bataille baudrillard benjamin bourdieu butler cixous deleuze and guattari derrida foucault gadamer irigaray kristeva lacan lefebvre

Religious Studies in Ontario 2006-01-01

drawing on research funded by the european commission this book explores how religious diversity has been and continues to be represented in cultural contexts in western europe particularly to teenagers in textbooks museums and exhibitions popular youth culture including tv and online as well as in political speech topics include the

findings from focus group interviews with teenagers in schools across europe the representation of minority religions in museums migration and youth subculture

Historicizing "tradition" in the Study of Religion 2005

gayraud s wilmore is professor of church history and afro american religious studies at the interdenominational theological center in atlanta georgia he has published numerous articles and booksl including black witness to the apostolic faith david shannon co ed black and presbyterian the heritage and the hope and last things first professor wilmore is the recpicient of the bruce klunder award of the presbyterian interracial councils 1969 the sward of the interdenominational ministerial alliance of harlem 1971 and various honorary degrees

Theory for Religious Studies 2004-11

the first sustained history of the academic study of religion at american universities the university gets religion religious studies in american higher education is a timely book that explores the present day implications of religious studies protestant past book jacket

Religious Diversity in Europe 2022-03-10

religious studies theology and human flourishing contains essays by nine prominent scholars of religious studies and theology on approaches to cultivating human flourishing within the field of positive psychology part of the humanities and human flourishing series this volume represents perspectives from north india to the buckle of the american bible belt and explores the implications of religious studies and theology for well being illuminating connections between theory pedagogy and practice

African American Religious Studies 1989

william a graham a leading international scholar in the field of islamic studies gathers together his selected writings under three sections 1 history and interpretation of islamic religion 2 the qur an as scripture and 3 scripture in the history of religion each section opens with a new introduction by graham and a bibliography of his works is included graham s work in islamic studies focuses largely on the analysis and interpretation of the religious dimensions of ritual action scriptural piety textual authority revelation tradition and major concepts such as grace and transcendence his work in the comparative history of religion has focused in particular on the problem of scripture as a cross cultural religious phenomenon that is more complex than simply sacred text this invaluable resource will be of primary interest to students of the islamic tradition especially as regards qur anic piety muslim ritual practice and fundamental structures of islamic thought and to students of the comparative history of religion especially as regards the phenomenon of scripture and its analogs

The University Gets Religion 1999

drawing on recent developments in the comparative study of religion this book explores the trends of the past sixty years from a global perspective each of the ten chapters covers the study of religion in a different region of the world from europe and the americas to asia and the far east topics covered include local background to the study of religions formation of religious studies in the region important thinkers and writings institutions interregional diversity and interregional connections emerging issues this book is a major contribution to the field of religious studies and a valuable reference for scholars researchers and graduate students

Religious Studies, Theology, and Human Flourishing 2024

how are digital humanists drawing on libraries and archives to advance research and learning in the field of religious studies and theology how can librarians and archivists make their collections accessible to digital humanists the goal of this volume is to provide an overview of how religious and theological libraries and archives are supporting the nascent field of digital humanities in religious studies the volume showcases the perspectives of faculty librarians archivists and allied

cultural heritage professionals who are drawing on primary and secondary sources in innovative ways to create digital humanities projects in theology and religious studies topics include curating collections as data conducting stylometric analyses of religious texts and teaching digital humanities at theological libraries the shift to digital humanities promises closer collaborations between scholars archivists and librarians the chapters in this volume constitute essential reading for those interested in the future of theological librarianship and of digital scholarship in the fields of religious studies and theology

Islamic and Comparative Religious Studies 2017-05-15

the historiographers of religious studies have written the history of this discipline primarily as a rationalization of ideological most prominently theological and phenomenological ideas first through the establishment of comparative philological and sociological methods and secondly through the demand for intentional neutrality this interpretation caused important roots in occult esoteric traditions to be repressed this process of purification latour is not to be equated with the origin of the academic studies de facto the elimination of idealistic theories took time and only happened later one example concerning the early entanglement is tibetology where many researchers and respected chair holders were influenced by theosophical ideas or were even members of the theosophical society similarly the emergence of comparatistics cannot be understood without taking into account perennialist ideas of esoteric provenance which hold that all religions have a common origin in this perspective it is not only the history of religious studies which must be revisited but also the partial shaping of religious studies by these traditions insofar as it saw itself as a counter model to occult ideas

Religious Studies 2010-03-01

the cambridge companion to religious studies is both informative and provocative introducing readers to key debates in the contemporary study of religion and suggesting future research possibilities a group of distinguished scholars takes up some of the most pressing theoretical questions in the field what is a religious tradition how are religious texts read what takes place when a religious practitioner stands before a representation of gods or goddesses ghosts ancestors saints and other special beings what roles is religion playing in contemporary global society the volume emphasizes religion as a lived practice stressing that people have used and continue to use religious media to engage the circumstances of their lives the volume s essays should prove valuable and interesting to a broad audience including scholars in the humanities and social sciences and a general readership as well as students of religious studies

Digital Humanities and Libraries and Archives in Religious Studies 2022-02-07

theology and religious studies co exist in the majority of departments in higher education institutions within the uk yet there has been very little debate or discussion on how these two disciplines relate to one another in this context and on a more general level this new collection of essays aims to redress the balance and to add to fruitful discussion in this area including essays by some of today s leading academics on the sometimes contentious relationship between religious studies or the study of religions and theology this volume is international in scope with contributions from scholars from the uk usa south africa netherlands sweden and iran many of the essays offer a contextualised account of the evolving relationship between the disciplines the contributors address such issues as the place of theology within today s universities the problem of clashing methodologies in theology and religious studies the possibility for a theological religious studies approaching the study of religions without theology interdisciplinary approaches for bridging the theology religious studies divide and the place of biblical studies in the theology religious studies debate

Occult Roots of Religious Studies 2021-06-08

this book offers a survey of the development of interdisciplinarity in religious studies within academia and offers ways for it to continue to progress in contemporary universities it examines the use of the term interdisciplinary in the context of the academic study of religion and how it shapes the way scholarly work in this field has developed the text uses two main elements to discuss religious studies as a field firstly it looks at the history of the development of religious studies in academia as seen through an interdisciplinary critique of the university as an epistemological project it then uses the same interdisciplinary critique to develop a foundation for a

21st century hermeneutic one which uses the classical concepts reprised by that interdisciplinary critique and retools the field for the 21st century setting out both the objects of religious studies as a subject and the techniques used to employ the study of those objects this book offers an invaluable perspective on the progress of the field it will therefore be of great use to scholars of research methods within religious studies

The Cambridge Companion to Religious Studies 2011-12-19

in canadian universities in the early 1960s no courses were offered on hinduism buddhism or islam only the study of christianity was available usually in a theology program in a church college or seminary today almost every university in north america has a religious studies department that offers courses on western and eastern religions as well as religion in general harold coward addresses this change in this memoir of his forty five year career in the development of religious studies as a new academic field in canada he also addresses the shift from theology classes in seminaries to non sectarian religious studies faculties of arts and humanities the birth and growth of departments across canada from the 1960s to the present the contribution of mcmaster university to religious studies in canada and coward s ph d experience there the centre for studies in religion and society at the university of victoria and the future of religious studies as a truly interdisciplinary enterprise coward s retrospective while not a history as such documents information from his varied experience and wide network of colleagues that is essential for a future formal history of the discipline his story is both personally engaging and richly informative about the development of the field

Theology and Religious Studies in Higher Education 2009-01-22

in its most general sense the term spiritual but not religious denotes those who on the one hand are disillusioned with traditional institutional religion and on the other hand feel that those same traditions contain deep wisdom about the human condition this edited collection speaks to what national surveys agree is a growing social phenomenon referred to as the spiritual but not religious movement sbnrm each essay of the volume engages the past present and future s of the sbnrm their collective contribution is analytic descriptive and prescriptive taking stock of not only the various analyses of the sbnrm to date but also the establishment of a new ground upon which the continued academic discussion can take place this volume is a watershed in the growing academic and public interest in the sbnrm as such it will vital reading for any academic involved in religious studies spirituality and sociology

Religious Studies and the Goal of Interdisciplinarity 2019-08-19

studying religion in college or university this book shows you how to perform well on your course tests and examinations write successful papers and participate meaningfully in class discussions you ll learn new skills and also enhance existing ones which you can put into practice with in text exercises and assignments written by two award winning instructors this book identifies the close reading of texts material culture and religious actions as the fundamental skill for the study of religion at undergraduate level it shows how critical analytical thinking about religious actions and ideas is founded on careful patient yet creative reading of religious stories rituals objects and spaces the book leads you through the description analysis and interpretation of examples from multiple historical periods cultures and religious traditions including primary source material such as matthew 6 9 13 the lord s prayer the gohonzon scroll of the japanese new religion soka gakkai and the pilgrimage to mecca hajj it provides you with typical assignments you will encounter in your studies showing you how you might approach tasks such as reflective interpretive or summary essays further resources found on the book s website include bibliographies and links to useful podcasts

Fifty Years of Religious Studies in Canada 2014-11-07

much of the theorizing about myth in philosophy and religious studies grows out of efforts to understand the classics and the bible in the case of the classics the presence of myth has been taken for granted and conclusions reached about greek and roman mythology have spurred generalizations about myth in the case of the bible however the existence of myth has been contested in fact judaism and christianity are regularly praised for their nonmythic outlook conclusions reached about the presence or absence of myth in either the hebrew bible or the new testament have led to generalizations about myth per se many of the essays in this volume apply theories of myth to classical biblical and ancient near eastern cases but in so doing they draw conclusions about the nature of myth itself those essays that criticize past applications

make generalizations as weil by no means has ail theorizing about myth from philosophy and religious studies centered on the ancient world and this volume contains selections from theories in both disciplines that stern from reflections on the nature of science language knowledge and reality

Being Spiritual but Not Religious 2018-05-30

the authors of this volume examine theory and practice regarding past and present roles of jewish christian and islamic religious education in nurturing tolerance interpreted as mutual respect for and recognition of other groups in eastern albania bulgaria kosovo macedonia moldova montenegro and romania and western finland germany italy latvia and spain europe israel nigeria and uzbekistan they also explore potential roles of religion and exclusivism in fostering islamic state ngos etc but also averting islamic legal theory authority sufism etc radicalization and of secular states in allowing but also banning minority religious education in public schools with contributions from friedrich schweitzer martin rothgangel gerhard langer daniela stan arto kallioniemi juan ferreiro galguera maria chiara giorda rossana m salerno viorica goraș postică constantin iulian damian valentin ilie dzintra iliško ayman agbaria zilola khalilova raid al daghistani osman taștan moshe ma oz adriana cupcea muhamed ali rüdiger lohlker and dele ashiru the editors ednan aslan is the chair of islamic theological studies at the university of vienna where he is a professor for islamic education margaret rausch is scholar researcher and university instructor in the field of islamic and religious studies

Religious Studies Skills Book 2018-12-13

explores the impact of women s studies on methodology in religious studies

Philosophy, Religious Studies, and Myth 2014-07-16

examines the historical development of the study of religions in sweden often called the most secularized country in the world as well as the impact of swedish scholarship internationally

Religious Education 2018-06-06

this book analyzes the changes and shifts in religious education in europe over the past 50 years in a post secular age it has become increasingly difficult to make sharp distinctions between what is religious and non religious confessional and non confessional reforms in religious education in sweden in the 1960s appeared as part of a process of wider secular liberalization giving more credence to the idea of absolute neutrality in religious education however drastic shifts in society culture and the european religious landscape raise the need for a reevaluation of the foundations of religious education drawing on a range of case studies from across europe this book will appeal to students and scholars of religious education as well as post secular education more generally

Methodology in Religious Studies 2012-02-01

this volume provides practical but provocative case studies of exemplary projects that apply digital technology or methods to the study of religion an introduction and 16 essays are organized by the kinds of sources digital humanities scholars use texts images and places with a final section on the professional and pedagogical issues digital scholarship raises for the study of religion

The Study of Religion in Sweden 2024-04-04

combining human interest stories with thought provoking analyses dr evert van de poll paints the socio cultural and religious picture of this exceptional continent its population and cultural variety past and present idea of we europeans immigration multiculturalism and the issue of muslim integration the construction of the eu and the concerns it raises and the quest for the soul of europe special attention is paid to christian and other roots of europe the mixed historical record of christianity

vestiges of its past dominance its place and influence in today s societies that are rapidly de christianising and secularization as a european phenomenon the author indicates specific challenges for church development mission and social service in so doing he outlines the contours of a contextualised communication of the gospel

Religious Education in a Post-Secular Age 2020-09-27

the past present and future of theology of interreligious dialogue brings together several of the most widely regarded specialists who have contributed to theological reflection on religious diversity and interreligious encounter the chapters are united by the consistent theme of the obligation to engage with the challenges that emerge from the tension between the doctrinal tradition s of christianity and the need to reconsider them in light of and in response to the fact of religious otherness as a whole these reflections are motivated by the desire to bring together a significant selection of different theological approaches that have been developed and appropriated in order to engage with religious difference in the past and present as well as to suggest possibilities for the future this confluence of perspectives reveals the complexity of theological reflection on religious diversity and gives some indication of future challenges that must be acknowledged and perhaps successfully met in the ongoing attempt to address a universal reality in light of traditional doctrinal particularities and cultural concerns

Digital Humanities and Research Methods in Religious Studies 2021-02-22

the transition from re a level or from entirely alternate roots many rs students have not taken previous rs related courses to religious studies at university requires some careful shepherding the field is huge this introductory book will provide a clear map for the key features of the terrain the two main strands shaping the book define what religions are and explain how religious studies approaches the religions the language is clear at the same time as introducing some of the key terminology used in the study of religions and the academic discipline of religious studies are growing areas in tertiary education in the uk the continued interest in re as and a level as well as the growth in cognate humanities and social sciences such as psychology sociology philosophy at as a level and gnvq level indicates the significant interest amongst students on matters that pertain to culture and humanity in general students realise that religion is a driving force in contemporary culture and the study of it is central to understanding the contemporary world the statistics on religious belief bear out their interest four billion out of the six billion people who inhabit the world profess religious belief even in the secular societies of the western world religiosity is growing and changing a recent bbc poll stated that 70 of people in the uk believe in a higher being or spiritual force

Europe and the Gospel 2013-08-21

in recent years there has been an intensifying debate within the religious studies community about the validity of religion as an analytical category in this book fitzgerald sides with those who argue that the concept of religion itself should be abandoned on the basis of his own research in india and japan and through a detailed analysis of the use of religion in a wide range of scholarly texts the author maintains that the comparative study of religion is really a form of liberal ecumenical theology by pretending to be a science religion significantly distorts socio cultural analysis he suggest however that religious studies can be re represented in a way which opens up new and productive theoretical connections with anthropology and cultural and literary studies

The Past, Present, and Future of Theologies of Interreligious Dialogue 2017-03-17

controversies over how to define the word religion have persisted for decades it is a term of art and of academic study but also one of governance technologies and of networks it is a concept whose diversity is often its own worst enemy religion is as much a fuzzy set of conceptualizations and generalizations about a range of human activities as it is an authorizing system of persons ideas and practices what is religion debating the academic study of religion invites readers to eavesdrop on scholarly debates over the limits of and uses for a word commonly used but infrequently defined in a precise manner this volume takes the temperature of the modern field of religious studies by inviting a diverse group of scholars to offer their own substantive contribution that builds on the shared opening prompt religion is their essays document the current state of the field and its various sub fields assess the progress that has been made over the past generation and propose new directions for future work seventeen of the international field s leading scholars show how they work with each other s definition or sometimes the lack of a definition of interest to students

scholars and general readers alike what is religion will provoke debate and provide insights into the state of the field

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