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Critical Research on Religion **Style Guide**

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Books:

Examples:

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Horkheimer, Max and Theodor W. Adorno. (1944) 1997. *Dialectic of Enlightenment*. Translated by John Cumming. New York: Continuum.

Multivolume Works:

Bloch, Ernst. (1959) 1995. *The Principle of Hope*. Translated by Neville Plaice, Stephen Plaice and Paul Knight. 3 vols. Cambridge, MA: The MIT Press.

Foucault, Michel. (1976) 1990. *The History of Sexuality: An Introduction*, Vol. 1. New York: Vintage Books.

Chapters in Edited Volumes:

McKinnon, Andrew M. 2006. "Opium as Dialectics of Religion: Metaphor, Expression and Protest." In *Marx, Critical Theory and Religion: A Critique of Rational Choice*, edited by Warren S. Goldstein, 11-29. Leiden and Boston: Brill Academic Publishers.

Journal Articles:

Schüssler Fiorenza, Elisabeth. 2013. "Critical Feminist Studies in Religion." *Critical Research on Religion* 1, no. 1 (April): 43-50.

Newspaper or Magazine Articles:

Johnson, Ian. 2016. "Xi Acts, and China's Tough Rules on Religion Get Even Tougher." *New York Times* (New York Edition), October 8, 2016, A4.

<https://www.nytimes.com/2016/10/08/world/asia/china-religion-regulations.html>.

Websites, Blogs, or Online Sources:

Fitzgerald, Timothy. 2017. "Abolishing Politics: Categories as Signs in an Automatic Signalling System." Center for Critical Research on Religion (blog). September 19, 2017. Accessed September 8, 2018. <http://www.criticaltheoryofreligion.org/timothy-fitzgerald-abolishing-politics-categories-as-signs-in-an-automatic-signalling-system/>

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