



**Engaging
Particularities**
XIII

NEW DIRECTIONS IN COMPARATIVE THEOLOGY, INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE,
THEOLOGY OF RELIGIONS AND MISSIOLOGY

**BOSTON COLLEGE
MARCH 26-27 2015**

THURSDAY, MARCH 26: BOSTON COLLEGE, MCGUINN HALL 521 (CHESTNUT HILL CAMPUS)

2:00 pm **REGISTRATION**

3:00 pm **SESSION I: COMPARATIVE THEOLOGY AND SUFFERING [Won-Jae]**

“Suffering: A Catholic-Buddhist Conversation”
Catherine Buescher, *Loyola University Chicago*

“Personal Loss and ‘The Contamination of Death’”
Jamie Barnes, *University of Sussex, U.K.*

4:00 pm **SESSION II [FLIP PANEL]: SUFFERING, SOCIAL JUSTICE, ISLAM-CHRISTIANITY [HANS]**

“Exploring Strength in Impotence: A Qur’anic Theology of Suffering”
M. Salih Sayilgan, *The Catholic University of America*

“‘A Song that Speaks the Language of the Times’: The Spiritual Vocabulary of Muslim
and Christian Homiletic Responses to Ferguson”
Marjorie Corbman, *Fordham University*

“A Universal Capacity to Hope: The Negative Contrast Experience as a Starting Point
for Christian-Muslim Dialogue”
Kate Mroz, *Boston College*

“Living in Her Wisdom: Comparative Theology for the Woman with Intellectual
Disability in Indonesia from Islam and Christianity Perspective”
Isabella Novisma Sinulingga, *McCormick Theological Seminary*

6:00 pm **CONFERENCE KEYNOTE ADDRESS: HIGGINS 310 (CHESTNUT HILL CAMPUS)**

**“THEOLOGIES OF SUFFERING:
APPROACHES TO UNDERSTANDING THE MARTYRDOM OF IMAM HUSAYN”
DR. ALI ASANI
PROFESSOR OF INDO-MUSLIM AND ISLAMIC RELIGION AND CULTURES
HARVARD UNIVERSITY**

7:30 pm **DINNER (MCGUINN 521)**

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FRIDAY, MARCH 27: SHEA ROOM, CONTE FORUM (CHESTNUT HILL CAMPUS)

9:00 am **CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST**

9:30 am **SESSION I: INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE [MICHAEL VZC]**

“Interreligious Dialogue toward Interreligious Peace-building”
Sungrae Kim, *Graduate Theological Union*

“Sexual Difference: A Method for Mitigating the Pain of Marginalization in Interreligious Dialogue”
Joyce Ann Konigsburg, *Duquesne University*

“The Interreligious Lives of the Incarcerated”
Corey Passons, *Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry*

“‘A Jew and a Catholic Walk into Bethlehem’: Exploring Pilgrimage in a Time of Occupation”
Shahar Colt, *Hebrew College Rabbinical School* & Victoria Biggs, *University of Manchester*

“Religious Pluralism for Equal Citizenship: An Islamic State or a Secular State”
Kazunori Hamamoto, *Theology School of Doshiha University, Japan*

11:45 pm: **LUNCH**

12:45 pm **SESSION II: LIVING PRACTICE, AESTHETICS, POETICS, AND LITURGY [GREG]**

“Suspending Belief: Theatre as a Nexus for Interfaith Dialogue”
Aaron James Wegner, *Yale Divinity School*

“Revelation through Beauty in Islam and Christianity”
Cordula Heupts, *Universität Paderborn*

“Sharing God’s Praise: Interreligious Dialogue and the Appropriations of Isaiah 6:3 in Jewish and Christian Liturgies”
Patrick Angiolillo, *Yale Divinity School*

“A Fierce Grace: Grappling with the Holocaust, Hopkins, and Human Suffering”
Sarah Stewart, *Yale Divinity School*

2:15 pm **SESSION III [FLIP PANEL]: THEORY AND THEOLOGY OF RELIGIONS [BETHANY]**

“The Exercise of Translation: Confucianism, Christianity and the Communication of Concepts”
Stephanie Wong, *Georgetown University*

“Religious Studies, The New Comparativism, and Jonathan Z. Smith as a Theoretical Resource for Comparative Theology”
Michael Markovich, *Georgetown University*

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“Toward a Radical New Theology: At the Outskirts of Liberal Humanist, Social Scientific, and Christian Understandings of the Study and Practice of Religion”
Mark Schmanko, *Rice University*

3:45 pm **SESSION IV: COMPARATIVE THEOLOGY [ANDREW]**

“Body of Christ and Follower of Shakta”
Shemil Matthew, *Oxford University*, U.K.

“Yearning for Wholeness: *Eros*, Health, and Ultimate Freedom in Paul Tillich and Ramana Maharshi
Nindyo Sasongko, *Seattle University School of Theology and Ministry*

“Buddhist-Christian Phenomenology: From Comparison to Collaboration”
Jacob Torbeck, *Loyola University Chicago*

5:00 pm **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

5:30 pm **DINNER***

* Friday Dinner is partly paid by the Conference and by participants and will take place at a restaurant near Boston College.

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