

CALL FOR PAPERS

ENGAGING PARTICULARITIES XV

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BOSTON COLLEGE
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In keeping with the 1995 General Congregation of the Society of Jesus' initiatives on interreligious dialogue, the U.S. Jesuit Assistency for Mission and Interreligious Dialogue and the Boston College Theology Department announce their 15th annual graduate student conference in the areas of comparative theology, interreligious dialogue, theology of religions, and missiology. This conference is open to graduate students both at Jesuit institutions and at other schools of higher education. Undergraduates whose work comes highly recommended by faculty advisors will also be considered.

SPECIAL THEME 2017: **EXCLUSIVITY AND INCLUSION IN RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES**

Our special theme for 2017 focuses on attempts at integration or resistance by religious traditions or communities. We invite proposals that explore questions on this theme, such as: How does a minority or majority group deal with a (religious) culture that is distant from its own when there are power differentials? To what extent should the minority/majority group change? How have various communities through history successfully integrated with other communities? How do communities deal with boundaries of sacred space in pluralistic contexts? How does (perception of) persecution affect a community's ability to participate in the public sphere? What should hospitality look like while maintaining one's identity? Is violence ever justified, and if so, what are the parameters of justification? How should/do religions engage minority groups within their own tradition? Successful proposals will explore one or more of these questions from a comparative perspective and offer a constructive insight from its study.

GENERAL CALL FOR PAPERS

We also invite proposals on critical issues and themes from various disciplinary perspectives (such as but not limited to ethics, systematics, historical studies, biblical studies, philosophy, sociology, anthropology, etc.) in four areas: comparative theology, interreligious dialogue, theology of religions, and missiology.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

To submit a proposal, please email an abstract of no more than 250 words to epbcsubmissions@gmail.com by **December 31st, 2016**. Please indicate whether you are submitting for the special focus or general call, and include your contact information, institution, and program.

Funds are available for participants to help supplement travel expenses. For more information, please contact the Conference Director, Andrew Massena at andrew.massena@bc.edu

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