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CONVENTION THEME: “All You Who Labor…”: Theology, Work, and Economy

SESSION DESCRIPTION:
The Latina/o Theology Consultation enthusiastically invites proposals from all scholars whose research is on, with, and/or for the Latin American, Caribbean, Latinx, Latino/a communities. We recognize the relevance that the theme of labor has for the issues affecting communities of color in regards to wealth and poverty, the implications for mass movements of people, the devastation of the environment, and the needed response by the church and society.

We are interested in God’s work at play in these communities and how it can be communicated through scholarship that integrates civic engagement, qualitative, quantitative, and/or other forms of transdisciplinary research. Among other possibilities, we encourage submissions that engage theology and labor in creative ways and that touch on topics/questions such as...

- the intersection of the urban and rural borderlands
- Labor beyond capital(ism)
- decolonial approaches to labor
- migration movements
- parishes and non-profit organizations
- ecology and migration
- faith and activism/politics
- interreligious work and movements
- Science
- Technology and artificial intelligence
- The specific focus can be on the workers as such (domestic, farming, sex industry, maquilas)
- grassroots activists from the past (e.g., Dolores Huerta, Cesar Chavez, The Young Lords) and/or the present (e.g. Ai-jen Poo, Alicia Garza)
- labor unions (e.g., Farm Workers Union, National Domestic Workers Alliance); the role of women in labor unions; how labor/unions have/not shaped the church.
- the outsourcing of pregnancy and communities of color; reproduction and labor
- The labor of Latino/a/Latinx theologians and other theologians of color
- Higher education industrial complex
- Labor in Latinx/Latin American film, documentary, literature, poetry, the arts
Additionally, we welcome papers submissions from the areas suggested in the CTSA general call for papers in relation to Latinx/Latin American communities/theology:

- Work-and economy-related dimensions and implications of liberation and political theologies, in particular solidarity and the option for the poor, marginalized, and vulnerable
- Economy/work and dynamics of power inscribed in relations of class, race/ethnicity/nationality, gender/sexuality
- Lay ecclesial movements and communities, work, and economy
- Churches, work, and economy: theological, ethical, and practical issues: e.g., employment and financial practices; decision-making concerning allocation of church resources
- Ecology/ecological crises, work, and economy, faith communities’ responses to climate change; “Earth Day” at 50 years; potentials and limits of economic strategies for addressing ecological crises; etc.
- Vulnerable immigrant and refugee workers and families, implications and obligations for churches
- Work and particular professions: theological perspectives on, e.g., lawyering, medicine, teaching, business, etc.; business as a vocation; faith at work initiatives; ethics and theologies of business, corporations
- The work of the artists, works of art and the creative professions as sources for/in dialogue with theology; Literary treatments of work and economy as sources for/in dialogue with theology
- Women, gender, and work/economy; theological, ethical, interdisciplinary analyses
- Families and waged work -in recent theology and ethics; historical or interdisciplinary perspectives; Relations between waged and unwaged working family, local, and wider economies
- The ‘care economy’ and care work: theological, ethical, interdisciplinary analyses
- Consumerism, consumerist economies and cultures: and implications for Christian theology and discipleship; Money, wealth, and investment: theological, ethical, interdisciplinary treatments; Markets and market activities: theological, ethical, cultural, historical perspectives
- Work in/the economy of the academy and higher education: theological and ethical perspectives on, e.g., changing structure of academic workforce [adjuncts, administrators]; costs and sustainability of [especially Catholic] K-12 and higher education; professional ethics in the academy
- Philosophical and social-theoretical approaches to work and economy as sources for/in dialogue with theology
- Historical and contemporary political economists/schools of economics and work, theological appraisals
- Moral theological/theological ethical and practical analyses of work and economy: Work justice, labor unions/movements, living wage campaigns; Catholic social teaching/thought and issues surrounding work and economy; Work and professional ethics-business, medical, legal, academic, etc.; Economic exploitation, theft, and corruption of labor and laborers: Theft of work (slavery, wage theft, human trafficking); exploitative and abusive employment, economic, and trade relationships and practices;
Economic Inequality; Economic Globalization and its impacts on national and local work, consumption, and cultures; Normative and theological features and implications of competing political-economic theories, systems, and arrangements e.g. consumer capitalism; social democracies; etc.; Exclusion and marginalization in economy and workforce; Work and economy in a digital age; Financialization of the economy and its multifarious impacts; Scarcity, reshaping, and/or the ‘disappearance’ of work in 21st-century economies; Under- and unemployment rise of contingent, freelance, or gig economies; displaced workers and immigration, homelessness.

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR PROPOSAL:

• Your paper proposal should be 250–500 words.
• You should also include a 100-word précis that will be posted on the CTSA website should your paper be accepted.
• Please provide the name and institution of all participants (convener, moderator, presenters), and contact information, including e-mail.
• Indicate whether you will be requiring A/V equipment.

ELIGIBILITY FOR SUBMITTING PAPER PROPOSALS

• CTSA guidelines require that those making proposals ordinarily be associate or full members in good standing with their dues paid up. Anyone with an associate or full membership application on file can also submit a proposal if they expect to be accepted for membership in the upcoming June convention.
• No member may present a paper/respond to a paper/participate on a panel more than once at a given convention. An exception is made for members of under-represented groups. Presentations made to the Women’s Consultation on Constructive Theology are included in this rubric.
• Members may not have a speaking role (presenter, panelist, respondent) more than two consecutive years in a three-year period.

Deadline: September 1, 2019. Please submit proposals to the co-conveners:

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You will be notified by e-mail whether your paper has been accepted by September 14, 2019.