TOPIC SESSION/CONSULTATION: Lonergan - Consultation

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

SESSION DESCRIPTION:
In response to the 2020 CTSA convention theme, "All You Who Labor…", we invite proposals that examine intersections between Lonergan’s work and diverse theological, ethical, historical, practical, and interdisciplinary perspectives.

The rise of free market economics and neoliberal globalization have contributed to the spread of truncated conceptions of the human person, economy, work or labor, and culture that threaten human flourishing and the common good. Rampant individualism and consumerism; the decline in fulltime jobs, livable wages, workers’ rights; and the exponential increase in economic inequality raise important questions for theological reflection and interdisciplinary investigation. Lonergan’s writings in philosophy, economics, and theology can help shed light on these distorted dynamics as well as provide resources for constructing alternatives that promote integral human development and cross-cultural/inter-faith collaboration.

We welcome proposals that engage these trends as well as papers that interact with the broader convention theme. Possible topic areas include:

- the relationship between Lonergan's economics and his structure of the human good
- connections between Lonergan's work and liberation theology's preferential option for the poor
- the relationship between bias (especially 'general bias' and the 'longer cycle of decline'), redemption, and progress in socio-economic and political orders
- Lonergan's trinitarian theology and related conceptions of divine and human economy
- the role of cosmopolis, world-cultural humanity, and interfaith solidarity in fostering an 'integral scale of values'
- Lonergan's contributions to a theology of work and labor
• the relationship between gender and work
• economy and the ecological crisis

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR PROPOSAL:

• Your paper proposal should be not more than 250 words.
• You should also include a 100 words 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 cannot have a speaking role for more than two consecutive years in a three-year period.

Deadline: September 1, 2019. Please submit proposals to: Nicholas Olkovich (nolkovich@stmarkscollege.ca); Kevin M. Vander Schel (vanderschel@gonzaga.edu); and Darren Dias (darren.dias@utoronto.ca)

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