

KARL RAHNER CONSULTATION

CALL FOR PAPERS

CTSA Convention, Cleveland, Ohio

June 11-14, 2020

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

SESSION DESCRIPTION:

As the 2020 convention theme states, “Work remains a constitutive site connecting economy with flesh-and-blood people and their embodied, materially-situated needs and abilities, efforts and aspirations.” The Karl Rahner Consultation invites proposals for the 2020 convention, especially those pertaining to Rahner’s theological work in the light of this theme.

Labor and economics are not central foci in Rahner’s writings, but his theology offers several avenues into “Theology, Work, and Economy.” Possible connections include (but are not limited to):

1. Rahner’s anthropology: work as an expression of human aspirations and creativity; work and leisure as dimensions of human flourishing; the dignity of the worker.
2. Rahner’s theology of freedom: work and leisure as arenas within which human self-determination and the reception of grace can operate (or be obstructed); worker strikes as expressions of *spirit-in-world*.
3. Rahner’s prayers and preaching, particularly on his recurring motif of grace in the midst of routine and mundane tasks, and the Ignatian principle of finding God in all things.
4. Rahner’s Christology and trinitarian theology: God’s own life as revealed in our midst; the impact of the divine economy on our understanding of human economies and vice versa.
5. Rahner on the work of the theologian / theology, particularly in light of SLAC closures, reduced theology requirements at Catholic institutions, and other troubling trends in our own day. How can theologians and the wider “diaspora church” avoid the “mentality of a sect,” as Rahner insists they must?
6. Teaching Rahner: In our own work as scholars and educators, how do we successfully present Rahner to Generation Z?

7. Engagement with critiques, like Metz', that Rahner's theology is insufficiently political to address the plight of those who suffer under our current world economy.
8. Rahner's influence on Latin American liberation theologies, and other theologies that do make labor and economics more central foci.

In addition to proposals on the conference theme, we welcome any and all proposals on Rahner's theology that thoughtfully and creatively carry forward his work in the 21st century.

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR PROPOSAL:

- Proposals should be 200-500 words.
- You should also include a précis (100 words) that will be posted on the CTSA website should your paper be accepted.
- **Provide the name, institution, and contact info (including email) of all participants.** *If the proposal is for a panel presentation (presenters and responders), please limit the panel to a maximum of three speakers.*
- ***Indicate whether A.V. equipment will be required—this must be noted in the original proposal; it cannot be added later.***

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.
- Presenters must not have been on the convention program in a speaking role for the last two years in a row.
- 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.

Deadline: *September 1, 2019.* Please submit proposals to **Richard Lennan:**
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Successful proposers will be invited to submit the text of the paper they deliver at CTSA for possible publication in *Philosophy and Theology*.

An e-mail reply will be sent to acknowledge receipt of all submissions. The final decision regarding successful applications will be communicated no later than ***September 14, 2019.***