

## CALL FOR PAPERS

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June 9-12, 2022

### KARL RAHNER CONSULTATION

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CONVENTION THEME: [“Thinking Catholic Interreligiously”](#)

#### SESSION DESCRIPTION:

As the 2022 convention theme states, “We are all invited, even pressed, to rethink our way through the Catholic tradition in light of the innumerable interreligious possibilities of our time, amid the opportunities, questions, and challenges posed by other faith traditions, yet also in a secularizing world in which religions are both marginalized and brought closer together.” The Karl Rahner Consultation invites proposals for the 2022 convention, especially those pertaining to Rahner’s theological work in the light of this theme. (Note: we intend the word “interreligiously” in a broad way to include also those who are not religious in the traditional sense – e.g. atheists, “spiritual but not religious,” nones, etc.)

Rahner’s theology offers several avenues into “Thinking Catholic Interreligiously.” Possible connections include (but are not limited to):

- Rahner’s “anonymous Christianity” and its potential and limitations for interreligious dialogue
- Rahner’s writing on dialogue, both interreligious and in broader contexts
- Rahner’s claims about the future of Christianity, particularly that “the Christian of the future will be a mystic or he will not exist at all,” perhaps in light of the rise of religious nones
- Teaching Rahner in religiously plural contexts
- Rahner’s writings about religious plurality and ecumenism
- Rahner’s writings on atheism
- Rahner’s account of the work of the Catholic theologian

Relevant resources within Rahner’s work include the following articles in *Theological Investigations*:

- *The Anonymous Christian*:
  - “The Christian Among Unbelieving Relations” (vol. 3, pp. 355-72)

- o “Dogmatic Notes on ‘Ecclesiological Piety’” (vol. 5, pp. 336-65)
- o “Anonymous Christians” (vol. 6, pp. 390-98)
- o “On the Task of the Writer in Relation to Christian Living” (vol. 8, pp. 112-29)
- o “Atheism and Implicit Christianity” (vol. 9, pp. 145-64)
- o “Anonymous Christianity and the Missionary Task of the Church” (vol. 12, pp. 161-78)
- o “Observations on the Problem of the ‘Anonymous Christian’” (vol. 14, pp. 280-94)
- o “Anonymous and Explicit Faith” (vol. 16, pp. 52-59)
- o “Religious Feeling Inside and Outside the Church” (vol. 17, pp. 228-42)
- *Non-Christian Religions:*
  - o “Christianity and the Non-Christian Religions” (vol. 5, pp. 115-34)
  - o “Christian Living Formerly and Today” (vol. 7, pp. 3-24)
  - o “Jesus Christ in the Non-Christian Religions” (vol. 17, pp. 39-50)
  - o “Oneness and Threefoldness of God in Discussion with Islam” (vol. 18, pp. 105-21)
  - o “On the Importance of the Non-Christian Religions for Salvation” (vol. 18, pp. 288-95)
- *Atheism:*
  - o “Theological Considerations on Secularization and Atheism” (vol. 11, pp. 166-84)
  - o “Anonymous and Explicit Faith” (vol. 16, pp. 52-59)
  - o “The Church and Atheism” (vol. 21, pp. 137-50)
- *Dialogue:*
  - o “Small Question Regarding the Contemporary Pluralism in the Intellectual Situation of Catholics and the Church” (vol. 6, pp. 21-30)
  - o “Reflections on Dialogue within a Pluralistic Society” (vol. 6, pp. 31-42)
  - o “A Small Fragment ‘On the Collective Finding of Truth’” (vol. 6, pp. 82-88)
  - o “On the Situation of the Christian Intellectual” (vol. 8, pp. 94-111)
  - o “The Historicity of Theology” (vol. 9, pp. 64-82)
  - o “On the Theology of Ecumenical Discussion” (vol. 11, pp. 24-67)
  - o “The Current Relationship between Philosophy and Theology” (vol. 13, pp. 61-79)
  - o “Third Church?” (vol. 17, pp. 215-227)
  - o “Magisterium & Theology” (vol. 18, pp. 54-73)
  - o “Natural Science and Reasonable Faith” (vol. 21, pp. 16-23)
  - o “Aspects of European Theology” (vol. 21, pp. 78-98)
  - o “Dialogue and Tolerance as the Foundation of a Humane Society” (vol. 22, pp. 14-25)

Although preference will be given 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 21<sup>st</sup> century.

## INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN YOUR PROPOSAL:

- Your paper proposal should be not more than 250 words.
- You should also include a précis (100 words) that will be posted on the CTSA website should your paper be accepted.
- Please provide your name and institution and contact information, including e-mail.
- Indicate whether you will be requiring A/V equipment. **This request 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.
- Speakers and respondents at the annual convention should be CTSA members (active or associate) with dues paid up-to-date, or individuals who have an application for membership on file with the CTSA Secretary by the time of the deadline for paper proposals.
- 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.
- Attendees at the annual convention may not have speaking roles (i.e. presenter or respondent) more than two years in a row. If you have questions about your eligibility, please inquire.
- There may be no more than three speakers (presenter, panelist or respondent) in any single session so as to preserve sufficient time in each session for discussion.
- Individuals should limit their non-presenter roles on the convention program as conveners or moderators in order to allow others to serve in these roles. Often, institutional support for convention attendance requires a role on the program.

**Deadline: *September 1, 2021.*** Please submit proposals to: *Brandon Peterson*  
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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, 2021.***