

Call for Proposals

This year's theme for this Group is varieties of liberal theologies and neoliberalisms. Liberal theologies in their various forms must take into account the proliferating criticisms launched by postcolonial, liberationist, and postmodernist theorists against neoliberalism, liberal approaches to church/state relations, liberal subjectivities, and the like. Liberal theologies are surely related in some way to the ideas and practices under attack, yet many self-described liberals have offered parallel criticisms from within the liberal tradition. Accordingly, we welcome both broad critiques and spirited defenses of liberal theologies, as well as proposals expressing more ambivalent perspectives. We especially encourage proposals from scholars doing normative work about or within traditions other than Christianity. Proposals specifically related to Islam may be included in a cosponsored session on Islam and postcoloniality. All proposals should define their terms carefully and reflect explicitly on the complex and shifting meanings of liberal theology, liberalism, and neoliberalism. Presenters will be asked to provide a full manuscript for precirculation by October 15, 2013.

Mission

Liberal theology in all its varieties has been a robust intellectual and religious presence from the early modern period to the present. The theologians involved with this Group, who come from many different universities and religious schools in North America and from abroad, are committed to continuing this tradition. Our focus is plural — we look across religious traditions. It is interdisciplinary — we welcome the participation, among others, of historians, political scientists, anthropologists, sociologists, and philosophers engaged with questions of vital moment to liberal theologies. Our gaze is to the future — we are determined to develop new perspectives, new ways of speaking, and new combinations of ideas that will better address the intellectual and social circumstances in which we find ourselves.

Anonymity of Review Process

Proposer names are **visible** to Chairs but **anonymous** to Steering Committee members.

Questions?


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