

SCD Theology Research Network Conference

Theologising

in the Shadow of the Pandemic

18 - 19 FEBRUARY 2022

Macquarie Park NSW 2113 Australia

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CALL FOR PAPERS

Papers are invited for concurrent sessions of the conference, addressing different aspects of the topic. Preference will be given to specifically theological engagement with the topic—systematic, political, liberation, feminist, liturgical, ethical, pastoral, biblical, patristic etc. Presenters will be given a 30 minute slot, 20 minutes for the paper and 10 minutes for discussion.

Possible issues

- How has the pandemic shaped our experience of being church?
- Where is God to be found in suffering?
- How does the pandemic affect our understanding of divine providence?
- Who are those most affected and how should we respond?
- What possibilities does the pandemic create for people of faith?
- What voice can theologians find to speak to a secular audience in relation to the pandemic?

SUBMISSION

Email: Prof Neil Ormerod at neilo@scd.edu.au
Deadline: Friday, 3 December 2021

Proposals should be 300 words or less, and be accompanied by contact details: name, institutional affiliation, phone number, and email address. All proposals will be considered by the conference organisers for inclusion in the conference schedule.

Organisers

- Assoc Prof Doru Costache, St Cyril's Coptic Orthodox Theological College
- Dr Xavier Lakshmanan, Australian College of Christian Studies
- Assoc Prof Peter Laughlin, Australian College of Ministries
- Prof Neil Ormerod, Sydney College of Divinity

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PLENARY SPEAKERS

Dr Sarah Bachelard

Founding Director
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Associate Professor Doru Costache

Senior Lecturer in Theology
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Dr Rocío Figueroa Alvear

Lecturer in Theology
Good Shepherd College

Dr Michael Jensen

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Professor Neil Ormerod

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The present Covid-19 pandemic has been the cause of massive social, economic, and religious dislocation. Its longer-term implications remain unclear. At this difficult time theologians have a responsibility to draw upon the sources of our faith to provide insights from our religious traditions from which people both inside and outside the church may draw hope and meaning.

The Conference, Theologising in the Shadow of a Pandemic, organised by the SCD Theology Research Network is on 18 -19 February 2022. It is expected to be held at the Sydney College of Divinity, Australia. To know more about the Theology Research Network email Prof Neil Ormerod at neilo@scd.edu.au or visit scd.edu.au/theology-research-network.



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