

Call for papers for the 2017 edition of ESWTR yearbook on "Reformation"

The ESWTR yearbook presents the theological research of women in Europe. In 2017 we mark the 500th anniversary of the Reformation and issue 25/2017 of the Yearbook will be devoted to this topic.

We call for papers presenting Reformation as an ongoing challenge to every church and denomination. The current social, political, economic, cultural, religious and ecclesial realities in Europe require reforms, need creativity, call for freedom and liberation in thinking and acting. This means to reflect and discuss "diversity, ecumenism, dialogue between religions, concentration in secular time, the role of women, schisma, formation, freedom, justification in the effort-oriented society and globalisation."¹ Therefore, the Reform and the Reformation is not limited to the historical event or reduced to the Lutheran churches, and they are not only churches' bygone heritage. Reformation is the ever-present theological impulse for renewal as an invitation and request, especially in difficult times. Reform and Reformation have an inherent impulse for freedom. Out of this grew the insistence on freedom of conscience, which forms an inviolable instance of the responsibility before God and thereupon, of self-determination.² How can this impulse for freedom in the face of multiple challenges in Europe - dimly described with terms like gender phobia, xenophobia, anti-Semitism or islamophobia – be discussed theologically, from a feminist point of view, in churches and inter-religious undertakings, in scientific discourses orientated in dialogue? What needs to be done politically and feministically in the theologies and theories so that they promote pluralistic and prophetic changes? Which feminist and political impetus in the theological sciences conveys prophetic changes in the pluralistic context? What contributions can theology and the science of religion afford to the humanisation processes of society? What critical feminist analysis is to develop? How can the four famous axioms of Martin Luther, formulated as "Solus Christus", "Sola gratia", "Sola Scriptura" and "Sola fide", bestow inspiration upon current theologians and religious scholars?

We solicit contributions that attempt to answer the above questions and deal with the following topics:

- Feminist approaches to the Reformation and the following policies of renewal
- Reformation: a theological structure for change
- Reformation as a critique of misanthropy in faith and life, church(es) and religion(s)
- Reformation and Bible between renewal and preservation
- Reformation today: women in theology and society
- Between Reformation and deformation: Women in time and society, religion and science
- Reformation as a conservative protest movement or social renewal

¹ Es geht dabei um „Vielfalt, Ökumene, Dialog der Religionen, Konzentration in säkularer Zeit, die Rolle der Frauen, Spaltung, Bildung, Freiheit, Rechtfertigung in der Leistungsgesellschaft und Globalisierung.“ Margot Kässmann, in: https://www.ekd.de/vortraege/kaessmann/20160311_kaessmann_reformationsjubilaeum.html, 3.3.2016 (translation S.Dievenkorn).

² See Wolfgang Huber, in: Publik-Forum, No. 4, 2016, 27.

- Reformation and change - continuation of a feminist theological debate
- Reformation and interreligious dialogue

Thank you for submitting a **250 word abstracts by 31.05.2016.**

Notification of acceptance on 30.6.2016.

Deadline for full contributions: 15/10/2016 Abstracts and articles may be submitted in English, German or Spanish to:

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The scientific contributions should max. 20,000-30,000 characters, including spaces. Please attach a summary of 250 words and a short author biography of a maximum of 50 words.

All contributions submitted to the ESWTR Yearbook will be surveyed by the editors and anonymously double-peer reviewed.

Only papers **written at mother tongue level** or translated and corrected into such level³, complying with the ESWTR Journal stylesheet will be accepted and forwarded for review! The stylesheet may be found at http://www.eswtr.org/journal_home.html.

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³ The editorial board may offer support.