

# Call for Papers

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European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies (ESITIS) Conference

**Religion & Politics in the Crisis of Engagement**  
**Towards the Relevance of Intercultural Theologies**  
**and Interreligious Studies**

**26 – 29 April 2017, University of Muenster, Germany**

Academics and scholar-practitioners alike find themselves living in the midst of a “crisis of engagement” vis-à-vis large global crises, intractable geopolitical conflicts, and waves of global migration. Because these situations are creating greater social and cultural instability and intercultural stress across many regions of the world, the academic fields of “Politics and Religion,” “Religions and International Relations,” “Conflict and Peace Studies,” and “Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies” have received renewed attention. This conference brings these fields into conjunction with discourses of engagement currently being developed by academics and scholar-practitioners working to understand and confront the intertwinement of religion & politics in areas of global crises, migration, and intercultural stress, as well as the fields of trauma, conflict transformation, and peacebuilding. Drawing on the insights that have been gained, the conference seeks to reflect on and foster new engaging intercultural theologies and interreligious studies.

**Programme and Registration: [www.esitis.org](http://www.esitis.org)**

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A significant part of ESITIS’ vision is to establish possibilities for scholarly exchange and represent an open space for new research, cutting-edge academic reflections, and to bring experienced and junior scholars as well as students together. In the “corridor of ideas” part of our conference consisting of parallel paper sessions, we welcome paper presentations by scholars and postgraduates connected to the following topics:

1. **The Future of Political Theology.** Convener: Jörg Rieger (Nashville)
2. **The Future of Critical Religion.** Convener: Anne Koch (Salzburg)
3. **Trauma, Resilience and Reconciliation.** Convener: Zilka Spahić-Šiljak (Sarajevo)
4. **Refugee Crisis and Migration.** Convener: Jorge Castillo Guerra (Nijmegen)
5. **Gender Justice and Conflict Transformation.** Convener: Anne Hege Grung (Oslo)
6. **Inter-Rituality in Conflict Zones.** Convener: Marianne Moyaert (Amsterdam)
7. **Buddhism and Conflict Transformation.** Convener: Jude Lal Fernando (Dublin)
8. **Islamic Approaches to Peacebuilding.** Convener: Nayla Tabbara (Beirut)

All paper proposals must be considered by the ESITIS board/the chairs of the sessions before being accepted. If you want to present a paper, send an abstract of no more than 500 words to Associate Professor Anne Hege Grung, vice president of ESITIS: [annehg@teologi.uio.no](mailto:annehg@teologi.uio.no)

Please indicate in the abstract which group you want to present your paper in.

**The deadline for abstract submissions is**  
**Monday, 9 January 2017.**