

CALL FOR PAPERS

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18th Conference of the School of Theology - MCE Research Centre

The Heart of Work

*The Future of Work and its Meaning:
New Christian Perspectives 500 Years after the Reformation*

Rome, October 19-20, 2017

Description

The conference “**The Heart of Work**” will be taking place from October 19-20, 2017, at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome (please see the conference: <http://en.pusc.it/teo/conv2017>).

The conference wishes to stimulate interdisciplinary reflection - historical, anthropological, sociological, ethical, economical and theological – on the meaning of **professional work** in the lives of men and women in today’s modern societies.

Our academic gathering coincides with two eventful anniversaries, which have profoundly influenced the development of the current mentality on work: the fifth centenary of the Reformation (1517), which has promoted a vision of work inspired by the Bible, and the first centenary of the Bolshevik Revolution, which diffused a materialistic vision of work.

We welcome all papers that, while dealing with professional work, make reference to any or both of these events, especially those which compare the Reformed concept of work with that of the Catholic tradition. However, other papers which do not deal with the aforementioned themes, can be accepted provided that they meet the necessary scientific level and contribute significantly to a richer and more complete comprehension of professional work as an activity which perfects the person, contributes to the progress of society and can become a path to holiness for all Christians.

Themes of the papers (the guidelines indicated within parenthesis are not exhaustive)

1. *Modern and contemporary history* (Professional work in the Catholic tradition and the Lutheran and Calvinist traditions).
2. *Anthropology, Ethics and Sociology* (Work as a vocation of the human person; Working conditions and the dignity of work; Professional ethics: professional competence, human virtues at work; Family and work - Society and work; Employment. Job training - The future of work).
3. *Economics* (Ethics and spirituality in Economics; The role of work in economical organizations; Inclusive economics at the service of the poor; Economics and the common good).
4. *Theology* (Professional work as a means of sanctification; Work and contemplation; Civil profession and ecclesial mission; Work and the building of society with a Christian spirit).

Length and specific requirements

The papers should not exceed 32,000 characters including spaces. Regarding the guidelines for the text (formatting footnotes, etc.) please see the website (<http://en.pusc.it/teo/conv2017>).

Calendar

- The title of the paper together with a brief summary of its theme (*an abstract*), must be proposed by **April 15, 2017**, through the registration account available on the conference website (<http://eventi.pusc.it/iscrizione/?lan=Uk&ev=17CONVTEO>). The Committee will respond to the requests with its answer within 15 days.
- Scholars and practitioners can propose the organization of special workshops till **February 15, 2017**.
- The full text of the paper must be submitted through the registration account (<http://eventi.pusc.it/iscrizione/?lan=Uk&ev=17CONVTEO>) or also the mail of Secretary (convegnoth@pusc.it), by **September 30, 2016**.
- Our Organizing Committee reserves the right to approve and select the papers to be read during the conference. Authors whose papers are selected will have 25 minutes at their disposal to present their paper during the conference.

For more information please visit the website (<http://en.pusc.it/teo/conv2017>) or contact the conference Secretary (convegnoth@pusc.it).

Publication of the papers

The Organizing Committee reserves the right to include or not include any given paper in the official publication, which will be available after the conference, and on the web page.