

## Religion and Health – Call for Papers

International Meeting on Comparative Theology  
Theological Faculty Paderborn  
June 16-18<sup>th</sup>, 2022

### About the event

The *International Meeting on Comparative Theology* is an annual conference aimed at connecting PhD students and young researchers working in the field of Comparative Theology all around the world. Since 2016, it provides a space for exchange of ideas and is convened by the *Center for Comparative Theology and Cultural Studies* at Paderborn University and the *International Center for Comparative Theology and Social Issues* at the University of Bonn.

### Annual Theme 2022

Health, healing and religious beliefs are linked in various ways. Suffering and guilt play major roles in different theologies, while religions also aim at providing resources for dealing with disease and trauma in a meaningful way. The Pandemic has shed additional light on the relevance of the question how religious believers and institutions are facing times of health crises and how they incorporate them into their own theological thinking.

The Call for Papers invites theologians and philosophers of all religious backgrounds to send their proposals, focusing on one of the following or related topics from a comparative perspective:

- Corporality and the interpersonal aspects of health and illness
- Healing in its physical and mental dimension
- Illness and religious heal(ing) - the connection between sin, suffering and ritual purity
- Risks and side effects of religious belief: When Religion becomes an obstacle to health
- Theological perspectives on disability and inclusion

The Conference welcomes proposals from PhD students as well as postdocs. Please send an electronic abstract of your paper (max. 500 words) for review by March 15<sup>th</sup> to [zekk@upb.de](mailto:zekk@upb.de). Invitations to attend will be sent out by March 31. Accommodation for the speakers will be provided, limited funding for travel expenses is available.