CALL FOR PAPERS

The Eclipse of God: Theology after Christendom

The Conference Planning Committee is pleased to invite all members of ANZATS, ANZSTS, and the theological and wider academic community to submit the title of their proposed presentation at this conference, together with an abstract of 250-300 words by Friday February 28, 2014.

This should be accompanied by contact details: Name, institutional affiliation, postal address, phone number and email address. Please address submissions to Dr Matthew Malcolm: matthew.malcolm@ttc.wa.edu.au, or call Matthew on (618) 9228 9067.

It is expected that presentations will occupy 30 minutes plus a few minutes for Q&A.

Plenary Sessions

We are pleased to announce that the keynote speaker for the 2014 Conference is Dr Graham Ward, Regius Professor of Divinity, Oxford University and Canon of Christ Church Cathedral in Oxford. Dr Ward is the author and/or editor of many works including,

- The Blackwell Companion to Postmodern Theology
  (Blackwell, 2004; editor)
- Cultural Transformation and Religious Practice
  (Cambridge University Press, 2004)
- Christ and Culture (Blackwell, 2005)
- Religion and Political Thought (Continuum, 2006; editor, with Michael Hoelzl)

The Conference Theme

The Conference theme is “The Eclipse of God – Theology after Christendom.” The so-called ‘Christian West’ has become a misnomer amidst increasing secularism and a general loss of interest in the question of God’s reality, purpose and activity. How does one practise theology in such an environment?

Without intending to be restrictive, the theme draws particular attention to the relevance, way and task of theology after Christendom. More generally, it invites consideration of the place and relation of Christian faith and theology in a secular culture, and the kinds of formation required for faithful Christian witness in this environment. The Conference Committee invites papers from practitioners from all the theological disciplines which reflect on these and related issues.
ANZATS Conferences: Guidelines for papers proposals

1. Proposals should be about 200–250 words long and must include your full name, title, institution (or location), email address, telephone number, mobile phone number, and mailing address.

2. Give the proposed paper a title, state its aim, and indicate the line of argument it takes. It is important that you demonstrate how the paper fits within the relevant discussion, among scholars, within the church, and preferably both.

3. Let the steering committee know if you have an interest in creating a forum at the conference, for example to discuss a significant new book, to focus on a discrete area of specialisation, or to discuss recent trends in theological education.

4. If you plan to present your first paper at an ANZATS conference, you are asked to submit the entire paper by April 30. Attach your curriculum vitae or include in your cover letter any additional information that may help us weigh your submission.

5. The time allowed for each paper will be 30 minutes, with an additional 15 minutes for questions and discussion.

6. It is important that you indicate whether you wish to use audio-visual equipment for your presentation, so that the appropriate room can be allocated.

7. The steering committee will give due consideration to all papers, even if not immediately related to the Conference theme. However, should the committee be required to limit the number of papers which can be presented, preference will be given to those papers which are more related to the Conference theme.