

International Conference On
Ecological Theology and Environmental Ethics
(ECOTHEE-08)
June 2-6, 2008
Orthodox Academy of Crete (OAC), Chania, Greece

“Theology needs to be involved in finding solutions to ecological problems”

CALL FOR PAPERS

From the fires of the early universe to the magnificent Life communities of Earth, God is venerated as a living presence within, and beyond, these great processes (Eco-THEOS). We, as humans, are beginning to re-envision ourselves as part of this glorious creation, a member of an Earth community, at the same moment as Earth is entering a severe ecological crisis. This growing crisis leads more and more people to cry out in agony: “My God (in Greek: THEE mou), thou hiddest thy face and everything is dismayed” (cf. Psalm 103/104:29).

This conference seeks to engage theology on key ecological concerns from a variety of Christian traditions and perspectives. We are interested in multi-disciplinary exchanges and insights, with a focus on religious-based and scientific approaches to ecological problems and challenges. The emphasis is on theological and ethical implications of contributing to a sustainable ecological future. The conference will be a blend of learning and discussion, while attending to the magnificent Earth and cultural context of this region of Crete.

Participants are invited to submit proposals for consideration on the following topics: Please specify your area.

- CLIMATE CHANGE AND GLOBAL ECOLOGICAL RISK
- BIODIVERSITY AND LAND DEGRADATION
- WATER, OCEANS AND ENERGY
- INSIGHTS FROM COSMOLOGY, EVOLUTION, and LIFE / EARTH SCIENCES

The Presentations can be up to 20 minutes in length, followed by discussion. Please consider participatory and creative styles, panel proposals, or poster sessions.

By December 30th 2007, please send a proposal of no more than one page or 250 words to:

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Please include your name, institutional affiliation, and contact information.

If your proposal is selected you will be contacted with further guidelines for the full paper.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Abstract Submission Deadline: December 30, 2007
Author Notification: February 4, 2008
Final Manuscript Due: April 2, 2008
Conference days: June 2 -6, 2008

Supporting Institutions:

- The Institute of Theology and Ecology of the Orthodox Academy of Crete (www.oac.gr)
- Canadian Forum on Religion and Ecology (www.cfore.ca)
- European Forum for the Study of Religion and the Environment (www.hf.ntnu.no/relnateur/)
- Conference of European Churches (www.cec-kek.org) and European Christian Environmental Network (www.ecen.org)
- Technical University of Crete (www.tuc.gr)
- Institute of Molecular Biology ad Biotechnology – Foundation for Research and Technology-Hellas (www.forth.gr)

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