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“ENABLING GENDER JUSTICE THROUGH AFRICAN SCHOLARSHIP”

Call for Papers: African Journal for Gender and Religion

December 2018: Advancing Theory and Methods in Gender and Religion

The Journal:

The African Journal of Gender and Religion (AJGR) (previously the Journal of Gender and Religion in Africa) is a peer-reviewed, open-access journal which publishes original interdisciplinary research on Gender and Religion. AJGR moved in 2017 from the Gender and Religion programme at the University of KwaZulu-Natal (previously the Centre for Constructive Theology) to the Desmond Tutu Centre for Spirituality and Society at the University of the Western Cape. The AJGR publishes semi-annually and is an accredited publication of the South African Department of Higher Education and Training. Since 2004 this journal has published inter-disciplinary articles which explore phenomena and trends emerging from the intersections of religion, theology, gender and sexuality. We are an African journal and seek to encourage authors to reflect on Africa as context, concept and theory. We are equally welcoming of international contributions engaging with a variety of social and geographic contexts.

This Volume: December 2018

For the December 2018 issue of the journal we are inviting papers which focus on the theme “Advancing Theory and Method in Gender and Religion”. This volume examines theory and method in the study of gender, religion and theology within and beyond disciplinary boundaries. We want to explore how innovative theoretical understandings and methodological applications are helping to engage with phenomena in ways which provide

new insights and invite new questions at the intersections of religion, theology, gender and sexuality. The Journal invites papers which focus on how new prospects for research and innovative methodologies are emerging and what they mean for the study of religion and gender in the following key areas:

- **Digital media:** What does the rise of digital media mean for studying religion and gender?
- **Research engagements in civil society:** How are survey projects, denominational research offices, and other civil society organisations studying new developments in religion, gender, and sexuality and what can we learn from this?
- **Religious diversity:** How can we develop and ask questions that are inclusive of and appropriate for theoretical and methodological engagements with non-Christian religious traditions, indigenous religious traditions and new religious movements?
- **Decolonial research:** What theoretical and methodological operations are necessary to produce decolonial approaches to the intersections of religion and gender?
- **Queer identity and religion:** What theoretical and methodological unsettling of disciplinary boundaries has occurred through research on queer identity and religion?
- **Law, Custom and Tradition:** What are some of the innovative ways of understanding legal, customary and traditional developments related to religion, gender, sexuality that have emerged in feminist research?
- **Religion, gender and ecology:** What are emerging ways of studying the intersections of Ecology, Gender and Religion?

Authors are not restricted to the above topics and are encouraged to interpret the theme of this special volume broadly.

Journal Sections

The journal accepts submissions in the forms of articles, book reviews and praxis articles as below.

Information for scholarly articles:

The AJGR invites submissions for scholarly articles which contributes the production of knowledge in the field of religion and gender. Submissions are evaluated through an editorial committee screening process. Further, the articles are sent to a minimum of two competent scholars working in a similar field of interest for blind peer-review

Information for Book Reviewers:

The AJGR invites reviews of recently published books related to gender and religion. If there is a book you would like to review please contact the editorial team. Publishers may send review copies however, we do not guarantee that unsolicited books will be reviewed.

Information for Praxis Articles:

The AJGR encourages articles to be submitted under a section of the journal called “praxis”. Praxis articles must show evidence of how sound theoretical reflections are brought to bear on practical action. Within this section on “praxis” we will publish essays that point to theories of gender justice in action. Submissions are evaluated through an editorial committee screening process. Further, the articles are sent to a minimum of two competent scholars working in a similar field of interest for blind peer-review

Submission Guidelines:

Deadline for full article submissions: 28 September 2018

Publication for December 2018

Prospective contributors of scholarly articles should send a typed copy of their article via email to the submissions editor at Ischarnickudemans@uwc.ac.za

Please note that the word limit for this edition is a maximum of 7000 words per article including bibliography.

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