

BODY & CORPOREALITY

locus theologicus – territory – reality of life

The workshop on liberating contextual theologies has been organized at regular intervals since 2008. It aims to offer a forum for dialogue for different theological perspectives with social and/or political focus especially from Latin America and Europe. The 9th workshop in this series will be held in June 2025 on the topic of corporeality.

Physical corporeality is still, and increasingly so, a major challenge for contemporary theology and it remains at the centre of political debates globally. We can see this, on the one hand, in the global rise of right-wing populist movements and, on the other, in the largely unbroken continuity of dogmatic-repressive positions on sexuality and gender relations in religious communities and in Christian churches.

The aim of this workshop is to reflect on different topics concerning corporeality and to bring different approaches into dialogue. One of the questions that will be explored is what kind of conceptual or theoretical contributions theology can make, for example with regard to the common struggle against anti-genderism/anti-feminism and in favour of self-determination over body and territory. From a theological perspective, we have to deal not only with the question of incarnation or how to overcome anthropological dualisms, but also with the idealisation of the body and the overall question which bodies and life forms should exist. These questions are not only theologically relevant, but they concern also the foundations of social structures and norms.

Location: Forum Zeit und Glaube

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Friday, 13.06.2025

12.30 Introduction

12.45-13.45 Panel I: Liberation of Bodies

A Radical Critique: Towards a Feminist Consolidation of the Theology of Liberation

Collet Jan Niklas

Beyond Theological Normativity? Approaches to a (Post-)Modern Ethics of the Body

Kim Sung

13.45-14.45 Panel II: Raced and Gendered Bodies

Masculinity, Race and the Patriarchal Order. A Fanonian Reading of the Bible

Collinet Benedikt

Resistant Bodies – Communities in Solidarity: Impulses of Communitarian Feminisms for a Theology Critical of Racism

Wittenbrink Edith

15.15-16.45 Panel III: Anti-Genderism

Religious and Secular Perspectives in the Dialogue about Corporality – between Fear and Affirmation

Alessandro Lia

Faith-Beauty-Femininity: Repressive Theology Emerging on Social Media

Kreuzer Linda

The Body as a Battleground: Gender Identity and the Politics of Anti-Genderism at the Intersection of Religion and Politics in Austria

Limacher Katharina & Hunklinger Michael

17.00-19.30 Keynotes & Podium Discussions

Body-Territory and Territory-Earth in Latin America: An approach from an Ecofeminist Perspective

Ulloa Céspedes Geraldina

Love your Body and Resist

Isherwood Lisa

Embodiment Choreopolitics: Learning Theology through Disruptive Dancing Bodies

Méndez Montoya Ángel Francisco

Saturday, 14.06.2025

9.00-10.30 Panel IV: Body–Territory in the Face of Exploitation

Transformation of gender relations in contested territories: an analysis of the(re)production of patriarchal structures in anti-mining protests in the Andes

Heuser Ali

Ecological Approaches on Trans Gendered Bodies, Identities and Nature: Inputs to Environmental Ethics

Wozna Antonina

Connected (within) Bodies: Interrelatedness as Human Condition and Condition of Life

Salfinger Mirijam

11.00-12.30 Panel V: The Interconnectedness between Human Beings and Nature

Coloniality of the Human-Nature Relationship: Human Body and Natural Body

Stosiek Daniel

Human and Other-than-Human Bodies: From Human Rights to the Rights of Nature

Silber Stefan

El cuerpo de María como medio pictórico para una teología andina. Relectura poscolonial de un cuadro colonial de Potosí (there will be a translation for the text)

Müßig Dietmar

12.30-13.30 Lunch Break: Catering at the Forum Zeit und Glaube

All the presentations on Saturday afternoon will be held in Spanish. The discussion will be accompanied by simultaneous translation and questions can be asked in English, Spanish or German.

13.30-15.00 Panel VI: Cosmovisiones indígenas y ecofeministas

El rol de las mujeres en la transmisión de la cosmovisión religiosa de Panchimalco

García Brenda

Espiritualidad ecofeminista: sabiduría de las mujeres y la tierra

Méndez Motta Cinthia

Irmina Kleiner y su resistencia hecha cuerpo: Ecofeminismo y ecoteología de la “esperanzación”

Palladino María Celeste

15.30-17.00 Panel VII: Teología feminista y queer

La encarnación de una divinidad lencha e indecente

Bautista Mulia Sarai

La “batalla cultural” y el control de los cuerpos como eje central en el escenario sociopolítico actual: resistencias teológico-feministas frente a los discursos anti-feministas de los neoconservadurismos religiosos

Barredo-Pantí Priscila

La Iglesia atravesada por el género: ¿Qué lugar otorga para las voces de las mujeres?

Moya María Belén

17.30-18.30 Panel VIII: Recursos ante la vulnerabilidad

Una aproximación a los procesos de aprendizajes comunitarios de mujeres en contextos de vulnerabilidad social

Villasboa Julieta Andrea & Cofrancesco Cecilia

La corporeidad y los modos de hablar de Dios: La presentación de “Dios madre” a los jóvenes

Luque Natalí Ayelén

18.30-19.30 Panel IX: Aportes frente a la violencia

Resiliencia espiritual en situaciones de violencia de género:

Aportes de la teología feminista en diálogo con la práctica de la meditación cristiana

Perez Marcela Inés

“El mar devolvió a los muertos que guardaba” (Ap 20:13). La ritualidad en torno a los cuerpos de las y los desaparecidos durante la última dictadura cívico-militar en la construcción política de las juventudes argentinas

Pulpeiro Juárez Julieta

Sunday, 15.06.2025

9.00-10.30 Panel IX: Vulnerable Bodies

“You can't Really Hurt a Machine”: When Young People Bring the Body into the Dialogue. Vulnerability as the Core of a Contemporary Theology of the Body

Fock Elisabeth

Indecenting Coherence: Challenging Systematic Theological Methods with Marcella Althaus-Reid and Disruptively Incoherent Bodies

Böckler Elisabeth

Vulnerable Bodies: Prostitution and the Question of Self-Determination

Martina Bär

11.00-12.00 Panel XI: Dieting Culter and Bodies of Weight

“Fat Church”: Religion, Capitalism and Corporeality

Hohmann Carolin

Dieting Culture and Christianity. Fat Jesus as Liberator?

Israel Carlotta

12.00-13.00 Final reflections

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<https://st-theoethik-ktf.univie.ac.at/international-koooperationen/registration/>

Conference fee 25€: coffee breaks and lunch on Saturday included

Free participation for students and staff of the University of Vienna.

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