

Call for Papers

17th European Conference on Science and Theology,

Lyon, France

April 17th – 22nd, 2018

Nature and Beyond:

Transcendence and Immanence in Science and Religion

All those attending ECST XVII are invited to offer a paper on this conference theme for presentation in a short paper session. This issue can be approached from a number of perspectives. Science is the systematic and empirically testable study, description and explanation of natural phenomena. Methodological naturalism seems to be part and parcel of the pursuit of science, insofar as any scientific object of investigation must be identified by reference to natural entities, and any scientific explanation can only refer to natural causes, leaving out categories such as God(s), angels, immaterial souls and the like. However, how far does this methodological naturalism take us? Does it imply that nature in a purely scientific understanding is all we have? Is nature itself pointing beyond nature when it brings about living and self-reflective beings? And what kind of answers do religious traditions provide when they refer to what is transcendent to our natural world? Or is God fully immanent within the natural world? These and other related questions are ones we want to discuss at the Seventeenth European Conference on Science and Theology in Lyon.

Papers related to these issues are welcome. Papers on other aspects of the interaction between science and theology may also be offered.

Those intending to present a paper should submit a provisional title, 5 to 10 keywords, and an outline of **between 400-500 words** making clear the relevance of the paper to the theme of the conference or other aspects of the interaction between science and theology. These **single-sided** outlines should also include: full name, academic position (if any), full postal and e-mail addresses.

The paper has to follow the setup given on the next page (Font: 11 Times New Roman).

They must be received as e-mail attachments only **before October 31st, 2017** by the Scientific Programme Officer at the address below and must be sent in either **.doc** or **.rtf file format**. No other format will be accepted. The conference language is English. For more information about the conference, visit the ESSSAT website: www.esssat.eu

Information about the acceptance of a paper will be given in December 2017 together with guidelines for the paper and its presentation at the conference. Complete papers **must** be received by March 1st, 2018. Papers and the short paper session schedule will be made available to registered participants and members of ESSSAT. If you want your paper to be presented in the same session as another paper, please indicate which paper in the email when submitting your abstract.

Each presenter will have 5-10 minutes to present the main ideas of the paper, followed by 20 minutes for discussion. Projectors will be available. You must bring your own laptop/computer for Powerpoint presentation. Presenters are free to distribute their own handouts, but must provide copies for the listeners. Some of the papers presented at the conference will be printed in subsequent ESSSAT publications. Information on submission and selection will be given later. Presentation of a paper at the conference does not guarantee publication.

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