

Special Issue

The Future of Liberation Theologies

Message from the Guest Editors

Amidst entrenched inequalities, war, poverty, and ecological peril, liberation theologies have been both vibrant and sorely needed in the 21st century. Traditional liberationist themes of class and political repression continue to be developed, and new “elephants” in the room are being brought to light, including issues of sex and sexuality; hierarchies; the need for decolonization; and more robust and candid interreligious, intrareligious, and secular–religious engagement. Thus, liberation theologies should celebrate the diversity of perspectives, highlighting in particular those most marginalized. Building on the strong work of many liberationists over the past decades, as well as the AAR Liberation Theologies Group, and the 2013 edited volume, *The Reemergence of Liberation Theologies: Models for the Twenty-First Century*, this Special Issue invites contributions on the future of liberation theologies, especially from interdisciplinary perspectives.

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