

Call for Proposals

The theme for the Group this year is “A new start for Vatican II under Paul VI? The Council in 1963 and its first results.” Fifty years after the second session of the Council, our Group welcomes proposals on the following topics:

- *Sacrosanctum Concilium* and beyond — the challenges of liturgical renewal at Vatican II and today
- *Inter Mirifica* and beyond — the struggle of the Catholic Church with communication (media)
- Paul VI and the Council after 1963 — papal power and conciliarity
- Pre-Vatican II movements of theological renewal and the theology of Vatican II
- Vatican II and Trent — the commemorations of Trent in 1963 and 2013
- The Council and the wider political and cultural reality of the early 1960s
- For a cosponsored session with the [Ecclesiological Investigations Group](#), the ecclesiological paradigm shift of Vatican II and its ecumenical implications, with particular attention to the relationship between the local and universal dimensions of the Church

Topics on other relevant issues related to Vatican II studies are welcome.

Mission

From 2012 to 2016, this Group will pay scholarly attention to the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965), one of the most significant events in the history of the Catholic Church — an event that had wide-ranging implications for other faiths, other Christian churches, and for the wider world alike. This Group has a double focus. On one hand, we focus on deepening the understanding of the history of Vatican II, its link with movements of renewal in Catholic theology and in the Church in the decades prior to Vatican II, the history of the reception of the Council, and the redaction history of the different documents of the Council. On the other hand, we have a strong theological focus and will pay attention both to hermeneutical issues connected to methods of interpreting conciliar teaching and to the interpretation of the most important documents of Vatican II in the year of their anniversary, starting with the liturgical constitution (1963–2013). By looking more closely at the past, our Group hopes to promote

conciliarity and synodality in the Christian churches in the present.

Anonymity of Review Process

Proposer names are **visible** to Chairs and Steering Committee members at all times.

Questions?

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