# **Call for Proposals**

This Group is interested in the following topics:

- Given the continued growth in population and pluralism of cities globally, as well as their economic dynamism, many of the world's social fissures manifest themselves in urban contexts. Most recently, cities have been the arenas of emerging protest movements for democracy and economic justice (e.g., Tahrir Square and the Occupy movements). These demographic shifts and social disruptions have challenged religious groups, which are shaping and being reshaped by them. We are seeking papers that either interrogate these social phenomena through a theological lens or examine the role of religion within them

- For a cosponsored session with the <u>Religions, Social Conflict, and Peace Group</u>, urban violence, conflict resolution, and peace-building

- For a cosponsored session with the <u>Religion, Film, and Visual Culture Group</u>, immigration and diaspora

- For a cosponsored session with the <u>Religion and Ecology Group</u>, cities represent particular environmental challenges, different than those faced in rural areas. Further, when natural disasters occur, cities are particularly vulnerable and the scale of the impact is magnified. We seek proposals that focus on the role of religion in urban environmental movements as well as religion's response to disasters

#### Mission

This Group is focused on scholarship that explores the dynamics of religion in urban contexts. We draw largely, though not exclusively, from social research in looking at the ways in which the cultures, economies, space, and politics both shape and are shaped by the presence of an increasing diversity of faith traditions in cities.

#### **Anonymity of Review Process**

Proposer names are **visible** to Chairs but **anonymous** to Steering Committee members.

### **Questions?**

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## **Method of Submission**

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