Call for Proposals

This Seminar invites proposals that discuss the theopolitical phenomenon of Christian Zionism through a variety of methodological approaches — for a cosponsored session with the Middle Eastern Christianity Group. We are particularly interested in approaches that seek to elucidate the doctrinal elements present in many Christian Zionist writings — including various forms of dispensationalism — and the biblical hermeneutics utilized by both Western and Middle Eastern Christian communities. We are also interested in the effects of Christian Zionism on Christian communities in the Middle East and how those perspectives inform global, ecumenical, and interfaith relationships.

Mission

The phenomenon of Christian Zionism — in its contemporary forms, faith-based Christian political support for the State of Israel — provides opportunities for reflecting on the intersections of religion with history, popular culture, domestic political movements, foreign policy analysis, and interreligious engagement, among other topics. Specifically, the subject is becoming a locus of rich intra-Christian conversation, including matters of biblical interpretation, fundamentalism, and evangelicalism. Although Christian Zionism is largely an Anglo-American phenomenon, scholars in several contexts have turned their attention to the topic. More precise studies are needed so the phenomenon can be better comprehended.

Anonymity of Review Process

Proposer names are visible to Chairs but anonymous to steering committee members.

Questions?

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