

Call for Proposals

How do we account for different (sometimes conflicting) forms of postmodern masculinities arising in various communities? This Group seeks papers that utilize various theoretical and/or social scientific research methodologies to describe and elucidate the performance of masculinities with critical analysis in the framework of gender, queer, and postcolonial theories. We seek presentations of inclusive, mature, and innovative models of masculinities for critical men's studies in religion integrating the work of men from all different social, ethnic, religious, linguistic, class, and sexual identities. And, in conjunction with other Program Units, we seek papers for a session titled, "Gender Theory, Intersectionality, and Justice." A complex array of social structures of inequality and oppression, both overt and internalized, sustain persistent patterns of injustice and, conversely, hegemony. We seek papers that expose the intricacy, convolution, and density at the intersections of gender theory and other postmodern discourses as they seek to articulate persuasive and powerful understandings of justice.

Mission

This Group provides a forum within which the phenomenon of masculine-gendered identity is examined using the range of methodologies found in the broad fields of theology and religious studies. We engage in the critical study of men's ways of being, behaving, and believing through a critical examination of both hegemonic (dominant and dominating) and nonhegemonic (marginalized) forms of masculinity. Emerging from, and pairing with, the liberative and critical gender discourses found in feminist, gay, and queer studies, this area of intellectual concentration focuses on the phenomenon of "men qua men" and its impact on the religious and theological terrain. This Group calls men to greater self-awareness and critical self-reflection regarding their own identities as people and scholars.

Anonymity of Review Process

Proposer names are visible to Chairs but anonymous to Steering Committee Members.

Questions?

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