



## Diaconia and Christian Social Practice in a Global Perspective

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Today's Christian diaconal welfare organizations mostly emerged in the 19th century to combat the social consequences of industrialization in Europe. Christian missionaries in turn spread the concept of *diaconia* to other parts of the world in the wake of colonialism. Thus, manifold traditions of Diaconia and Christian Social Practice have evolved worldwide that today noticeably also include the many Christian formations that have grown independently from the mainline Christian traditions (e.g., African Initiated Churches, Pentecostal-Charismatic Churches).

Against this background, this Call for Papers invites contributions from across the aforementioned wide spectrum of formations and traditions to advance a *global* debate on diaconia and Christian social practice. In view of meeting this aim, the call takes account of the fact that “diaconia” may not be the salient concept used in many contexts and that the notion of “Christian social practice” more appropriately incorporates and defines the practices of Christian social care, social welfare and social development prevalent in those contexts.





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