

Special Issue

Theology ‘In Exit’ for a Better World: Consolidating the Intersecting Features of Public Theology

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Fifty years ago, the expression ‘Public theology’ was introduced into theological debate by Martin E. Marty (1974). Since then, Public theology has evolved in varied ways, progressively engaging numerous intersecting perspectives and methodologies. Instead of being reduced to another sector of theology, Public theology transpires as a paradigm shift in theologizing that necessitates rethinking the entire field of reflection, research and action with reference to diverse realms of human and ecological welfare. This Special Issue seeks to reinforce the paradigm shift in the ongoing development of theology in terms of Public theology or Theology ‘in exit’. In other words, this Special Issue provides a scholarly platform for consolidating the intersecting theoretical, historical and empirical features of global-contextual Public theology, engaging interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary perspectives on human dignity and wellbeing, human rights and responsibility, social justice and peace building, economic and ecological flourishing, as well as contributing to the common good of linguistic, artistic, educational and technological development, etc.

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