**Tijdschrift voor Theologie Essay Prize 2017**
for Theology & Contemporary Culture

In cooperation with the Edward Schillebeeckx Foundation, *Tijdschrift voor Theologie* organizes a biennial essay contest for young theologians and religious studies scholars (maximum age of contestants: 35). The deadline for submission is October 1, 2017.

**Prizes**
- First prize: a sum of € 1000 and publication of the essay in *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*. The awarded essay will be published in the 57th volume (2017/4) of the journal.
- Second prize (incentive prize): a sum of € 250 and publication of the essay on the website of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*.

**Jury**
The jury is presided by Marianne Moyaert (Jury President, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam and member of the editorial board of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*), and will consist of Erik Borgman (Tilburg University, editor-in-chief of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*), Annemie Dillen (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, member of the editorial board of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*), Stephan van Erp (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, senior editor of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*), Manuela Kalsky (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam and Director of the Dominican Research Centre for Theology and Society), Nico Schreurs (emeritus of Tilburg University and Chairman of the Edward Schillebeeckx Foundation), and Pim Valkenberg (Catholic University of America, Washington DC, member of the editorial board of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*).

**Essay**
Participants are asked to submit an academic essay consisting of an innovative reflection on a subject concerning the relation between theology and culture, from the point of view of either theology, philosophy of religion, religious studies, or any other academic discipline with relevance for the study of religion.

The essay should have a minimum of 4000 and a maximum of 5000 words (including footnotes). It can be submitted in either Dutch, English, German or French. Instructions for style and formatting of the text can be requested from Stephan van Erp: stephan.vanerp@kuleuven.be.

**Participants**
This essay contest is open to authors who are currently completing or have completed an academic education in theology, religious studies or a related discipline and who have not reached the age of 36 on October 1, 2017. Authors do not need to have the Dutch or Flemish nationality and do not have to live in either of these countries.

**Award Ceremony**
The contestants will hear about the results before November 1, 2017. The award ceremony will take place in the fall of 2017 at an award meeting in Nijmegen, the Netherlands. The recipients of a prize will be invited to attend this event, for which their travel and accommodation costs will be reimbursed.
Rules of the contest (2017)

Participants implicitly declare their acceptance of these rules by taking part in the contest.

Article 1. Participation
1. This essay contest is only open to authors who are currently completing or have completed an academic education in either theology, religious studies or a related discipline and who have not reached the age of 36 on October 1, 2017. Participants do not need to have the Dutch or Flemish nationality and do not have to live in either of these countries.

Article 2. Essay
1. The submitted essay should consist of a text in either Dutch, English, German or French, with a minimum of 4000 and a maximum of 5000 words (footnotes included).
2. The essay submitted should conform to the conditions set out in this call for submissions.
3. Essays that have previously been published or offered for publication in a different journal or in *Tijdschrift voor Theologie* are not accepted.
4. The jury will evaluate the submitted articles, taking into consideration the following aspects:
   - The way in which the subject matter is treated, with a view to the genre, i.e. in the form of an academic essay;
   - Originality, expressed in a special, personal or innovative vision on the subject or a surprising perspective;
   - Language and style of writing.

Article 3. Submission
1. The essay must be in the possession of the jury no later than October 1, 2017, stating name, address, age and phone number and/or email address. The essay must be submitted as a Microsoft Word-file.
2. The submitted essay must be presented in such a form that anonymous assessment is possible. Personal details must therefore be included in a separate attachment.
3. Submissions must be addressed to:
   Prof. Dr. Marianne Moyaert
   m.moyaert@vu.nl
4. The text must be formatted in a font size 11 or 12 and a line space of 1.5 and reasonable margins.

Article 4 Prizes
1. Only contestants who have met the criteria set out in articles 1 to 3 of these rules are eligible for prizes.
2. Participants are eligible for the first prize, consisting of publication of the essay in *Tijdschrift voor Theologie* and a sum of € 1.000. The second prize consists of a sum of € 250 and publication of the essay on the website of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*.
3. The jury will reach a decision no later than November 1, 2017. Authors of the awarded essays will be contacted personally.
4. Prizes are non-transferrable and non-exchangeable.

Article 5. Award Ceremony
1. Prizes will be presented during an award ceremony which will take place in Nijmegen, the Netherlands, in the fall of 2017.

Article 6. Publication
1. The winning essay will be published in Dutch in the 57th volume (2017) of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*. The runner-up will be published in its original language on the website of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*.
2. Participants agree to accept any editorial changes to the text, needed to prepare the essay for publication. If possible, these changes will be made after consultation with the author.

Article 7. Copyright
1. The essay submitted must be free of copyright.
2. The essay will be published under the name of the participant(s).
3. Participants will not receive compensation for any form of publication of (parts of) the essays.
Article 8. Jury
It is the sole discretion of the jury to award the prizes to participants. The jury is presided by Marianne Moyaert (Jury President, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam and member of the editorial board of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*) and will consist of Erik Borgman (Tilburg University, editor-in-chief of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*), Annemie Dillen (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, member of the editorial board of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*), Stephan van Erp (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, senior editor of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*), Manuela Kalsky (Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam and Director of the Dominican Research Centre for Theology and Society), Nico Schreurs (emeritus of Tilburg University and Chairman of the Edward Schillebeeckx Foundation), and Pim Valkenberg (Catholic University of America, Washington DC, member of the editorial board of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie*).

If the votes are equally divided, the Jury President casts the deciding vote.

Article 9. Unforeseen circumstances
In any circumstances not covered by these rules, the jury will decide.

Article 10. Liability
*Tijdschrift voor Theologie* and the *Edward Schillebeeckx Foundation* will accept no responsibility for any damage and/or loss of submissions or any other inconvenience related to this contest.

Article 11. Final clause
The jury’s verdict is binding. Members of the editorial board and collaborators of *Tijdschrift voor Theologie* are excluded from participation. The jury will not enter into any form of communication about the course or the result of the contest. Submitted essays will not be returned to participants.

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Jury President *Tijdschrift voor Theologie* Essay Prize
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