

CALL FOR PAPERS - CUSO



“Work in transformation: religious imprints”

Religion in the workplace has become a recurring theme in European research. However, in recent debates it is mainly the beliefs of employees that have come to the fore. They are often seen in a negative light, as a hindrance to productivity, a source of internal or external conflict, or even more recently as a sign of radicalism. In the meantime, references to traditional religions are increasingly being replaced by a spiritual discourse, highlighting how work-experiences contribute to the construction of the meaning of life. This development is indicative of important choices in Western societies - both in the lives of individuals and in the structural transformation of organisations, in a context of secularisation. This panel will look at the potential for humanisation – hitherto untapped – offered by this trend, which posits service to human dignity, vulnerability, justice and the common good as the axiological horizon of the good life within a community at work.”

Cuso offers the possibility for six of its' students in Theology or Religious sciences to present a paper at the annual EuARe-conference, in Vienna (Austria, July 8-12, 2025).

Registration, transport and lodging will be funded (expenses must comply with the following CUSO rates: a) travel; b) accommodation*).

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How to apply?

- Reply to the present Call for papers by submitting a 350-words proposal (in English), presenting the theme of your presentation and how your subject challenges theological and/or scientific reflection. Please include a short biography.

Proposals should be sent to prof. Talitha Cooreman-Guittin: talitha.cooreman-guittin@unifr.ch .

Ultimate **deadline** for submissions: **1st of March 2025**.

- Successful candidates will be informed on the 28th of March 2025.

We welcome contributions on a broad range of topics, including but not limited to:

- How is religion impacted by work-experience?
- How does work contribute to the meaning of life?
- What role does religion play in the workplace?
- What are the challenges for religion and/or theology when faced with transformation of society?
- Can work provide ways of giving meaning to the lives of individuals with disabilities? And if so, then how?
- What are the transformations in the work of faith-communities in an ever-changing world?
- **Themes and ideas:** dignity, justice, vulnerability within communities at work, chaplaincy, charity, spirituality, ...

(* 100,-CHF max per person per night (breakfast included) / half-fare 2nd class SBB-ticket reimbursed, flights in class economy.)