

## Call for papers

**From Oikonomia to Occupy: Intersections of the Religious and the Economic**  
**A Graduate Student Symposium**  
**Department for the Study of Religion**  
**University of Toronto**  
**Jackman Humanities Building/170 St. George Street/Toronto, Ontario**  
**April 21 & 22, 2016**

**With keynote lectures from:**  
**Professor Daniel Vaca, Brown University**  
**Professor Simon Coleman, University of Toronto**

Economic and religious imaginaries often merge in ways that affect how societies and individuals operate. Relations of power, hierarchies of knowledge, and the circulation of ideas are all entangled intersections between the religious and the economic, affecting the social and the political. In the social sciences and in the humanities, the idea of the “neoliberal” now rivals most any other reasoning behind the forces of social and political change. From anthropological study of debt forgiveness in the Occupy Movement, to historical analysis of Roman economies in early Christianity, scholarship across disciplines is beginning to recognize the longstanding relation between religious and economic forms. In response, this graduate student symposium brings together research into how religions and economies overlap and co-constitute social and political worlds. How have different religious traditions engaged with the economic through history? Have contemporary economic practices, such as banking, consuming, and selling, conditioned the maintenance of religious sites? What are the implications of thinking religion through the purview of critical economic theory? What, indeed, are the practical implications for scholarship in light of global political economies in crisis? In this conference, we will address constellations of the economic and religious in ways that crack open the deceptively isolated worlds of political economy and religion in the public sphere. We invite early career scholars and graduate students to explore the entangled production, circulation, and exchanges between the religious and the economic. Topics include, but are not limited to:

Exchange, circulation, and production of the religious  
Religious economies  
Religious forms of capital and accumulation  
Religion and political economy  
Charity and the logic of Giving/The Gift  
Economics of pilgrimage  
Sacrifice  
Accounting/Accountability  
Power, discipline, and economies of the religious  
Consuming religion/Religion and the marketplace

Credit and debt  
Economies of Belief  
Financialization  
Ritual and the economic  
Theologies of money  
Austerity and the post-secular/ity  
Values, value, validity  
Communism, capital, and the religious  
Austerity in the academy:  
job precarity/decreased research funding

**Deadline for proposals is January 29, 2016.**

We will accept paper proposals of 150-200 words.  
We will also accept panel proposals for multi-person  
themed panels: please give a brief overview of the proposed panel theme and 150-200 word abstracts  
for each panel presenter in one document.

To submit an abstract or for further inquiries, please contact: [2016symposium@gmail.com](mailto:2016symposium@gmail.com)