



Key note speakers

Serene Jones,
Union Theological Seminary, NY

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Reclaiming Radical Theology: Sin and Grace in a Postsecular Age

Nov 7-9, 2018, Stockholm School of Theology, Sweden

INVITATION AND CONTENT

The concept of sin has shown to be radical in contemporary time, much more so than the concept of grace. Why is that? Is it due to the secular worldview that dominates the “West”? Does the concept of sin simply clash with an ontology and self-perception of humans as autonomous and rational? Despite some cultural resistance towards the concept, however, certain feminist theologians want to reclaim a new understanding of sin. Professor Serene Jones found that “concepts like original sin offered a comforting account of God’s presence in the midst of our brokenness”. How do Christian Theology and Ethics interpret and construct an understanding of sin?

One way is to start from the beginning: what does it mean and how can one read the Hebrew and the Greek Bible, Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Luther, Calvin, and others as a comfort? What happens if we erase sin and leave only grace? Is not grace a gift because humans are sinful? On the other hand, voices in history witness about the use of sin as particularly oppressive towards women’s sexuality, thinking and being. How does one reclaim sin and grace as core concepts for Christian theology against this background? People experience sin every day. Violence and terror are part of the contemporary mind-set. At times, the experiences are physical and painful. How can one make sin and grace relevant for people today, people who often lack a theological language?

REGISTRATION

For general practical questions, please contact: Jenny Karlsson jenny.karlsson@ths.se

For registration, please contact: info@ehs.se Write your first and last name, organization/company, city, country and your e-mail address. Also, information about any dietary requests, and if you want to join the conference dinner (see below for fee).

VENUE

University College Stockholm, Åkeshovsvägen 29, Bromma (15-20 minutes with subway from Stockholm Central Station) <https://goo.gl/maps/dNgoTgUEVs72>

PAYMENT

The conference is free thanks to a donation from Church of Stockholm and University College Stockholm, including coffee/tea, snacks and Thursday lunch.

CONFERENCE DINNER THURSDAY EVENING

100 SEK for dinner (wine not included in the fee). We handle the payment during the conference.

CALL FOR PAPER IS STILL OPEN

We invite papers with a clear relevance for the conference theme as described above. Abstracts of no more than 300 words should be sent by October 19 to:

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Abstracts are to be headed with the applicant's name, professional affiliation and the title of proposed paper.

PUBLIC EVENT: TERROR, ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, POLITICAL UNCERTAINTY

Can theology offer language and frameworks in times of difficulties?

Speakers: Prof. Serene Jones, New York and PhD-student, Rev. Birte Nordahl, Oslo.

Moderator: Michael Nausner

When: Wednesday Nov 7th, at 7-9PM (free entrance)

Venue: Storkyrkan, Trångsund 1 (Stockholm Cathedral)

