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CALL FOR PAPERS

***Spatial Issues in Religious Studies - Past and Present:
Common life spaces within religious communities***

CALL OPEN TO 16 PROPOSALS

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Abstract

Both in the past and in contemporary age, places for consecrated life interpret the specific charism of religious communities and strengthen their members' identity. The shape of these places thus becomes an image of the particular religious life, as well as the recursion of paths the driving force of belonging. The spaces of religious communities can therefore be considered as privileged testimonial elements, both in relation to the past, as in the most recent buildings or adaptations.

(Topic A) On the one hand this call for papers focuses on spaces that monastic and religious communities are leaving, in order to examine specific tools (management, regulatory and planning) which may allow to preserve their testimonial and identity aspect.

(Topic B) On the other, in relation to new religious communities (urban and cenobitic ones) the present call for papers would like to investigate their spaces of life, to reveal new identities and the relationship with tradition.

Language: Italian / English

Speakers already selected: Olimpia **Niglio** (Pontificia Università Marianum); Andrea **Longhi** (Politecnico di Torino)

Disciplines involved: Architecture, Theology, Sociology, Anthropology

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