

## Call for Papers

### Spring 2022 Topic: Being, Bodies, and Belonging

Existence encompasses several senses. In one, we are metaphysical beings who express attributes, creatures in a world obtained by God. From this conception, philosophers debate whether we are contingent or necessary, minds or mere physicality, products of a simple or complex God. In another sense, we exist inside of (or as) bodies, tents of flesh and bone which impact our experiences in and of the world. It is in this sense that perhaps our most profound experiences, those of love and of pain, of joy and of distress, occur. In the broadest sense, however, we live as agents in an interconnected web of relation to others. These relations inform social, political, and spiritual boundaries, often drawn as distinctions of belonging. Here arises the normative question of *where* and *how* and *with whom* we should exist. The topic of being, bodies, and belonging, then, provides latitude to consider life according to these three strata from different fields, all while cohering in central considerations of what it means *to be*.

With this topic in mind, we encourage undergraduate and graduate students, as well as early-career doctorates, to submit to *Theophron*'s inaugural issue. Scholarship from all fields, particularly philosophy, theology, history, and biblical studies, is welcome. Possible topics include, but are certainly not limited to:

- *The Imago Dei*
- The Ontology of Souls
- Disability Theology
- Martyrdom and Bodily Suffering
- Social Relations in the New/Old Testament
- Christian Convictions in Politics
- Conceptions of Orthodoxy and Heterodoxy
- Christian Medical Ethics
- Concepts of the "Good Life"
- Modality and Being in Christian Metaphysics

### Submission Instructions

Submissions should be between **4,000–5,000 words** (not including abstract), conform to the *Chicago Manual of Style* (17<sup>th</sup> edition), and be original, unpublished works prepared for double-blind peer review. Please include an abstract of no more than 250 words, uploading the entire manuscript in PDF format at [www.theophron.org/submissions](http://www.theophron.org/submissions). **Do not place your name or any identifying information on the submitted manuscript**—author identities will remain anonymous to reviewers and editors until after final acceptance/rejection decisions.

Submissions received by **January 17, 2022** will be considered for publication.

Direct all questions to [submissions@theophron.org](mailto:submissions@theophron.org).