

Call for Papers

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Phenomenologies of Sacrifice

We invite authors to investigate the transdisciplinary key issue of *Sacrifice* drawing on the philosophical tradition of phenomenology and exploring the historical, sociological, political, and religious dimensions of sacrifice.

Over recent decades, the topic has prominently been addressed in the works of René Girard. While this strand of research examines sacrifice predominantly in its constitutive function for the overcoming of violence and the (re-)installment of peace in a given community, other approaches stress its role of enacting a radical break with the economy of exchange. Building on classical theories of solidarity and the gift (Émile Durkheim, Marcel Mauss), these approaches emphasize the dimension of freedom and responsibility as being characteristic of self-sacrifice (as e.g. in Jan Patočka or slightly different in Jacques Derrida). The most drastic break with the economy of exchange is probably articulated in the work of Georges Bataille where sacrifice becomes inseparably linked to expenditure and overspending. While historically sacrifice often became an issue of philosophical reflection in the context of decisive political battles and wars (especially during the First World War with authors such as Max Scheler, Ernst Jünger, et al.), it is precisely the pure phenomenality of sacrifice itself, i.e. its capacity to make the givenness of the gift visible, that is strongly articulated in current debates (most explicitly in the work of Jean-Luc Marion).

Against this broader philosophical background, contributions may also tackle historical questions, such as the role of religious figurations and religious metaphors for political communities, or the mystic of sacrifice that evolves around its meaning for wars and terrorism. Finally, as indicated by the German word "Opfer" (that means both, sacrifice and victim) the topic of sacrifice also invites for an extension into what may be called "cultures of victimization," i.e. the growing interest in patterns of victimization, self-victimization and its societal impacts.

We invite authors to engage the multi-faceted philosophical dimensions of sacrifice in the context of these debates. Contributions to the volume might specifically address (but are not restricted to) the following fields:

- A) Sacrifice and Religion
- B) Sacrifice and Community
- C) Sacrifice and War
- D) Sacrifice and Terrorism

- E) Sacrifice and (Self-)Victimization
- F) Sacrifice and Waste
- G) History and Cultures of Sacrifice

Invited Scholars who have agreed to contribute to the volume include:

Nicolas de Warren (Husserl Archives Leuven)

James Dodd (New School for Social Research, New York)

Wolfgang Palaver (University of Innsbruck)

Marcia Schuback Sa Cavalcante (Södertörn University, Stockholm)

Michael Staudigl (University of Vienna)

Deadline for the submission of **papers: March 15th, 2018.**

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