



BAPTIST SCHOLARS INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLE

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS: BAPTISTS AND HIGHER EDUCATION

October 1st, 2021,

The Baptist Scholars International Roundtable (BSIR) invites proposals for its 16th annual meeting, to be convened at Christ Church, University of Oxford, August 7-10, 2022. This year's conference theme is "Baptists and Higher Education." We encourage scholars from a broad array of disciplines to consider how Baptists around the world have engaged in higher education practices—from institutional, denominational, and personal contexts and perspectives. The institutions in view might be Baptist theological colleges or seminaries, Baptist higher-education colleges or universities, or Baptist colleges affiliated to (or part of) public universities. We are particularly interested in approaches concerned with the present and future shape of Baptist higher education in light of global dynamics and current demographic shifts. Topics may range widely, and might consider themes such as the following:

- Historical role of Western influences on Baptist higher education in the Global South;
- The distinctive contribution of Baptists to higher education in the Global South and Asia;
- Theological education for ministry and/or the academy
- The approach of Baptists to education in the Arts or the Sciences
- Theological reflections on Baptist higher education;
- Baptist institutions as part of public or state universities
- Qualitative or quantitative explorations from the social sciences related to Baptist higher education;
- Historical role of Baptist missionaries establishing educational institutions globally;
- Resistance by some Baptists in history to higher education;
- Baptist higher education as it relates to minoritized groups;
- Gender and Baptist higher education;
- Race and ethnicity in Baptist higher education;
- Charismatic Baptists and higher education;

We encourage participation by scholars from all career stages, especially junior scholars and doctoral candidates. While papers should pertain to the Baptist expression of Christianity, scholars from all faiths are welcome. Format: Seven BSIR Scholars are selected to present their original papers of 15-25 pages. BSIR Fellows offer responses, followed by group discussion. To promote a vibrant conversation, all participants agree to

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Proposals should be submitted [at this link](#). The submission deadline is **December 1, 2021**. For accepted submissions, the full paper to be shared with the Roundtable participants will be due on **June 1, 2022**.

Submissions should include:

- Name, Affiliation, and Contact Information
- Paper Title and Abstract (500–750 words)
- Bio (150 words, including degrees and selected publications)

Proposals will be selected based on quality and clarity of proposal content, relationship of paper to conference theme, and publication potential.

Financial assistance to attend conference in Oxford will be considered in a case-by-case basis. Additional financial assistance information will be distributed to accepted submissions.

About BSIR

The Baptist Scholars International Roundtable (BSIR) promotes scholarship from Baptist perspectives across the ages and around the globe by facilitating a scholarly forum for exchange of ideas. From its administrative home at Baylor University, Waco, Tx, this community is international, intergenerational, interdisciplinary, and invites a diversity of Baptist affiliations. At the heart of the Roundtable is formation for academic stewardship in which a newer generation is welcomed into an international Baptist Academy and formed to preserve and sustain both academic and faith communities. At annual meetings, hosted at Christ Church University of Oxford, senior scholars (BSIR Fellows) and a Visiting Distinguished Fellow engage with the developing ideas of doctoral students, early-career, and mid-career faculty (BSIR Scholars) presenting papers selected through a competitive process.



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