



ASSOCIATION OF
**PRACTICAL
THEOLOGY**
IN OCEANIA

2020 Conference

**Melbourne, Victoria
Australia**

Catholic Leadership Centre

Accommodation: 45 double and 2 single suites are available from the Catholic Leadership Centre on a first-come-first-served basis.

**Registration Open 3.00 pm 28 May 2020
Finishes Lunchtime - 31 May 2020**

Conference Theme:

**Encountering God: Practical Theology and the
Mission to Heal**

Call for Papers

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Colleagues from theological universities and colleges, along with higher degree research students and reflective pastoral practitioners are invited to submit a proposal for a paper to be presented as part of the 2020 Association of Practical Theology in Oceania Incorporated Conference. Proposals are particularly welcome that directly address the conference theme from various disciplines and perspectives and that contribute to the broader work of practical theology. Papers of interest will draw upon theological, social, cultural, political and ethical issues within the changing and increasingly complex context of Oceania. Possible questions for exploration include the intersection between personal and/or communal beliefs or values and the common human desire for goodness and true human autonomy. The conference aims for a **variety of voices to be heard in relation to current human issues such as beginning-of life and end-of life issues, religious freedom, gender, religious fundamentalism, the crisis of faith and authority within and outside the Church and in a society where the Christian framework is no longer the dominant reference point. The role of the Church's mission to heal, to rise beyond the polemic surrounding issues affecting human life, is fundamental to the conference theme. Other issues open for exploration include the role of** indigenous cultures and spirituality and their contribution to the changing contexts in order to live an ecclesiology that is relevant, life-giving and responsible to the call of mercy and justice in relation to other human beings and the care of the earth.

Send Abstracts by email to secretary@apto.asn.au by **COB Friday March 6th 2020** We will reply by email to acknowledge reception of your Abstract, which will then be considered by the programme committee. Subsequently, you will be advised by email by March 20th 2020.

Successful presenters will be allocated a 45 minute slot in the conference programme to present a paper (30 minutes for presentation and 15 minutes for questions). The following information must be included in your proposal (please only submit .doc, .docx or .pdf files):

1. Presenter's name, title and affiliated institution
2. Mailing address, email address and phone number
3. Working title of paper
4. A brief abstract (maximum of 500 words)
5. A brief biography (maximum 200 words)

Please direct any questions to Cecilia Tan, Secretary, Association of Practical Theology in Oceania, via email secretary@apto.asn.au.