



CALL FOR PAPERS FOR VOLUME 7 OF THE ECUMENE SERIES

Volume theme: Border Hermeneutics: challenges to the Theology of Migration

The Scalabrinian Center for Migration Studies (CSEM) Publishing House, the Latin American Confederation of Religious (CLAR), and the organizers of this volume hereby INVITE researchers, professors, graduate students, and professionals working in ecclesial contexts with populations in situations of human mobility to collaborate in the production of the Ecumene Series Collection, focusing on the theme: **Border Hermeneutics: Challenges to the Theology of Migration.**

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2. VOLUME 7 THEME: Border Hermeneutics: Challenges to the Theology of Migration.

The Theology of Migration (TM) is closely linked to the major theological transformations of the 20th century, particularly contextual theologies, which promoted an understanding of faith grounded in ethical, historical and communal choices. Although migration occupies a significant place in biblical revelation, for centuries it was interpreted primarily as a narrative backdrop or stylistic device, rather than as an event of divine communication. Within theological reflection, migration received attention chiefly from a pastoral perspective, particularly from the second half of the nineteenth century onwards. However, this focus did not develop into a theology in its own right.

The Theology of Migration, as it has emerged at the start of the 21st century, represents a novel shift: it proposes a systematic and methodological approach centred on the people involved in the various forms of human mobility, and regards migration not only as a subject for reflection but also as a basis for the intercultural transformation of theology. It interprets the migratory experience in two fundamental ways: as a setting for the realisation of Christian love (Mt 25:31–46) and as a privileged mode of divine self-revelation in history. From this dual perspective, the TM



takes on a *prophetic dimension*, by denouncing the inhumanity and structures of exclusion faced by migrants and refugees in transit or destination territories; and a *mystical dimension*, by reflecting on the inner strength, resilience and transformation of faith that spring from their journeys of human mobility.

Over the course of its twenty-five-year development, and within a global context marked by superdiversity, the securitisation of human mobility, violence, detention and forced returns, as well as by tensions in increasingly polarised societies, there is a pressing need to critically examine its contributions in greater depth. This deeper exploration seeks to encourage and enrich the development of the Theology of Migration, both as a theological reflection grounded in faith and the everyday realities of migration, and as a field of interdisciplinary dialogue that engages academics from other disciplines and professionals from various fields.

This volume aims to contribute to the development of the Theology of Migration in the light of the following questions:

1. How can it address the cultural, religious and gender diversity that characterises the life and faith experiences of migrants and refugees, and take into account the strategies of resistance that emerge from them?
2. What theological, interdisciplinary and pastoral tools can foster a deeper understanding of the experiences and realities of migrants and refugees?
3. What approaches can be integrated to dismantle idealised narratives and welfare-based approaches that tend to create relationships of dependency in migration contexts?

These questions converge on a central query:

What theological frameworks and what pastoral, social or intercultural mediations foster a critical and sensitive understanding of the diversity and plurality of the faith and life experiences of migrants and refugees?

The volume *Border Hermeneutics: Responses from the Theology of Migration* seeks to delve deeper into this question, exploring themes, interpretations, methodologies and languages that help to rethink faith, identity and the human experience from the perspective of borders and the everyday realities of migration. We invite authors to contribute papers that develop responses, grounded in the Theology of Migration (TM), to the challenges faced by people in migration from critical perspectives on mobility and borders, as well as intersectional, decolonial, queer or social justice perspectives, amongst others.

Contributions may address both the motivations driving human mobility and the concrete experiences faced by migrants and refugees, including:



- vulnerability;
- discrimination;
- uprooting;
- and the various forms of violence and exploitation, including sexual violence which particularly affects women.

They may also explore the transformations in identity, spirituality, family life and community that emerge throughout migratory processes.

We look forward to your contributions to this project of critical and creative reflection on the contemporary challenges of the Theology of Migration.

3. HOW TO REGISTER

Interested authors must pre-register **until September 30, 2026**, and submit their complete article **until January 31, 2027**, by sending an email to assessoria@csem.org.br or with the following information:

- 3.1. Full name;
- 3.2. Brief CV of up to 5 lines, including personal details, if preferred, main academic title, and current position(s);
- 3.3. Contact telephone number;
- 3.4. Provisional title of the article you wish to propose;
- 3.5 Up to 15 lines presenting the idea you intend to develop;

Registration will be considered complete once the complete article file has been sent to the email addresses indicated and a confirmation response has been received from the CSEM Editor.

Articles submitted by authors who do not have direct experience working in contexts of human mobility must be co-authored by another author who has direct experience studying or working with migrants/refugees or other categories of people in situations of mobility.

The article must be sent in two files, one with all the author details and with "SHORT TITLE_AUTHOR'S LAST NAME" as the file name, and another with only "SHORT TITLE" as the file name, in which the authors' names and profiles have been removed from the text for blind peer review. Do not use accents or cedillas in file names.



Please note: peer reviewers' evaluations and editorial decisions will only be made on the final text and not on pre-registration proposals.

If you do not receive the confirmation email, please contact CSEM through other channels (csem@csem.org.br or 0055 61 99924 8062), to avoid exclusion from the selection process. Any need to negotiate deadlines or other issues related to publication should be discussed with the organizers. Texts that have already been submitted for other publications or that have already been published in whole or in part on the Internet will not be accepted. Specific cases can be discussed with the organizers and the CSEM Publishing House.

4. ARTICLE FORMAT

The publication follows the guidelines for authors of the Revista Interdisciplinar da Mobilidade Humana - REMHU (Interdisciplinary Journal of Human Mobility), available on the Scielo website at the following link: <http://www.scielo.br/revistas/remhu/pinstruc.htm>. It is not necessary to submit an abstract or title in another language.

Articles must be at least 10 pages or 4,350 words or 30,000 characters with spaces, excluding bibliographic references.

5. EVALUATION OF SUBMITTED TEXTS

By registering, potential authors accept the rules of this call for papers and submit their texts to blind evaluation by a committee specifically appointed for this purpose. The evaluation process will take into account:

- 5.1. Consistency of the text with the theme of the work;
- 5.2 Clear and objective writing;
- 5.3 Theoretical coherence;
- 5.4 Critical and analytical quality.

The author agrees to make adjustments to the text if suggestions are received, in order to formalize its publication within the deadline established by this Call for Papers, and to read the final version of the text in its original language, if requested.

The authors of texts received and not approved for publication will receive a communication from CSEM Publishing House with the comments of the referees.



6. SCHEDULE

Stage 1: Pre-registration by authors – Until September 30, 2026.

Stage 2: Submission of full texts – Until January 31, 2027.

Stage 3: Blind reading and review, communication of the final decision to the authors; sending the text to the authors for corrections; return of the final version of the texts to Editora CSEM - by June 30, 2027.

Stage 4: Sending the final text to the authors for approval - by September 30, 2027

If there are not enough articles submitted and deemed suitable for publication according to the editorial profile of the Ecumene Series, the schedule may be adjusted.

7. AUTHORS RIGHTS AND COPYRIGHT

Contributions to the Ecumene Series are voluntary and free of charge.

The acceptance of articles implies the transfer of copyright to CSEM, but it does not prevent authors from publishing their articles at a later date, provided that they make explicit and complete reference to the original publication, including in cases of translations into other languages.

8. DISSEMINATION OF THE BOOK

The Ecumene Series is a project that aims to respond to the lack of publications on the theology of human mobility aimed primarily at religious/ecclesial leaders working in academic, institutional, or pastoral settings. The publications in the series are contributions to knowledge and action in favor of the cause of migrants and refugees, with an ecumenical and interreligious openness and dialogue aimed particularly at the Latin American context.

For these reasons, the books will be distributed free of charge in electronic format through the websites of CSEM and CLAR, associated institutions, and at related events.

The authors undertake to promote the dissemination of the volumes, including participation, at no cost to CSEM or CLAR, in events where they can present and recommend the publication.



9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS

For more information or questions, please write to assessoria@csem.org.br.

Brasília, August 25, 2026.

APPENDIX - ABOUT THE ECUMENE SERIES

The Ecumene Series on/about theology and human mobility is a project developed by the Scalabrinian Center for Migration Studies - CSEM in collaboration with the Latin American Confederation of Religious (CLAR).

Volume 7 will be published by CSEM Publishing House, in Portuguese, Spanish and English, in digital format, available for free download on the CSEM and CLAR websites.

OBJECTIVES OF THE ECUMENE SERIES

- 1.1. To promote studies, researches, events, and publications on theology and human mobility;
- 1.2. To promote an inclusive ecclesial understanding of the issue of human mobility and its protagonists;
- 1.3. To strengthen social and pastoral work in the field of human mobility;
- 1.4. To promote the development of materials that are both scientifically rigorous and educational and that can be used in ecclesial and extra-ecclesial training courses.
- 1.5. To give visibility and strengthen the efforts of researchers and scholars on the topic of migration in the ecclesial context;
- 1.6. To promote an intercultural and interreligious dialogue among those involved in migration and refugee issues.



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