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**Political Theology and the State of Exception:**  
**Critical readings on the centenary of *Political Theology***  
**& *Roman Catholicism and Political Form***  
**by Carl Schmitt**

"Open Theology" (<https://www.degruyter.com/opth>) invites submissions for the topical issue "Political Theology and the State of Exception: Critical readings on the centenary of *Political Theology & Roman Catholicism and Political Form* by Carl Schmitt," edited by Guillermo Andrés Duque Silva (University of King Juan Carlos, Spain).

**DESCRIPTION**

In *Political Theology* (1922) and *Roman Catholicism and Political Form* (1923), Carl Schmitt enters a controversy, in both theological and legal disciplines, based on his verdict on the modern conceptions of all theories of the state, which he qualifies as "secularized theological concepts." In these works, Schmitt raised a criticism of positivist conceptions of law, economics, and politics that presume a break from the theological field that only refers, according to Schmitt, to fiction.

The analysis of these innovations has made Schmitt one of the primary theoretical references for understanding states of siege, states of exception, the state of war, and the origin of politics and the right - central concepts of the "Schmittian universe" that, for better or for worse, seem to retain their validity in the XXI century.

Within the framework of the centenary of these works, we invite researchers in Carl Schmitt's thought and the concepts of Political Theology, state of exception, and realistic conceptions of law and politics to participate in this topical issue of "Open Theology".

All contributions that address any of the following topics will be welcome:

- Religion, secularism, and politics from Carl Schmitt and against him.
- Debate on the liquidation of all political theology between Carl Schmitt and Erik Peterson.
- Theological-political critique of the supposed "non-political" of law and economics.
- Political uses of the theological concepts *stasis*, *thumos*, and *orge*.
- Contemporary applications of Political Theology in international relations.
- Decisionism in the 21st century: new chapters in political theology?
- Sovereignty and the state of exception in the "young Carl Schmitt."
- Oppositions between law and power from the theological-political reading of Carl Schmitt.
- Theological background of political power in the birth of the modern state.
- Schmitt's sources: Bodin, Bonald, De Maistre and Donoso Cortés.
- Liquidation of all political theology: truth or legend?
- Schmitt in debate with Hans Maier, Ernst Feil and Ernst Topitsch.
- Eusebius as a prototype of Schmitt's Political Theology.
- With Schmitt and against Schmitt: Liberation Theology as Political Theology?

- Giorgio Agamben and Carl Schmitt: a debate between absentees.
- The question about who decides in the state of exception. The Schmittian sovereign trouble in some examples of the political present.
- "Between Karl and Carl": the Schmittian reading from the left and the theological question in the revolution. In dialogue with Carl Schmitt: Sorel, Lenin, Benjamin, Engels, and Marx.
- Schmitt's critique of the technical domain and the mechanization of politics and its possible relevance in the digital age.
- The Schmittian reading of the COVID-19 phenomenon.

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