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#### Theology in the Capitalocene Ecology, Identity, Class, and Solidarity

#### LATEST RELEASE JOERG REGER

In times of rising pressures and catastrophes, people yearn for alternatives. So does the planet. Protests are often a start, but rebellion is not revolution, nor does it always lead to transformation.

In this incisive and compelling new book, Joerg Rieger takes a new look at the things that cause unease and discomfort in our time, leading to the growing destruction and death of people and the planet. Only when these causes are understood, he argues, can real alternatives be developed. And yet, understanding is only a start. Solidarity, and the willingness to work at the seemingly impossible intersections of everything--the triad of gender, race, and class, yes, but more beyond--must mark the work of theology.

Without solidarities that match the complexities of our world, the best we can hope for is inclusion in the dominant system but hardly the systemic change and liberation we so desperately need.



## PRASE FOR REGER



"This book offers a needed political and public theology to counter the ecological devastation we urgently face. Yet, Rieger reminds us that without an intersectional analysis of ecological issues, we are lost. Rethinking the work of theology for the planet's sustainability and flourishing is this book's great achievement." "This book is a powerful and persuasive theology of catastrophe and solidarity that yields a genuine and mature hope in the face of a commodified globe and racialized capitalism. Joerg Rieger is keeping alive a great prophetic tradition!"

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"Joerg Rieger has long and persuasively brought theology to bear upon the power of class. Now he binds his challenge to global capitalism with the full-bodied complexity of gender, sex, and race. And most importantly, he embeds this transnational intersectionalism in the precarious vibrancy of the earth. What can be more important-for all of us working earthlings-than his eco-social theology of deep solidarity?"



## RIEGER'S WORK

#### THE WENDLAND-COOK PROGRAM IN RELIGION & JUSTICE

An interdisciplinary program located at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. We focus on issues of justice that arise at the intersection of religion, economics, and ecology.

Founded in 2019 by Dr. Joerg Rieger and supported by a generous gift from <u>Barbara Wendland</u>, the mission of the program is to develop resources and opportunities for students, scholars, clergy, and activists to envision and create a more just and sustainable world for all.

More Info: www.religionandjustice.org

#### SOLIDARITY CIRCLES

A leasdership training program for faith leaders, clergy, organizers, and community members who realize that the solidarity economy is essential for the flourishing of life and our faith communities We believe that this work is deeply connected to the mission and vocation of Christian churches.

More Info: www.religionandjustice.org/solidarity-circles

## JOERG RIEGER



#### ABOUT

Joerg Rieger is Distinguished Professor of Theology, Cal Turner Chancellor's Chair of Wesleyan Studies, and the Founding Director of the Wendland-Cook Program in Religion and Justice at Vanderbilt University.

His work addresses the relation of theology and public life, reflecting on the misuse of power in religion, politics, ecology, and economics. His main interest is in developments and movements that bring about change and in the positive contributions of religion and theology.

Author and editor of 25 books and over 190 academic articles, his books include Theology in the Capitalocene: Ecology, Identity, Class, and Solidarity (2022), Jesus vs. Caesar: For People Tired of Serving the Wrong God (2018), No Religion but Social Religion: Liberating Wesleyan Theology (2018). Lecturing nationally and internationally, his works have been translated into Portuguese, Spanish, Italian, Croatian, German, Malayalam, Korean, and Chinese.

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## **JEATURE** JOERG

#### PODCAST INTERVIEWS

Host Joerg as a guest on your podcast to discuss his research, insights, and experiences. Dive deep into his expertise and explore topics of mutual interest with your audience. He's been featured on Homebrewed Christianity, Spirituality Adventures, Religious Socialism, Religion and Justice, Faith and Capital, and more!

#### JOURNALISTIC INTERVIEWS

Conduct interviews with Joerg for articles, blogs, or news pieces. Gain unique perspectives and insights that can enrich your content and provide valuable information to your readers about building the solidarity economy within their own religious traditions and practices.

#### EVENT SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Invite Joerg to speak at conferences, seminars, workshops, or panel discussions. Benefit from his expertise and engage your audience. Rieger has lectured throughout the United States as well as internationally, including presentations in Brazil, Argentina, Costa Rica, Mexico, South Africa, Zimbabwe, China, Cambodia, Thailand, the Philippines, India, Canada, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Slovakia, the Netherlands, Belgium, England, Israel/Palestine, and Russia. He is an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church.

#### SOLIDARITY CIRCLES

Join or form solidarity circles to support Joerg's work and advocacy efforts. Engage in meaningful discussions, share resources, and collaborate on initiatives that align with Joerg's mission and values.

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#### Schedule Joerg As a speaker

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