

# Editorial: *Theologia Viatorum*



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## Profile

### Overview

The University of Limpopo's (UL) journal, *Theologia Viatorum*, which was established some 33 years ago, was officially accepted into the EBSCO database on 17 August 2021, exactly a year after it was accepted into the Directory of Open Access Publishing (DOAJ). This database increases the journal's visibility among readers and authors.

The partnership with EBSCO is a major achievement for the journal and UL. It is also an opportunity to increase engagement, attract web traffic to the site and improve overall brand recognition.

The journal, founded by the then Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies at UL, seeks to delve into pilgrim theology, explore aspects of theology and religion in order to deepen people's understanding of God and broaden their perspectives on religious traditions.

UL's Office of Research Administration and Development and the School of Social Sciences under the leadership Prof. S. Sithole currently support the journal, and it is interested in all African religious traditions in all of their manifestations in all parts of Africa.

## Indexing

The journal is Department of Higher Education (DHET) accredited because it is listed on the following services:

- DHET SA List
- DOAJ

All articles published in the journal are included in:

- DOAJ
- EBSCO Host
- GALE CENGAGE Learning

## Open access

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## Publication

The journal has embraced contributions on topics related to the field of theology and religious studies, particularly those concerning the African continent and its peoples, which include interdisciplinary articles and contextualised analyses. Its contributors are scholars within various interdisciplinary fields working in history, anthropology, sociology, political science, missiology, literature and related disciplines. It is open to every methodological approach.

The journal publishes at least one issue per year, with at least 12 articles published online and subsequently printed in an end-of-year compilation. Additional issues may be published for special events (e.g. conferences) or when special themes are addressed.

## Journal administration

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## Conclusion

On behalf of the editorial board, I thank the following people for the success of *Theologia Viatorum*: The founders of the journal, in particular Profs. Van Wyk (the then Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies), H. van der Merwe and my mentor, J.P. Claasen. From AOSIS, I thank the editorial team, especially Tanien Botes, the production team, in particular Lara Antonopoulos and the supporting and services team, mainly Trudie Retief. Thank you very much for the scholars and reviewers who submitted their articles for publication. The editorial board values your contribution. What is a journal without scholars and reviewers? I thank

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I also thank UL for giving me an opportunity to run and manage this journal as a former member of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies. It is indeed a singular honour and privilege to serve as Editor-in-Chief for *Theologia Viatorum* and make a minute contribution to the wealth of knowledge.

Warm regards  
Simon Moripe  
Editor-in-Chief