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Academic Publishing 2009

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Academic publishing is a central part of the life of our Network of Theology and Religious Studies. We are committed to research, and we want to share our findings and reflections with other members of the guild, through academic publishing.

The following is a survey of books and journals published by our institutions and academic staff members throughout 2009. The journal article, which probably is the most important genre of academic dissemination, is unfortunately not included here, due to lacking information. Perhaps we once in the future will be able to give a full survey, including articles in journals and essay collections. What is included, though, in the following, is a presentation of the two journals that are published by network members: *Africa Theological Journal* (Makumira, Tanzania) and *Feon' Ny SALT* (SALT, Madagascar). The survey is based on the information gained by a questionnaire sent to all seven network institutions.

Cameroun: Institut Luthérien de Théologie

- Jean Koulagna: *Salomon de l'histoire deutéronomiste à Flavius Josèphe: Problèmes textuels et enjeux historiographiques*. Paris: Publibook, 2009. ISBN: 978-2-7483-4, h., 2-7483-4583-5, h.

Dr Koulagna – currently Rector of the Institut Luthérien de Théologie – has previously published two textbooks for degree students, one on the encounter between Christianity and Islam in West Africa (2002), and another on the history of Christianity in Africa (2003). The present book is a revised version of his Ph.D. dissertation in Old Testament studies, directed by Professor Jan Joosten, University of Strasbourg.

The book is a literary analysis of the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus' portrayal of King Solomon, as expressed in his historical works.

Madagascar: Lutheran Graduate School of Theology

- *Feon' ny SALT / Voix de la SALT / Voice of SALT*

This is a brand new journal, launched by the faculty of SALT – Lutheran Graduate School of Theology – in 2009, and edited by the Dean of SALT, Dr Fabien Lotera, came with no less than four issues the first year, each of 32 pages. The journal is mainly written in Malagasy, hence focusing on the local readership of pastors, lecturers in bible schools and seminaries, and others interested in theology and ecclesiology.

The format that is chosen allows for different kinds of articles, from brief pieces of information about SALT and its contexts, to longer, academic discussions. An example of the former, is the survey in 2009/3:28-29 of students theses written for the Licence degree in 2009, all together 33 theses. An example of the latter is Dr Razafindrakoto Georges' series of four articles on the Book of Isaiah. But there are also other articles, from biblical, historical, and systematic perspectives.

SALT's new journal is an impressive attempt to show the relevance of academic theology to its broader constituency, and it will prove important for pastors as well as bible schools and regional seminaries.

Norway: MHS School of Mission and Theology

- Magnar Kartveit: *The Origin of the Samaritans*. Leiden: Brill, 2009 (Supplements to Vetus Testamentum, 128). ISBN: 978-90-04-17819-9.

Professor Kartveit has been working with Samaritan studies for many years, and he is currently President of the international organization of Samaritan scholarship, Société d'Etudes Samaritaines. The present book challenges the traditional concept of the origin of the Samaritans, which is based on the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus' reading of 2 Kings 17. Instead it is argued that the moment of birth of the Samaritans was the construction of the temple on Mount Gerizim. This took place in the first part of the fourth century BC, on accordance with the original commandment of Moses in Deuteronomy 27:4.

- Bård Mæland & Paul Otto Brunstad: *Enduring Military Boredom: From 1750 to the Present*. Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, 2009. ISBN: 978-0-230-57783-1.

Professor Mæland – currently Rector of the School of Mission and Theology – has written this unique analysis of military boredom together with Dr Paul Otto Brunstad of the Chaplaincy, Norwegian Defence. The aim of the book is to contribute to a deeper understanding – historically, empirically and theoretically – of the complex phenomenon of boredom in a military context. The book takes the reader on a journey through military history and contemporary case studies in order to demonstrate how boredom has been a much-felt problem and how different means of alleviating boredom have emerged.

- Oyvind M. Eide, Leif Gunnar Engedal, Lechion Peter Kimilike & Emeline Ndossi: *Restoring Life in Christ: Pastoral Care and Human Suffering: African Experiences*. Usa River: Jointly published by Makumiran University College and New Millennium Books, 2009. ISBN: 978-9987-668-15-1.

Oyvind M. Eide, Leif Gunnar Engedal, Lechion Peter Kimilike & Emeline Ndossi: *Restoring Life in Christ: Pastoral Care and Domestic Violence: African Experiences*. Usa River:

Jointly published by Makumira University College and New Millennium Books, 2009. ISBN: 978-9987-668-14-4.

Cf. below, Tanzania: Makumira University College.

- Tomas Sundnes Drønen: *Communication and Conversion in Northern Cameroon: The Dii People and Norwegian Missionaries, 1934-1960*. Leiden: Brill, 2009 (Studies in Christian Mission, 37). ISBN: 978-90-04-17754-3.

The main question here is whether modern Christian mission to Africa was primarily a colonial project and a civilizing mission, or rather was a spiritual revival spreading to new areas. The book tells the tale of the Dii people in northern Cameroon and describes their encounter with Norwegian missionaries. Through archival studies and fieldwork among the Dii, an intriguing scenario is presented. Whereas the missionaries describe their mission as one of spiritual liberation, and the Dii highlight the social liberation they received through literacy and political independence, Dr Drønen shows how both spiritual and social changes were results of captivation, miscommunication and constant negotiations between the two parties.

Tanzania: Makumira University College

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The two books result from a research project on ‘Africanization of Pastoral Care’, a project developed within our Network of Theology and Religious Studies, cf. *Network Newsletter* 15 (2008) 3-4, and 18 (2009) 2-3. The first result – as far as texts are concerned – of the project came in 2008, when the four researchers published an academic anthology entitled *Restoring Life in Christ: Dialogues of Care in Christian Communities: An African Perspective* (Neuendettelsau: Erlanger Verlag für Mission und Ökumene / Usa River, Arusha: The Research Institute of Makumira University College, 2008. Makumira Publication 19). The 2008 anthology presents the theoretical background of the project, emphasizing the needs for a theology of pastoral care ‘from below’, that is a theology built on the experiences and practice of local pastors. The two 2009 books follow this up, each presenting five cases from the daily work of the pastor, then offering some reflection and discussion in relation to these cases. The first book addresses ‘Pastoral care and human suffering’, with cases on conflicts between generations, demon possession, disturbed mind, AIDS, and grief. The second book addresses domestic violence, with cases on pregnancy before marriage, conflicts with in-laws, domestic violence, alcoholism, and infidelity.

- *Africa Theological Journal*.

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ATJ, from 2009 edited by Rev Habakuki Lwendo who is Dean, Faculty of Theology, Makumira, has since it was launched in 1968, been a major voice in the development of African theology, church history and biblical studies. A large number of articles have been published throughout the years, many of which have proved influential for subsequent scholarship. For the Network of Theology and Religious

Studies it is a privilege that such a journal is published by one of the network partners, and ATJ should constantly be considered with regard to articles we write for publication in prestigious, academic contexts, as well as review copies of our books.

AJT normally publishes two issues per year. The second issue of 2009 is somewhat delayed, but the first issue includes several interesting contributions. Anna Chitendo (Zimbabwe) writes about prophetesses and healing in Zimbabwe, Hans-Helmut Schneider (Makumira, Tanzania) offers a devotional exposition of 1 Cor 3:3-9, Marjo Tuovinen (Finland) writes about mission and African women, Joseph M. Wandera (Kenya) writes about xenophobic conflicts in Africa, and Bengt Holmberg (Sweden) writes about the question of honour in discussing with Jesus.



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