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Forgiveness - when and if it happens - releases the irruption of a logic sequence that differs from any mercantile economy. Like gift, of which forgiveness is an exceptional figure, forgiveness implies to withdraw and surpass the exchange in a relationship inspired by gratuitousness. It is the reason why, by asking forgiveness or by forgiving, we release unpredictable effect from the point of view of an economic, political or social equity. This exception of forgiveness makes it all the more valuable in the (individual as well as collective) human relationships because it always brings a new layout that makes moral progress possible; and that would be impossible without contravening to the simple criteria of utility and equity.

Yet forgiveness is a universal anthropological notion. The possibility of forgiveness is inscribed in human freedom: every man can practice forgiveness, for every man has the power to act freely in relation to the weight of the past. It remains the fact that the concept of forgiveness also has a specific historical significance, linked to the different cultural and religious heritages. Any inquiry into the meaning of forgiveness cannot avoid a reflection on the contributions of the different religious revelations in our conception of forgiveness and their secularization in contemporary societies.

The expected contributions concern all human and social sciences, including religious sciences. First, they will explore the conceptual dimension of the concept of forgiveness and its sources in the religious beliefs, with particular attention to the three monotheisms: Judaism, Christianity and Islam. Secondly, the use of the concept of forgiveness must be restored in the human and social sciences, considering the richness of its application in various disciplinary and cultural contexts.

Prospective authors are free to submit their works, provided that they are in line with the general theme and topics indicated in the call for papers, under one of the following sections:

*Themes and perspectives* will contain original research articles devoted to the topic chosen for the relating issue. Submitted papers must be between 35.000 and 45.000 characters, including spaces, notes and references.

*Comments and debates* will contain results of studies on single experiences, and/or comparing different territorial areas. The section will also include papers critically dealing with "hot topics" or translations and discussions of texts relevant to the general theme and topics addressed in the call for papers. Papers must be between 15.000 and 25.000 characters – including spaces, notes and references.

*Review and reports* will be devoted to the dissemination of news related to the general theme and topics addressed by the call for papers, both in the form of reviews of published texts (not only papers), and in the form of reports of conferences, congresses, workshops and national and international on-going research (papers must not exceed 10.000 characters – including spaces, notes and references).

Please note that these last two sections (*Comments and debates*, and *Review and reports*) have a call that is always open, not necessarily related to the topic of the section *Themes and perspectives*, but linked to the focus and scope of Journal.

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