

Bartolomé de Las Casas: Transatlantic Reformer?

Call for Papers

In Charles Taylor's provocative study, *A Secular Age*, he identifies Reform as a broad conviction "felt with increasing power during the Middle Ages and early modern period, that not just an élite, but as far as possible all the faithful live up to the demands of the Gospel" (104). Drawing on this expansive concept, the theme of the *Third International Conference on Bartolomé de las Casas (June 22–June 24, 2022)* will center on the question of Las Casas's role as a transatlantic reformer. Papers are welcome that put Las Casas in conversation with broader trends in sixteenth-century reformations, Christian humanism and secularization as well as currents in theology, literature, philosophy, anthropology, and law. Organizers also welcome contributions that draw on approaches that address Las Casas's mark on social discipline and print culture.



Importantly, this Lascasian conference coincides with the 500th anniversary of Las Casas's 1522 entrance into a self-consciously reforming Dominican Order, itself an expression of trends in the renewal of religious life. Participants will benefit from and contribute to the rich combination of unique research interests afforded by this interdisciplinary invitation to consider Las Casas as a reformer in his own right. **Proposals** (in English, French, Portuguese, or Spanish) of **250 to 500 words** in length and a **short bio** of **250 words** are due by **February 1st, 2022**: sent to the attention of the organizers at

LasCasasConference2022@gmail.com.

Accepted papers will be eligible for inclusion in a projected third double-blind peer-reviewed collection. For up to date information, visit [Lascasian Studies at Providence College](#).

The *Third International Conference on Bartolomé de las Casas* will also provide the occasion for the founding of the Society for Lascasian Studies and the Bulletin for Lascasian Studies. **The conference will take place on the campus of Providence College in the picturesque city of Providence, Rhode Island. A limited number of opportunities for remote online presentations may be provided.**

Confirmed Keynote Speakers:

[Santa Arias](#), Department Chair, Spanish and Portuguese, The University of Arizona

[Mariano Delgado](#), Professor of Church and Mission History, University of Freiburg, Switzerland

David T. Orique, O.P., Ph.D.

Rady Roldán-Figueroa, Th.D.

Andrew L. Wilson, Ph.D.