



University of
Chester

Alternative Salvations

Conference

18th September 2012 // 10:30am – 4:30pm
Hollybank 002 // University of Chester, UK

**CALL FOR
PAPERS**

The Conference

To speak of salvation is, broadly, to speak about transformation from one present reality into a new, transformed and better reality. While the language of salvation itself is not necessarily found in every religious tradition, the hope of, or incentive to work towards, such transformation is a widespread characteristic of many religious traditions. In Christianity, there are a number of dominant perspectives on salvation associated with particular traditions, usually expressed in grand future eschatological narratives. But what of alternative approaches to salvation that have developed outside of established religious orthodoxies?

The conference will explore how 'unorthodox' readings of sacred texts inform salvation experience; how life transformations outside of religious contexts might be considered spiritual; how ideas of this-worldly salvation are politicised; how ideas of salvation are simultaneously secularised and infused with new power; what alternative salvations can be discovered within Christianity and how might they be practised. In particular, we are seeking to explore the ways that alternative religious, spiritual and secular understandings of the notion of salvation already shape, and have the potential to shape, how people live and act in Christian and post-Christian contexts .

Call for Papers

This exciting conference breaks new ground in exploring alternative approaches to salvation. Proposals for short papers are invited on any aspect of the theme of 'alternative salvations' as outlined here. Papers will normally be 20 minutes in length with an additional 10 minutes for discussion. Applications to submit a short paper should include:

- **Proposer's name and affiliation**
- **a title for the paper**
- **a 200 word abstract**
- **Details of any audio-visual equipment you will need to deliver your paper**

Short paper proposals should be submitted to alternativesalvations@chester.ac.uk by no later than 4:00pm on 16th April 2012. Applicants should know the outcome of their proposal by 18th May 2012.

Conference costs: £28 (£18 for unwaged and students) inclusive of lunch and refreshments. *To attend the conference, please use the application form overleaf.*

Alternative Salvations Conference Booking Form



Payment Details:

Conference costs: £28 (£18 for unwaged and students) inclusive of lunch and refreshments. Please make cheques payable to 'University of Chester'. To pay by credit card, please use the form below. Please send your completed form to: 'alternative salvations', Theology and Religious Studies, University of Chester, Chester, CH1 4BJ, UK.

If you require a text-only version of the conference flyer and booking form, or you have any other query, please email: alternativesalvations@chester.ac.uk

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Please specify any dietary requirements you may have (e.g. vegetarian/gluten free food):

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Please detail any other specific needs that will better enable your full participation in the conference:

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