

# WHAT DOES THEOLOGY DO, ACTUALLY?

## OBSERVING SYSTEMATIC THEOLOGY AND THE TRANSCULTURAL

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The revolution brought about across humanities disciplines through globalization and the recognition of “multiple modernities” (cf. Eisenstadt) has introduced a diversity of cultural content and perspectives into all of the disciplines of the humanities and social sciences. Theology in Western Europe has struggled to substantially incorporate transcultural complexity into its research. One way of investigating reasons for this, as well as of examining the nature of the particular tasks that religion in transcultural contexts presents to theology, is to ask the fundamental question: “What does theology do, actually?” The question places emphasis on the present and thus invites analysis of the interface between theological modes of reflection and empirical research at transcultural sites of reflected religious communications. An interdisciplinary and international group of contributors will problematize the forms and functions of theologies as reflected religious communications that are lived and experienced. In this way, the symposium will work toward a critical assessment of a transcultural theology.