

Call for Papers

Kierkegaard on Love and the Passions

International Conference

August 22-24, 2012

Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre

University of Copenhagen

There is no doubt that passion and love play an important role in Søren Kierkegaard's authorship. But what is love? Is it a rigorous duty, a religious commandment that makes Kierkegaard's view on love agapistic? Or is love a feeling? An overwhelming urge with a life of its own? And are feelings less worthy than reason? Is love a passion? But what is a passion? A dialectic between suffering and joy? What does it mean to Kierkegaard that God is love? And in what sense - if any - has the Platonic concept of eros shaped Kierkegaard's notion of love? It is these and many other questions regarding love and the passions that we wish to debate and discuss. Over the last decade or two there has been a focus in Kierkegaard research on *Works of Love*, and of course the conference should reflect the growing interest in this work, but we also wish to encourage papers concerning love and the passions in *other parts* of the authorship.

We invite papers of a length 30 minutes reading time.

Along with the conference The Søren Kierkegaard Research Centre will also host a PhD workshop where it will be possible for PhD students to present and discuss their current work in or related to Kierkegaard's thoughts.

For those who wish to participate in the PhD workshop we invite proposals with a reading time of 20 minutes.

An abstract of 2000 characters together with a CV must in any case be sent to sec@sk.ku.dk no later than March 15 2012

Conference dates: August 22 – August 24 2012

Conference venue: Faculty of Theology, University of Copenhagen, Købmagergade 44, aud. 7 and 11.