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The *Zeitschrift für Neuere Theologiegeschichte* / *Journal for the History of Modern Theology*, since 2008 *Journal for the History of Modern Theology* / *Zeitschrift für Neuere Theologiegeschichte*, was founded in 1994 by Richard E. Crouter, Friedrich Wilhelm Graf and Günter Meckenstock. Since then, 31 volumes have been published and the *Journal for the History of Modern Theology* has established itself as one of the leading global organs for research into the history of theology.

Over the past three decades, Friedrich Wilhelm Graf has made a decisive contribution to the development of the *Journal for the History of Modern Theology* into an international and interdisciplinary forum for the critical study of the history of theology. He has contributed numerous articles, editions and reviews as editor-in-chief. Without his commitment, the *Journal for the History of Modern Theology* would not be what it is today. The fact that the history of theology must be reconstructed against the backdrop of complex processes of social modernization, as the change in social structures leads to transformations in discourse, is a research perspective that Graf has in research into the history of theology. It also guides the *Journal for the History of Modern Theology*. After 30 years, Friedrich Wilhelm Graf has stepped down as editor-in-chief of the *Journal for the History of Modern Theology*. The editors and the De Gruyter publishing house would like to thank Friedrich Wilhelm Graf for his tireless efforts.

Following the departure of Friedrich Wilhelm Graf, the editorial board has been reconstituted in cooperation with the publisher. Theodore M. Vial, Jr., who had been editor since 2008, has also left the editorial board. We would also like to thank him for his work and contributions to the journal.

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We are delighted to welcome Julia A. Lamm and Christian Danz as new members of the editorial board. Julia Lamm, known to many as a renowned Schleiermacher scholar, is Professor of Theology and Director of the Costan Lecture in Early Christianity at Georgetown University in Washington, DC. Christian Danz is Professor of Systematic Theology A.B. at the Protestant Theological Faculty of the University of Vienna. Alf Christophersen, who has been responsible for the review section of the *Journal for the History of Modern Theology* since 2008, now serves as co-editor but remains responsible for the reviews. Mark D. Chapman has kindly agreed to continue as editor of the *Journal for the History of Modern Theology*.

As an academic journal, the *Journal for the History of Modern Theology* is aimed, as the *Editorial* of the first issue from 1994 states, “at theologians, historians, philosophers, religious scholars and representatives of other cultural studies disciplines” (6). It is dedicated to the study of recent theological history since the Enlightenment in parallel with social development in a global perspective. The *Journal for the History of Modern Theology* contains articles, editions of source texts, reviews and research reports on individual theologians.

Even 30 years after its foundation, it remains the case that the “position of the historiography of theology within the academic theology of Protestantism [...] is peculiarly precarious” (5). The history of theology has not yet been able to institutionalize itself as a discipline in its own right. In Christian theology, the history of theology is practised in the no-man’s land between historical and systematic theology. As a result, the historical self-reflection of theology in the context of social and scientific development since the Enlightenment is still underexplored in comparison to other academic disciplines. Academic theology is also a historical phenomenon that has emerged only in the context of contingent historical processes in relation to the development of the ‘sciences’ and social changes since the Enlightenment. These complex developments not only led to new understandings of what religion was, what function it could have for people and society, and how it could be appropriately described, but also of what academic theology was. Since the middle of the nineteenth century, these developments have taken place within global discourses on religion in which new definitions of religion and Christianity as well as academic theology have been shaped. Since then, the history of theology has also been part of a wider global framework that has to be included in its reflections. The *Journal* also seeks to include discussions from across the different theological traditions – Protestant, Catholic, Anglican, and Orthodox. The *Journal for the History of Modern Theology* is dedicated to the differentiated academic exploration of these complex processes from an interdisciplinary and interdenominational perspective.

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