

2012 Lecture Series

# SPA FER

Joerg Rieger • Canterbury United Methodist Church • September 21st & 22nd



**Joerg Rieger**, is Wendland-Cook Professor of Constructive Theology at Perkins School of Theology, SMU. For more than two decades he has worked to bring together theology and the struggles for justice and liberation that mark our age. His work addresses the relation of theology to public life, using tools from cultural studies, critical theory, and religious studies, and reflecting on the misuse of power in politics and economics.

Internationally recognized for his prolific and visionary writing, a selection of his books includes *Traveling* (2011), *Grace under Pressure* (2011), *Globalization and Theology* (2010),

## “Empire, Economics, & Christ: Does Christianity Still Make a Difference?”

### Lectures

**Friday, September 21, 2012**

**Session 1: “Christ and Empire: The Radical Christian Heritage”**  
7-9pm Lecture, Q&A, Reception

**Saturday, September 22, 2012**

**Session 2: “Economics as Religion: What Does Jesus Have to Do with Wall Street?”**  
9 – 10:30 am, Lecture, Q&A

**Session 3: Economics and Resistance: Reshaping Desire From the Bottom Up**  
11 am – 12:30 pm, Lecture, Q&A

**Place:** Canterbury United Methodist Church  
350 Overbrook Road in Birmingham

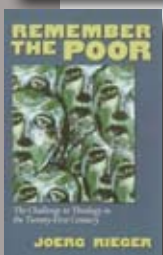
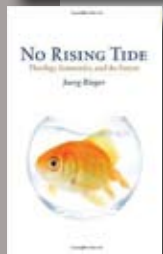
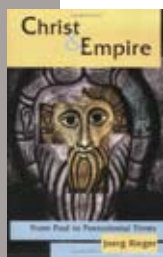
**Price:** **Friday** - Lecture, Q&A , Reception - \$20.00  
**Saturday** - Two Lectures - \$20.00

Advance purchase of Weekend Ticket to include **Friday & Saturday** Lectures - \$35.00

*No Rising Tide: Theology, Economics, and the Future* (2009), *Beyond the Spirit of Empire: Theology and Politics in a New Key* (2009, with Néstor Miguez and Jung Mo Sung), *Christ and Empire: From Paul to Postcolonial Times* (2007, German and Portuguese transl.); *God and the Excluded: Visions and Blindspots in Contemporary Theology* (2001); and *Remember the Poor: The Challenge to Theology in the Twenty-First Century* (1998).

Rieger has lectured throughout the United States, as well as internationally, including presentations in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Senegal, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, England, Russia, Brazil, Argentina, and Mexico. He is on the steering committee of the Dallas Area Christian Progressive Alliance, on the steering committee of Jobs with Justice in North Texas, and he is co-founder of the Workers’ Rights Board in the Dallas area.

For more information on his work, see [www.joergrieger.com](http://www.joergrieger.com).



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### Additional Info & Tickets

To make a reservation, go to the Web site [www.spafer.org](http://www.spafer.org), click on Dr. Joerg Rieger in the orange Lecture Series tab, and pay with your credit card or your PayPal account. You may also mail a check to: SPA FER, P.O. Box 130267, Birmingham, AL 35213. All tickets are picked up at the door, and no confirmations will be sent out.