

Editorial note

The origins of this special issue of *Temenos* lie in the panel we, the guest editors of the issue, organised at the European Association for the Study of Religions' annual meeting in Groningen, the Netherlands, in 2014. The one-day panel 'Connected with God' proved to be an intellectually stimulating mini-conference within an excellent conference. The in-depth discussions, lively interaction, and well-argued critique elevated, focused, and broadened the topic, resulting not only in this special issue but also in novel ways of understanding the Christianities' perceptions of encountering the 'other'. We wish to thank those who participated in the EASR panel who were unable to contribute to this special issue for enlivening the discussion: Benjamin Lindquist, Teemu Mantsinen, Tomas Mansikka, and Alexandra Stellmacher. Moreover, we express our heartfelt thanks to Jon P. Mitchell for the thought-provoking and well-reasoned Afterword. We also wish to extend our gratitude to the anonymous reviewer of this special issue for their insightful comments, to the chief editor of *Temenos*, Måns Broo, for his perseverance and support, and to the editorial secretary of *Temenos*, Pekka Tolonen, for his forbearance and meticulousness. Finally, we wish to thank the contributors to this issue for their commitment to this project and for their diligence and patience.

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