

**2021 Annual Conference of The Mystical Theology Network
& The Association for Continental Philosophy of Religion**



Liverpool Hope University, 12-14 July 2021

**How and why is 'nothing' such a central concern for the mystical?
What meaning, if any, derives from negation, un-knowing, un-saying;
or from evoking the Absolute in terms of absence, silence, darkness, void,
abyss, desert, and no-thing-ness? Why do mystics across different religious
traditions return continually to images and ideas of negativity?
And how might these interfaces between 'nothingness' and 'the mystical'
illuminate our contemporary concerns with these two elusive notions?**

**This interdisciplinary conference brings together theologians, philosophers,
historians, literary scholars, linguists, psychologists, artists, art historians,
poets, musicians, and contemplative practitioners to examine interfaces
between themes of 'nothingness', 'negativity', and the mystical .**

Keynote Speakers

**George Pattison
Rik Van Nieuwenhove
Melissa Raphael**

**Further information on the Mystical Theology Network website
<http://users.ox.ac.uk/~rege0676/Conference7.html>**