
Lectures by John Thatamanil

Associate Professor of Theology and World Religions

7 p.m. Nov. 7, 2017

Welcome and introduction

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**Circling the Elephant:
Christian Approaches to Religious Diversity**

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Discussion

10 a.m. Nov. 8, 2017

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The Quest for Interreligious Wisdom

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Dr. John Thatamanil is associate professor of theology and world religions at Union Theological Seminary in New York City, where he teaches courses in the areas of comparative theology, theologies of religious diversity, Hindu-Christian dialogue, the theology of Paul Tillich, theory of religion and process theology.

The author of *The Immanent Divine: God, Creation, and the Human Predicament. An East-West Conversation*, Dr. Thatamanil is currently completing his second book, *The Promise of Religious Diversity: Constructive Theology After Religion*. He earned his Bachelor of Arts degree from Washington University in St. Louis, his Master of Divinity from the Boston University School of Theology and his Ph.D. from the Boston University Division of Religious and Theological Studies.

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