



Call for Book Chapters
**Saint Augustine as 'Doctor Pacis':
Inquiries on Peace for People Living
Today**
Book Series on Augustinian Studies



The Uniagustiniana Press is pleased to invite researchers, research groups and university professors, from any place of the world, to submit research book chapters or academic essays studying the initiatives and ideas of Augustine of Hippo as 'Doctor Pacis', from different disciplines and perspectives.

Presentation

Augustine's cathedral church in Hippo was called '*Basilica Pacis*', 'basilica of peace'. The latter title aptly summarizes one of the fundamental driving forces in Augustine's life: his quest for peace. Augustine constantly strove for peace – for himself, for his community, for the society at large – and this according to the multilayered meaning he perceived in peace: (I) political-economic stability allowing people to live well, and (II) the spiritual authentic rest of our soul.

- (I) His passionate search for truth and justice in a society characterized by religious tensions, political unrest and economic depression, which is very similar to ours, has a strong appealing force. His ideas of temporal peace, and his own concrete initiatives in this regard, may serve as inspiration for today. While Augustine, as theologian, admits that temporary peace does not give real happiness – only the peace of the heavenly city does – and is ultimately a form of consolation for earthly misery, he does consider it a bonum. Moreover, he stresses that one cannot live well without earthly peace. Hence it is a vocation for all Christians to work together to establish peace on earth. In Augustine's own praxis, we see that he develops several of initiatives to stimulate concord amongst the members of his community and bishopric, to foster unity amongst Christians, to guarantee peace amongst all citizens of the Roman Empire, Christian or not. For this reason, unity was for the bishop of Hippo one of the most essential characteristics of the Church, both for the universal Church and for the local church communities.
- (II) At the basis of his ideas about earthly peace, and his own peace promoting praxis, lays Augustine's fundamental intuition that man cannot live without love, that this love – which is for Augustine a name for God – is the sole basis for peace. In his 7th Homily on the First Epistle of John, we read: 'Love, and do what you wish: whether you hold your peace, through love hold your peace; whether you cry out, through love cry out; whether you correct, through love correct; whether you spare, through love do you spare: let the root of love be within, of this root can nothing spring but what is good.' Authentic love, this is love for God, for the neighbor and yourself, is the basis of the fundamental peace and rest of our soul. This is the rest and peace that Augustine – his restless heart (Conf. 1, 1) – craved for with all of his being. This love, which is at the



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same time the most important objective of our life and the dynamic that drives us to this objective, is graciously offered to us by God. Our challenge is to respond, with love, to this loving call. Hence, a true bond of hearts is established. This is according to Augustine how life will be lived out in the city of God in all eternity.

Also today, our world is craving for peace, on many levels and in different contexts. For that reason the current book, as the first publication of our series, wants to study the initiatives and ideas of Augustine as 'Doctor Pacis', teacher of peace, also for today. Thus, we will divide the book in three main research areas.

Main Areas

Augustine as 'Doctor Pacis' from a historical approach. These chapters will study how Augustine himself was a peace keeper. We offer an overview and study of the initiatives and actions he deployed to organize an ordered community life in Hippo, to contribute to unity within Christianity, how he interacted with the political world of his days in order to safeguard political tranquility and economic prosperity.

Augustine as 'Doctor Pacis' from philosophical, theological, and spiritual ideas. These chapters will study those ideas that constituted the core of Augustine's desire for peace: the bond between God and his people as inspiration for peace in this world. The contributions of the second part will illustrate how peace was foundational for the core concepts of Augustine's thinking.

Augustine's advice to contemporary situations. Augustine was anything but an abstract thinker. Just as his theology was anchored in the historical context of his time, our volume intends to retrieve his reflections on peace for people living today. It does not need any further explanation that our current world - with its many quarrels, conflicts and wars - deeply desires for peace. The third part of our volume will study how can Augustine inspire us to be 'at peace' with the nature we live in, to establish economic concord between the different classes of society, to solve situations of (civil) war, to promote unity within Christianity and peaceful dialogue amongst all religions, to foster unity at home - in the families or religious communities we live in, in our schools, universities, hospitals, prisons, etc.



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Home Editors

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Among his recent contributions to the literature on Augustinian Studies are “*San Agustín. Una Biografía*” (2012), “*San Agustín: pastor y santo. Algunos aspectos del pensamiento de San Agustín*” (2012), “*La incomprehesibilidad de Dios. Agustín como teólogo negativo*” (translation, 2014), “*Abbá Padre. La misericordia de Dios Padre según San Agustín*” (2015), “*Ministerio de amor. Ejercicios espirituales agustinianos con la exhortación apostólica Evangelii gaudium del papa Francisco*” (2015); “*Camino a la sabiduría. Líneas pedagógicas de San Agustín*” (2016).

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Adressed to

Professors, researchers and research groups on Augustinian Studies from different disciplines and perspectives.

Language of publication

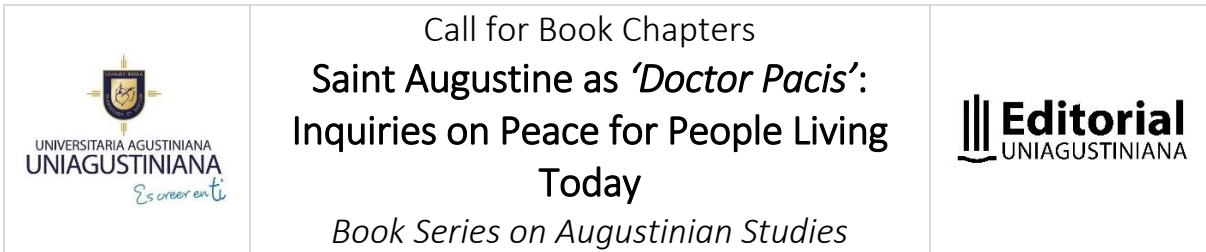
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Submission Guidelines

Articles submitted to this *Call for Chapters* must be original, unpublished and must not be submitted in any other publication or press. The editorial team will not accept chapters that have been previously published by any other means except for working papers. This restriction also includes articles or chapters published in different languages, unless there is an explicit consent from the Press or its author.

The submission process of this *Call for Chapters* includes two stages:

- 1. Abstracts submission.** Authors willing to send a proposal for this *Call for Chapters*, can submit, in the first place, a general and analytical abstract of the chapter that will be sent afterwards. The abstract must describe the chapter’s general proposal and the



main references or authors that support the concepts or arguments in the text. Also, the abstract must reflect the way in which the chapter will be organized and developed and its importance in the contribution to the Augustinian Studies and literature.

Besides the abovementioned recommendations, the editorial team suggests that the abstract submitted for this *Call for Chapters* should include the following information:

- › Title of the chapter
- › Academic biography of the author(s)¹
- › Chapter's main proposal
- › Author's theoretical focus or perspective
- › Description of the methodology
- › Description of the topics and the development of the text
- › Findings, contributions, conclusions, and limitations of the chapter
- › Reference list

The abstract's length should not exceed 1,000 words (excluding the reference list).



- 2. Submission of chapters in full text.** The abstracts submitted in the first stage will be shortlisted by the editors of the book. The editors will also select the chapters that will continue the process. Authors of the selected abstracts will be contacted and requested the writing and the submission of the chapter in full text. The editors will inform authors the submission deadline.

The chapter's length should have a minimum of 6,000 words and should not exceed 10,000 words (excluding the reference list). The chapter should include an abstract made of no more than 200 words and 4-6 keywords. The chapter must follow the *American Psychological Association* (APA) style manual (6th edition)².

The chapter must be written in a coherent way. The author should remember the basic structure for organizing a chapter which includes: an introduction, a development, and some conclusions. Of course, each area of knowledge develops, in different ways, its contents, however, the language being used and the contributions being argued must be clear avoiding any ambiguity.

¹ The author's biography should not exceed 4 lines and must include the author's last academic titles (post doctorate, PhD, Masters and Universities), the current institutional affiliation (department, faculty and university) and the contact email (personal or institutional).

² Authors are suggested to check the APA examples of the *Purdue Online Writing Lab* as a guide to cite and reference: <https://owl.english.purdue.edu/owl/resource/560/01/>

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After finishing the first stage, chapters received in full text will follow a “double-blind” peer review process (authors and reviewers information will be reserved during the whole process). Authors will be notified whether their chapters have been accepted or need to be modified before being published. Authors will also be informed in case the proposal has not been approved in the first stage.

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Timeline

Activity	Date
Publication of the <i>Call for Chapters</i>	January, 2017
Abstracts submission deadline:	May 2 nd , 2017
Publication of the shortlisted abstracts:	June 5 th , 2017
Chapters submission deadline:	Oct. 30 th , 2017
Peer review process and authors notification:	Nov. – Dec. 2017
Editorial process:	Jan. – Feb. 2018
Publication:	March 2018

Publication and dissemination

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be published also in a printed version and its commercialization or distribution will be in charge of the Unigustiniana Press.

The book will also be submitted to different evaluation processes in international indexing databases such as the *Book Citation Index* or open repositories such as the DOAB (Directory of Open Access Books). For Colombian authors, the Unigustiniana Press will be able to endorse the published chapter as a research product to be presented to Colciencias.

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