

MONDAY, 12 NOVEMBER, 2018

MARIA-THERESIA COLLEGE (MTC1 01.03), KU LEUVEN

- 09:00** Conference Registration & Coffee
(Entrance hall, Maria-Theresia College)
- 10:00** Colloquium Opening Address by **Father Michel Coppin**, President of Omnes Gentes and Director of Missio Belgium
- 10:10** Introduction
Johan De Tavernier, Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, KU Leuven
Eric Gaziaux, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, UC Louvain
- Panel 1** (Chaired by Honorary Dean, **Mathijs Lamberigts**, KU Leuven)
- 10:30** *Violence and Peace in the Multi-Religious Context of India* by **Vincent Kundukulangara** (Pontifical Seminary of Aluva, India)
- 11:10** Coffee Break (Entrance hall, Maria-Theresia College)
- 11:30** *Le Mouvement contre la torture Sébastien Acevedo (MCTSA). Une expérience de paix dans la violence de la dictature chilienne* by **Loreto Moya Marchant** (Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Chile)
- 12:10** *Religion in the Philippine Constitutional Context: Social Theory, Jurisprudence and Interreligious Dialogue* by **Ranhilio C. Aquino** (Archdiocese of Tuguegarao, Philippines)
- 13:00** Lunch Break
- 15:00** Workshops/PhD Presentations KUL (Animators: Bert Roebben and Jacques Haers)
Presentations (thirty minutes each) by Mary Lilian Akhere Ehidihamhen, Frances Diaz, Anselm Ngetwa, Dennis Abraham and Emmanuel Awiah
- 17:00** *Religion, Violence and Peacebuilding: Challenges for Integration and Development* by **Mgr Matthew Hassan Kukah** (Bishop of Sokoto, Nigeria)
- Musical Intermezzo
- 18:30** Standing Reception at the Jubilee Hall
(University Hall, Naamsestraat 22, Leuven)

TUESDAY, 13 NOVEMBER, 2018

MONTESQUIEU 01, UC LOUVAIN

- Panel 2** (Chaired by **Dean Eric Gaziaux**, UCL)
- 10:00** Presentation of the Documentary, "Congo Tribunal"
- 10:30** *L'engagement de L'Eglise pour la paix en contexte de terrorisme, le cas du Cameroun en Afrique central (The Commitment of the Church for Peace in a Context of Terrorism: The Case of Cameroon in Central Africa)* by **Jean Paul Messina** (Université Catholique d'Afrique Centrale, Yaoundé, Cameroun)
- 11:10** Coffee Break
- 11:30** *La contribution du récit à la construction de la paix en Colombie* by **José Maria Siciliani** (Universidad La Salle y Universidad San Bonaventure, Colombia)
- 12:10** *A Pilgrimage of Costly Peace? Religious Communities, Violence and homecoming in (Southern) Africa* by **Reginald W. Nel** (Stellenbosch University, South Africa)
- 13:00** Lunch Break
- 15:00** Workshops/PhD Presentations UCL (Animators: Bert Roebben and Henri Derroitte)
Presentations (thirty minutes each) by Diane du Val d'Eprémesnil
Jeevan Prasad, Bruno Vandenbulcke, and Leonidas Habarugira
- 17:30** Free time
- 18:00** *Multi-cultural Eucharistic Celebration in the Church of Saint-Francis* led by **Msgr. Jan Dumon**
- 19:30** Conference Dinner

WEDNESDAY, 14 NOVEMBER, 2018

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- Panel 3** (Chaired by Father Michel Coppin, Director of Mission)
- 10:00** *L'engagement de la Conférence Episcopale Nationale du Congo dans le Conflict Sociopolitique en DRC (The Commitment of the National Episcopal Conference of Congo in the Sociopolitical Conflict in the DRC)* by **Mgr. Marcel Utembi** (Archbishop of Kisangani, Democratic Republic of Congo)
- 10:40** Cardinal **Peter Kodwo Appiah Turkson** (Prefect, Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development)
- 11:15** Coffee Break
(Entrance hall, Maria-Theresia College)
- 11:30** *Conclusions and Future Perspectives Gathering for discussion/feedback on the results of the conference, how it has inspired us, and practical suggestions for ways forward towards peacebuilding.* To be facilitated by **Diane du Val d'Eprémesnil** and **Anthony Atansi**
- 12:45** Closing Remarks by Father **Coppin**, Dean **Gaziaux**, and Honorary Dean **Lamberigts**

LOCATIONS:

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Lord God of Peace, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: "Never again war!" "With war everything is lost." Instil in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.

(Culled from Pope Francis' Prayer for Peace)

The purpose of this conference will be to examine the enduring and pertinent issues of religion, violence and peacebuilding in our world today. It also celebrates 100 years of the publication of *Quod iam Diu*, the Encyclical of Pope Benedict XV "On the Future Peace Conference" that was published on 1 December, 1918. The conference will comprise of keynote addresses and workshops given by scholars from around the world involved in the work of peacebuilding. We trust that the papers and workshops will be accessible both to the academic theologians and broader community including students of theology, philosophy, law, social sciences and international relations, and those interested in the theme of religion, violence and peace-building more generally.

Peace is an everlasting challenge that transcends human efforts. It is a gift of God as underlined in Pope Francis' prayer for peace. As an expression of this conviction and inspired by the thoughts of Pope Benedict XV in the aforementioned encyclical, the conference will be interspersed with the opportunity for a multi-cultural Eucharistic celebration in the Church of St. Francis of Assisi (known for his prayer and ardent desire to be an "instrument of peace") in Louvain-la-Neuve.

PLACE AND DATE

The conference will take place at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven on 12 & 14 November (Monday and Wednesday) and at the Faculty of Theology, Université Catholique de Louvain, Louvain-la-Neuve, Belgium, on 13 November (Tuesday), 2018.

ORGANIZATION AND SPONSORING

The conference is organized by *Omnes Gentes*, a consortium of KU Leuven, UC Louvain, Lumen Vitae and Missio Belgium.

INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

The conference will be in English and French, and translations of the keynote lectures will be provided. A full programme of the conference can be found on the conference website, hosted by Missio: www.missio.be, clicking on the *Omnes Gentes* logo. You can also register via the website. For more information, you can email the conference secretariat via the following email addresses:

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