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10 € – Free for students

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

**Christian engagement for a better
and fairer world**

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This international conference is organised by the NGO Entraide et Fraternité and the Research Institute *Religions, Spiritualités, Cultures, Sociétés* (RSCS) of the Catholic University of Louvain. It will focus on modern challenges facing Christian engagement for global justice.

This conference is an important opportunity to contribute to the construction of a social and international theological knowledge. It will analyse the different challenges facing Christian engagement in global development in a context of secularisation, important changes in the religious phenomenon and economic globalisation. It will aim to promote practical approaches linked with academic research.

What happens to the social justice at international level? What does the future hold for the ethics of solidarity in a changing world?

This conference will mark the start of the 2014 Lenten Campaign and the winding up of a six-year programme during which the Belgian NGO Entraide et Fraternité has promoted small scale agriculture in nine Southern countries. Food and food sovereignty rights lie at the heart of Entraide et Fraternité's engagement.

Thursday, 13th March

Social justice and collective action

7 pm Welcome

7.30pm Opening by Louis-Léon Christians, President of the Research Institute *Religions, Spiritualités, Cultures, Sociétés* and Angelo Simonazzi, Secretary General of Entraide et Fraternité

8pm "Peasant organisations facing natural resource inequalities"

by Olivier De Schutter, UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Food, Professor at UCL (Belgium)

8.45pm « Social movements and economics of solidarity », by Elena Lasida, Master of conferences at the Faculty of Economics and Social Science, Catholic Institute Paris (France)

9.30pm Debate

Moderator: Christine Mahy, Secretary General of Réseau Wallon de Lutte contre la Pauvreté (RWLP)

Friday, 14th March

Biblical views on justice in the North-South dialogue

Morning

Accounts by Christian academics and practitioners

8.45am Welcome.

9.15am Opening session Joseph Famerée, Dean, Faculty of Theology, UCL (Belgium)

9.30am « The Bible and Justice – a European view », by Jacques Vermeylen, Emeritus Professor, Faculty of Theology, Lille University and Faculté Ouverte des religions et des humanismes laïques (France)

10am « The Bible and Justice – a Latin-American view », by Tereza Cavalcanti, PhD in Theology, Professor at Catholic University of Rio de Janeiro (Brazil)

10.30am Debate.

11am Coffee break

11.30am «Bible and Justice: practical challenges in Belgium », by Myriam Tonus, lay Dominican, Member of the Theology Commission of Entraide et Fraternité (Belgium)

Noon « Bible and Justice: practical challenges in the Democratic Republic of Congo », by François-Xavier Maroy, Archbishop of Bukavu, active member of civil society in the Kivu Region (DRC)

12.30pm Debate

1.15pm Lunch

Afternoon

Scripture and social engagement: analysis of experiences, North and South

2.15pm Workshops

4.15pm Conclusions in plenary session

5pm Coffee break

5.30pm « Evolution of Christian and social commitments in the face of modern challenges. The case of a Catholic NGO celebrating 50 years of existence », by Michel Molitor, Emeritus Professor, UCL, and President of Entraide et Fraternité (Belgium)

6.30pm Debate

7.30pm Reception

Moderator of the day: Jean-François Grégoire, Theological Advisor at Entraide et Fraternité and Godelieve Rulmont-Ugeux, journalist

Saturday, 15th March

Christian social ethics: Theory + practice, North and South

Morning

Accounts by Christian academics and practitioners

8.30am Welcome

9pm Opening session by Eugène Rixen, Bishop of Goiás (Brazil)

9.30am «The tradition of Christian social ethics and modern challenges », by Walter Lesch, Professor of Ethics, UCL (Belgium)

10am «Male-female equality in Christian social ethics» by Albertine Tshibilondi, Philosopher and Sociologist, Director of the Centre d'Etudes Africaines et Recherches Interculturelles (CEAF&RI), Professor at Lumen Vitae (Belgium)

10.30am Debate

11am Coffee break

11.30am « The Social Teaching of the Church experiences from Guatemala », by Alvaro Ramazzini, Bishop of Huehutenango, active member of the Pastoral Commission for Peace and Environment (Guatemala)

Noon « The Social Teaching of the Church experiences from Thailand », by Naiyana Vichitporn, Director of the Research and Training Center for Religio-Cultural Communities (RTRC) in Chiang Mai (Thailand).

12.30pm Debate

1.15pm Lunch

Afternoon

What future for Christian social ethics in the North and the South:?

2.15pm Workshops

4.15pm Conclusions in plenary session

5pm Closing session by Jean-Pierre Delville, Emeritus Professor, UCL, Bishop of Liège (Belgium).

Moderator of the day: Catherine Chevalier, PhD in Theology, Trainer at the Centre Universitaire de l'Institut de théologie pratique, UCL, delegate for training, Vicariate of Brabant wallon.(Belgium)

Working language for the two days:
French, English, Spanish, Portuguese