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MISEREOR – CONCILIUM**

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Katholische Akademie Rabanus Maurus

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IN AN INCREASINGLY
URBANISED WORLD**



**BEYOND THE
NORTH-SOUTH
PARADIGM**

PROGRAMME

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IN FRANKFURT AM MAIN
HAUS AM DOM**





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● SIXTY YEARS AFTER – WHERE DO WE STAND, WHERE SHOULD WE GO?

At a public conference to be held at the HAUS AM DOM in Frankfurt am Main, Germany, and attended by international guest speakers, MISEREOR and the theological journal CONCILIUM will be discussing new challenges for global justice and environmental sustainability.

The contrast between what has been called the ‘global North’ and the ‘global South’ is now evident worldwide. At the same time, some 66 per cent of humankind will live in cities by 2050. How can we move beyond the unsustainable, yet universalised model of progress based on western capitalism? What does ‘humanisation’ mean in the face of these challenges? Approaching these questions from the perspective of the social sciences and theology, the conference will aim to create spaces for thought and action that may contribute to making globalisation a more just and environmentally sound process. Project

partners of MISEREOR from Asia, Africa and Latin America and organisations from Germany will show from their perspectives how local and regional development is linked to global factors.

Considering the accelerating global process of urbanisation, we are faced with questions such as ‘In what kind of cities do we want to, can we and will we live together in the future? And what will this mean for life in rural areas?’

In 2018 MISEREOR will be sixty years old. This will be an occasion to consider where we stand, and where we should go from here.

Thank you for joining us.

● THE CONFERENCE CONVENORS



Founded in 1958, MISEREOR is the German Catholic Bishops' Organisation for Development Cooperation. Working together with competent and experienced local project partners, MISEREOR is committed to fighting poverty in Africa, Asia and Latin America. MISEREOR's support is available to any human being in need – regardless of their religion, ethnicity or gender.

MISEREOR believes in supporting initiatives driven and owned by the poor and the disadvantaged. From its very inception, the approach was to help people help themselves. This includes taking care that they do not become dependent on long-term assistance from abroad. The projects we support are as diverse as the causes and faces of poverty. They include advising and supporting smallholder farmers, promoting human rights work, training young people in vocational skills, and supporting small businesses with microloans. All projects are proposed and implemented by our local partners. These organisations, communities and self-help groups enjoy the trust of the people at the grassroots. Working together with

competent and reliable partners on the ground ensures that the projects are geared to people's real needs and ways of life. Human dignity, the protection of sources of livelihood, sustainability and the integrity of Creation are fundamental criteria and values for MISEREOR's work.

Very explicitly, 'appealing to the consciences of the powerful' has been part of MISEREOR's vocation from its very beginning. We therefore conduct advocacy and lobbying activities for disadvantaged and marginalised communities, run or support campaigns against unfair trade conditions on global markets, and question economic policies in Europe and other regions of the world in terms of their consequences for the poor and for our planet.

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please visit our website:
www.misereor.org*



Founded in 1965 and published five times a year, CONCILIUM is an international theological journal that establishes a dialogue between major theological reflections pursued across the continents and in diverse contexts.

CONCILIUM exists to promote theological discussion in the spirit of Vatican II, out of which it was born. It counts among its founders some of the most illustrious Catholic theologians of the twentieth century – Karl Rahner, Johann Baptist Metz, Edward Schillebeeckx, Yves Congar and Hans Küng.

It is a Catholic journal in the widest sense: rooted firmly in the Catholic heritage, open to other Christian traditions and to different faiths. Each issue of CONCILIUM focuses on a topic of paramount contemporary importance and of global concern.

With contributions from Asia, Africa, North and South America, and Europe, CONCILIUM truly reflects the multiple facets of the Universal Church. It is published in six languages – English, German, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Croatian.

Since 1965, with a critical and constructive discourse, CONCILIUM has contributed to new ways of doing

theology. We want to reach our readers – the Christian faithful, all persons of good will, leaders of Churches and of social movements, non-governmental organisations, pastoral practitioners, faculty and students of theology, religious studies and other related disciplines. In the spirit of Vatican II, we seek to respond to the signs of our times, to the longing for a new humanity and for the integrity of Creation. We are in solidarity with the poor and with theological insights of women and men throughout the world and especially of marginalised groups.

We contribute to ecumenical and interreligious dialogue. We address global factors and trends, hoping that a renewed Church and ‘a different world’ are possible. Thus our journal intends to contribute to the future of the Christian tradition of which it is a part and to which it holds itself accountable.

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**www.concilium-online.de
www.concilium.in***

Katholische Akademie Rabanus Maurus – Education Centre and Conference Venue



The heart of the Diocese of Limburg's cultural and educational centre adjacent to Frankfurt Cathedral, known as the Haus am Dom, is the Catholic academy, Katholische Akademie Rabanus Maurus, where nine course managers organise panel discussions, round-table debates, film series, and academy conferences on social, religious, and cultural topics of current interest. These managers are responsible for the fields of philosophy/theology, ethics/science/medicine, current affairs and intercultural topics, work and social affairs in One World, economics and finance, literature, art and culture, philosophical and political issues, and art of living, as well as world religions and new media.

The programme comprises regular soirees at the Cathedral, topical discussions, theme days, series of lectures and films, guided art tours, exhibitions, readings, and concerts.

The academy is not only responsible for discourse with the public in the city of Frankfurt. It also provides support for education coordinators in the parishes and for employees engaged in adult education in other cities of the Diocese.

Katholische Akademie Rabanus Maurus was originally founded in 1957. In 2007, it was integrated into the Haus

am Dom in the former main customs office of the city of Frankfurt and today it has become a venue noted in the city and beyond for debates, lectures, films, exhibitions, educational courses, and cultural, interreligious, and political discourse. From 2007 to 2017, the academy organised about 4000 events attracting roughly 170,000 attendees.

The news that the Diocese of Limburg intended to turn the former main customs office acquired by the city of Frankfurt and immediately adjacent to the Cathedral into a Catholic centre known as the Haus am Dom created a sensation in summer 2004. The then Bishop of Limburg, Franz Kamphaus, justified the plans by saying “We are doing this because we are concerned about the wellbeing of this city. From its very beginnings, Christianity has always been an urban religion. We would like to contribute our part to life in the city of Frankfurt, as best we can and as prominently as possible.”

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● THE CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Sunday, 27 May 2018

From 17:00 Registration of participants at the conference venue “Haus am Dom”

18:00 **Welcome and reception**

Welcome addresses

Joachim Valentin, Director, Catholic Academy/Haus am Dom
The Right Reverend Georg Bätzing, Bishop of Limburg

Music

Duo Flamenco

Felix Wilfred, President, CONCILIUM
Pirmin Spiegel, Director General, MISEREOR

Premiere Video, MISEREOR video (2018, 5 minutes)

– Dinner & get-together –

21:30 End of day one

Monday, 28 May 2018 Morning

- 9:00 **Welcome address**
- 9:05 **Opening prayer**
Bartholomew, the power, the resurrection
Thomas Schmidt, Frankfurt
- 9:15 **Outline of conference agenda**
Pirmin Spiegel, MISEREOR
- 9:25 **Organisational information**

› **Topics for the morning session: Questions and their contexts**

- 9:30 • **Global challenges for the future of humanity and the planet**
Dirk Messner, Germany
- 10:20 • **Continental perspectives from Asia, Africa and Latin America for the new global challenges, especially urbanisation**
MISEREOR partners
Marco Kusumawijaya, Indonesia
John Webootsa, Kenya
Luiz Kohara, Brazil
- 11:10 – Break –
- 11:35 • **Ethical and theological questions concerning the new global challenges, especially urbanisation**
CONCILIUM
Po-Ho Huang, Taiwan
Linda Hogan, Ireland
Michelle Becka, Germany
- 12:30 **Comments by the speakers on the morning session**
- 13:00 – Lunch –



› **Concepts of “development” in the past and present**

- 14:00 **Organisation of the discussion groups and evening programme**
- 14:10 • **The transformative power of cities in Asia. Ten theses**
Frauke Kraas, Deutschland
- 14:45 • **Global Sustainability Goals on the agenda of cities and citizens**
Günter Meinert, Germany
- 15:25 • **Networking of interests beyond the North-South polarity**
Lorena Zárate, Mexico, MISEREOR partner
- 16:00 – Break –

› **Potentials and roles of religions and cultures for development**

- 16:30 • **Humane and eco-friendly habitat: Public role of faith and theology for the future of our cities**
Felix Wilfred, India, CONCILIUM
- 17:15 – Move to the breakout rooms for discussion –
- 17:30 to 18:45

Contribution of Churches and religions to the realignment of development and urbanisation

Eight discussion groups with CONCILIUM editors.

After a short introduction to the topic, the participants will begin their discussions in small groups. English-speaking participants should register for one of the five English-language groups

1. Interfaith and interreligious initiatives for social transformation in the cities of the future (English / German)

*Susan Abraham, USA/India, Linda Hogan, Ireland
Farina Dierker, Germany (Moderator)*

2. The prophetic role of religions (Portuguese / German)

*Geraldo Luiz De Mori, Brazil, Bernardeth Caero Bustillos,
Bolivia/Germany, Michelle Becka, Germany (Moderator)*

3. Gender in the city (English)

*Carlos Mendoza Álvarez, Mexico, Stephanie Knauss USA/Austria
Markus Büker, MISEREOR (Moderator)*

4. Discussion of the previous lecture by Felix Wilfred (German)

Felix Wilfred, India, João Vila Chã, Italy

Ulrich Dornberg, MISEREOR (Moderator)

5. Under what conditions can faith and theology play a role in public life? (English)

Thierry-Marie Courau, France, Po Ho Huang, Taiwan

Thomas Eggensperger, Germany (Moderator)

6. Religions create new identities, solidarities and borders (English)

Mile Babić, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Gianluca Montaldi, Italy

7. Faith and religion (English)

Daniel Franklin Pilario, Philippines, Margit Eckholt, Germany

Almuth Schaubert, MISEREOR (Moderator)

8. Engaging religious plurality in the city (English)

Catherine Cornille, USA, Michael Andraos, Canada

Patrick Becker, Germany (Moderator)

19:00

City walks

Eight groups of 20 each take a short guided tour around the city centre ending up at the dinner venue.

One English-speaking, seven German-speaking groups

1. English guided tour for international participants

Ute Schäfer

2. Church(es) in the city centre

Stefan Scholz

3. Eastside / View of the European Central Bank

Thomas Wagner

4. The Main, skyscrapers and a stele

Thomas Schmidt

5. Jewish life

Andrea Maschke

6. Politics and the town hall

Lilla von Auw

7. Homeless

Br. Michael Wies OFM Cap

8. Cathedral tower and Sachsenhausen

Andreas Böss-Ostendorf

20:15 **Dinner in traditional inn** with beer garden
“Daheim im Lorsbacher Thal” (Sachsenhausen),
Große Rittergasse 49, 60594 Frankfurt

Tuesday, 29 May 2018

Morning

9:00 **Spiritual reflection to start the day in the nearby Cathedral**
Thomas Wagner, Germany, Haus am Dom

› **Utopia of the good life for all while respecting Creation, today and in the future – What do cities contribute to this?**

9:30 • **From Babylon to Jerusalem. A biblical theological reading of Chapter 21 of the Book of Revelation (Apocalypse)**
Margareta Gruber, Germany, CONCILIUM

10:15 • **Visions and scenarios of a humane and eco-friendly city in 2050**
Marco Kusumawijaya, Indonesia, MISEREOR partner

11:00 – Break –

› **Insights into reflections by the universities**

11:15 to 12:30

Six workshops

Workshops 1 and 2 with inputs by students from participating universities in Benediktbeuern and Osnabrück

1. Intergenerational discussion group – a political method to accompany the transformation process? Reflections with the example of Benediktbeuern, Germany

(German / English with English-speaking CONCILIUM speakers),
Ralf Gaus and Martina Wolfinger, Catholic University of Applied Sciences Munich, Campus Benediktbeuern, Germany

2. Shaping urban spaces:

Theology meets social science

(German, with German-speaking CONCILIUM speakers)

Margit Eckholt, Osnabrück, Germany

› Strategies and practice of MISEREOR partners

– Workshops 3 to 6 with MISEREOR partners –

3. Brazil: The periphery at the centre (Portuguese / German)

Luiz Kohara, Brazil, Almute Heider, MISEREOR

4. Right to the city and right to housing

(English with short summaries in German)

Lorena Zárate, Mexico, Shereza Sibanda, South Africa

Klaus Teschner, MISEREOR

5. Urban development and the South African Church: a case study from the city of Tshwane (Pretoria)

(English, with short summaries to German)

Stephan de Beer, South Africa, Klaus Piepel, MISEREOR

6. From vision to action

(English)

Marco Kusumawijaya, Indonesia, Almuth Schaubert, MISEREOR

12:30 – Lunch –

Tuesday, 29 May 2018 Afternoon

› Change of paradigms – Consequences for action

14:00 **Future of cities 2030**

- **Role of politics**

BMZ, Germany (to be confirmed)

- **Church as an actor in urban planning**

- **Ride a bike. Reclaim the city**

Annette Becker, Germany

- **Housing forms in the future**

Moritz Krawinkel, Germany

15:30 – Break –

- 15:45 **Prospects and agendas for future work**
- **NGOs, theology, civil society, politics – role and agenda in a future beyond the North-South paradigm**
Speakers from the Conference organisations
 - **Conference feedback**
Norbert Mette und Mechthild Hartmann-Schäfers, Germany
- 16:45 **Words of gratitude**
- Final prayer for a safe journey “Pearls of the city”**
Thomas Schmidt, Frankfurt
- 17:00 **End of the conference**
Departure

Status: 8 May 2018



● THE SPEAKERS



Susan Abraham

Pacific School of Religion – Berkeley, USA/India

Susan Abraham is Professor of Theology and Postcolonial Cultures, VP of Academic Affairs and Dean of Faculty at Pacific School of Religion. She is the author of *Identity, Ethics, and Nonviolence in Postcolonial Theory: A Rahnerian Theological Assessment* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2007) and co-editor of *Shoulder to Shoulder: Frontiers in Catholic Feminist Theology* (Fortress, 2009). Ongoing research projects include issues in theological education and formation, interfaith and interreligious initiatives for social transformation, theology and political theory, religion and media, global Catholicism, and Christianity between colonialism and postcolonialism. She brings wide experience and knowledge of higher education and institutional practices through her past affiliations with St. Bonaventure University, Harvard Divinity School and Loyola Marymount University. Her publications, courses and presentations weave practical theological insights from her experience of working as a youth minister in Mumbai, India, with theoretical perspectives from postcolonial theory, cultural studies, political theory and feminist theory.



Michael Andraos

Catholic Theological Union – Chicago, USA

Michel Andraos is Associate Professor of Intercultural Theology & Ministry at the Catholic Theological Union (CTU) (Chicago, IL, USA). A native of Lebanon, Dr Andraos has been teaching at CTU since 2000 and divides his time between Chicago and Montreal, where he lives with his family. His areas of interest in research and teaching include the theologies and practices of intercultural and interreligious dialogue. The focus of his current research is on the reconciliation of the Church with the indigenous peoples of the Americas, and the Christian communities of the Levant.



Mile Babić

Franciscan Theological Faculty – Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mile Babić is a Bosnian Franciscan and a professor of theology and philosophy. He graduated in the history of literature, obtained a PhD in theology (on the Christology of Theodoret of Cyrus) and philosophy (on Hegel’s Philosophy of Right). He has lectured in Franciscan theology at Sarajevo since 1997. He is editor-in-chief of *Miscellany Jukić* and a professor of religious studies at the university in Sarajevo. The main subject of his research includes topics such as Theodoret of Cyrus, John Duns Scotus, Nicolaus Cusanus, G. W. F. Hegel, contemporary literature, theology and philosophy.



Georg Bätzing

Bishop of Limburg, Germany

The Right Reverend Georg Bätzing grew up in Niederfischbach on the river Sieg. After studying philosophy and theology in Trier and Freiburg, he was ordained in 1987. He worked as a chaplain in Klausen and Koblenz before becoming vice director of the episcopal seminary in Trier. From 1996 until January 2010, he was responsible for the training of priests in the Diocese of Trier and was head of the seminary. In November 2012, he was appointed Vicar General of the same Diocese. He has been Bishop of Limburg since September 2016. In the German Bishops’ Conference, he is head of the Commission for Interreligious Dialogue and is a member of the Conference’s Commission for International Church Affairs.



Michelle Becka

Julius-Maximilians Universität – Würzburg, Germany

Michelle Becka is currently professor of Christian ethics in the faculty of Catholic Theology of Würzburg University. She holds a doctorate in theology from the University of Tübingen. Her primary research interests lie in the fields of social ethics, ethics and law, ethics in prison and prison chaplaincy, and theological ethics and interculturality.



Annette Becker

Deutsches Architekturmuseum – Frankfurt, Germany

Annette Becker studied history of art, archaeology, philosophy and business administration in Mainz, Munich and Rome, and holds a doctorate in history of art. She works as a curator at the Deutsches Architekturmuseum (DAM) in Frankfurt am Main.



Stephan de Beer

Centre for Contextual Ministry – Pretoria, South Africa

Stephan de Beer is Director of the Centre for Contextual Ministry, based in the Faculty of Theology at the University of Pretoria. He also teaches in the Department of Practical Theology and his areas of focus include urban theology, community development and transformation, and child theology. His own research is focusing on homelessness, housing and spatial transformation. Before joining the University in 2013, Stephan was the CEO of the Tshwane Leadership Foundation, an ecumenical community organization committed to socially inclusive urban transformation, and focusing on some of the city's most vulnerable communities.



Bernardeth Carmen Caero Bustillos

Universität Osnabrück – Osnabrück, Germany/Bolivia

Bernardeth Carmen Caero Bustillo has a doctorate in theology from Paris Lodron University of Salzburg (Austria). She has been a lecturer at the Instituto Superior de Estudios Teológicos, Universidad Católica Boliviana “San Pablo” (2008–2011) and Professor at the Facultad de Teología “San Pablo” (2012–2014) of Old Testament studies in Cochabamba (Bolivia). Since 2015 she has undertaken research at the University of Osnabrück (Germany) as the holder of a scholarship from the Stipendienwerk Lateinamerika – Deutschland e.V. Research interests: biblical theology, biblical Hebrew, interdisciplinary theology, Teología India.



Catherine Cornille

Boston College – Boston, USA

Catherine Cornille is the Newton College Alumnae Chair of Western Culture and Professor of Comparative Theology at Boston College. She obtained her PhD from the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, where she taught from 1990 until 2000. Her teaching and research focus on theoretical questions in Theology of Religions, Comparative Theology and Interreligious Dialogue. She has authored or edited 16 books in the area of Interreligious Dialogue, most recently *The Im-Possibility of Interreligious Dialogue* (2008), *Criteria of Discernment in Interreligious Dialogue* (2009), *Interreligious Hermeneutics* (2010), *The World Market and Interreligious Dialogue* (2011) *Interreligious Dialogue and Cultural Change* (2012), *Women and Interreligious Dialogue* (2013) *The Wiley-Blackwell Companion to Inter-Religious Dialogue* (2013), and with J. Bloechl, *Christianity Between Secularity and Plurality* (2015). Her book *Meaning and Method in Comparative Theology* will be published by Wiley in 2018–2019. She is founding editor-in-chief of the book series “Christian Commentaries on non-Christian Sacred Texts.”



Thierry-Marie Courau, France

Institut Catholique – Paris, France

Thierry-Marie Courau teaches Buddhism and theology of dialogue at Theologicum – Faculty of Theology and Religious studies of Institut catholique de Paris (Catholic University of Paris). A former dean of Theologicum and president of COCTI – Conference of Catholic Theological Institutions, a subgroup of IFCU – International Federation of Catholic Universities (2011–2017), he is Dominican friar and doctor in catholic theology from Strasbourg University. He also holds diplomas in engineering and management.



Geraldo Luiz De Mori

*Facultade de Jesuita de Filosofia e Teologia –
Belo Horizonte, Brazil*

Geraldo Luiz De Mori, born in the state of Espírito Santo, Brazil, currently lives in Belo Horizonte. He is a Jesuit professor of systematic theology in the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy (FAJE). He earned his master's degree and doctorate in theology from the Jesuit Faculty in Paris. Currently, he is serving as the Dean of the Department of Theology of FAJE. His areas of interest include theological anthropology, Christian eschatology, pastoral theology, Latin American theology, mysticism, as well as the philosophical fields of phenomenology and hermeneutics. He served as the vice president of the Theological and Religious Sciences Society (SOTER) from 2010–2013, and he has been a visiting professor at the Catholic University of Leuven and the Jesuit Faculty in Paris. He is currently the general editor of the Digital Encyclopedia of Latin American theology www.theologicalatinoamericana.com. He exercises pastoral ministry in the parish of St. Francis Xavier.



Duo Flamenco

Bridges, intercultural music project– Frankfurt, Germany

In Duo Flamenco, one of the few Syrian flamenco guitarists joins forces with the fiery rhythms of the cajon. In his native Syria, Mohanad Almoslii was in great demand both as a soloist and also with his flamenco band. He writes many of his own compositions and also worked as a guitar teacher in Syria and gave a number of flamenco workshops. He has lived with his family in Neu-Anspach since 2005. Arman Kamangar accompanies the flamenco guitar on the cajon.



Margareta Gruber

Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule – Vallendar, Germany

Margareta Gruber OSF was born in Germany. She studied at Tübingen, Jerusalem and Sankt Georgen in Frankfurt. Since 2008 she has held the Chair of New Testament Exegesis and Biblical Theology at the Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule Vallendar (Faculty of Catholic Theology at the University of Vallendar, Germany), where she is presently dean. From 2009–2013, she held the Laurentius Klein Chair of Biblical and Ecumenical Theology in the German Academic Programme for Theological Studies at the Abbey of the Dormition in Jerusalem, which is part of the Theological Faculty of the Pontifical Athenaeum of St. Anselm in Rome. Her field of research covers the Gospel of John, the Book of Revelation, biblical hermeneutics, intertextuality, exegesis and biblical spirituality. Since her time in Jerusalem, her field of interest has also come to include the Bible in interreligious contexts; she is engaged in academic interreligious exchange, for example with universities in Iran. She is a Franciscan sister.

**Po Ho Huang**

Chang Jung Christian University – Tainan, Taiwan

Dr Huang Po-Ho is currently professor of theology and vice president of Chang Jung Christian University in Taiwan. He is the founding chairperson of Formosa Christianity and Culture Research Center. He served as President of Tainan Theological College and Seminary, Associate General Secretary of the Presbyterian Church in Taiwan, the Moderator of the Council for World Mission, London, and Dean of PTCA (Programme for Theology and Cultures in Asia), and Co-moderator of the Congress of Asian Theologians (CATS VIII). He is now Convener of The Asian Forum for Theological Education (AFTE). Dr Huang Po Ho is a Taiwanese theologian deeply involved in contextual theological construction and ecumenical ministries. His numerous books include *A Theology of Self-determination; From Galilee to Tainan; No Longer a Stranger; Mission from the Underside and Embracing the Household of God.*

**Linda Hogan**

Trinity College – Dublin, Ireland

Linda Hogan is Vice-Provost / Chief Academic Officer and Professor of Ecumenics at Trinity College Dublin. She has degrees from the Pontifical University Maynooth and from Trinity College, Dublin, where she gained her PhD. Her primary research interests lie in the fields of theological ethics, human rights and gender. Amongst her recent publications are *Keeping Faith with Human Rights* (Georgetown University Press, 2015), *Feminist Catholic Theological Ethic: Conversations in the World Churches* and *Feminist Practice: Cross-cultural Conversations*. She held the post of lecturer in Gender, Ethics and Religion in the Department of Theology and Religious Studies, University of Leeds. She has served on the Editorial Boards of *Feminist Theory*; the *Journal of Religious Ethics* and the *Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics* and *Soundings: An Interdisciplinary Journal*.

**Stefanie Knauss**

Villanova University – Philadelphia, USA

Stefanie Knauss studied theology and English language and literature at Freiburg University (Germany) and Manchester University (UK). She is now an Assistant Professor of Theology and Culture at Villanova University (USA). Her research focuses on theology and culture, body and religion, gender / queer studies and theology. Recent publications: *More than a Provocation: Sexuality, Media and Theology* (Göttingen 2014); edited with Anna-K. Höpflinger and Alexander Ornella: *Commun(ica)ting Bodies: Body as a Medium in Religious Symbol Systems* (Zurich/London 2014/2015).

**Luiz Kohara**

Centro Gaspar Garcia – São Paulo, Brazil

Luiz Tokuzi Kohara studied mechanical engineering and has a master's degree in urban development. He obtained his doctorate in the field of architecture and town planning and also undertook two periods of postgraduate study on sociology of the city and residential construction. In 1988, Dr Kohara co-founded the non-governmental organisation Centro Gaspar Garcia in São Paulo, Brazil, which he now heads in cooperation with a colleague. His work focuses on the social inclusion of the poorest classes of the urban population and on a just and sustainable concept of urban development. Urban development is always related to environmental issues so that Dr Kohara is also concerned with the topic of urban ecology. He has taken part in numerous debates including the topics of town planning, right to the city, homelessness in the city, problems of living space, human rights, urban grassroots movements and environmental issues in urban areas. Moreover, he also advises MISEREOR on its Brazilian projects in the fields of urban development and human rights

**Frauke Kraas**

*Institute of Geography, University of Cologne –
Cologne, Germany*

Frauke Kraas is Professor for Human Geography at the Institute of Geography, University of Cologne, Germany. In 1991 she finished her PhD (University of Münster) and 1996 her Habilitation (University of Bonn). In 1997 she received the Gerhard-Hess-Award and in 1998 the Heisenberg Postgraduate Scholarship from the German Research Foundation (DFG).

Her research focuses on (mega)urban and regional development, transformation processes, urban governance, heritage, urban health, risk/disaster research, migration and ethnic minorities in Southeast Asia (Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia), India and China.

**Moritz Krawinkel**

Medico international – Frankfurt, Germany

Moritz Krawinkel, a sociologist, political activist, works in the corporate communications department of medico international.

As part of a group, in 2012 he undertook his first attempt to establish a self-governing housing project in Frankfurt. The group frequently came close to failure, but all major obstacles have now been overcome. Next year, 42 residents will move into their accommodation in Frankfurt's Niddastraße.

**Marco Kusumawijaya**

Rujak Center for Urban Studies – Jakarta, Indonesia

Marco Kusumawijaya is an architect and urbanist. He is co-founder, former executive director and currently senior advisor at Rujak Center for Urban Studies (RCUS), a think-act tank based in Jakarta.

RCUS has been intensely collaborating with several civil society organisations in Indonesia to advocate non-eviction, inclusive housing and eco-social urban and regional development. In Jakarta they are currently working towards stopping artificial

islands ("reclamation") projects, develop city-wide inclusive housing programmes, and promoting infrastructural policies that are both ecologically and socially sound. RCUS has also just initiated works towards producing national human rights-based housing strategy. Marco's own experiences include post-tsunami reconstruction of 23 urban and rural villages in Aceh, supported by, and advising reconstruction projects in post-Haiyan storm Tacloban, the Philippines. RCUS has worked also in more than a dozen regions and cities all over Indonesia, mostly with communities in co-producing urban knowledge and participatory solutions. Both personally and together with RCUS, Marco has been involved in art projects in Indonesia and abroad in east and south-east Asian regions. RCUS sees arts as a way of knowing and touching people.



Günter Meinert

*Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) –
Bonn, Germany*

Günter Meinert has work experience in decentralization, local governance and urban development in developing countries. Currently he is Programme Manager at GIZ, advising the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development on its urban development policies.

Günter Meinert holds an engineering degree in spatial and environmental planning, and a master's degree in decentralization and local development. In 2008, he was appointed honorary professor for urban management at the Berlin Institute of Technology.

Professional career: University of Kaiserslautern, Association of Municipalities of the Greater Frankfurt Area. 1995 to 1998 in Colombia as GTZ advisor to a resource management project. 1998 La Paz, Bolivia advisor on national poverty reduction strategies. 2004 beginning as head of the Local and Regional Governance´ section at GTZ headquarters. From 2007 to 2011 he was seconded as a Senior Urban Specialist to the Secretariat of the 'Cities Alliance – Cities without Slums' in Washington D.C. In addition to his long term assignments he undertook many short time missions to a broad range of countries in Africa, Asia, Middle East and Latin America.



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Prof Dr Dirk Messner has been Director of the “German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE)” since 2003. He is also Co-Director of the “Käte Hamburger Kolleg / Centre for Global Cooperation Research”, University Duisburg-Essen, which was established in 2012. Based on his research, Dirk Messner is engaged in high-ranking policy advisory councils. For example, he is Co-Chair (since 2013) of the “German Advisory Council on Global Change” (“Wissenschaftlicher Beirat der Bundesregierung Globale Umweltveränderungen” (WBGU)) and member of the “China Council on Global Cooperation on Development and Environment” (CCICED). His work areas focus on Global change and Sustainable Development, Transformation towards the Decarbonisation of the global Economy, Globalization and Global Governance and International Cooperation and human behavior.



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Shereza Sibanda

Inner City Resource Centre (ICRC) – Johannesburg, South Africa

Shereza Sibanda, born in Soweto, South Africa, is director of the Inner City Resource Centre (ICRC), fighting for the right to housing and basic services in the inner city of Johannesburg. She has been active in the struggle against Apartheid since 1976, first as a member of the Soweto Youth Congress and later as a shop steward. After that she got involved in social assistance projects and community organising and around 2000 she started to work on housing matters

linked to human rights as people were evicted from the so called “bad buildings” in the “world class city” Johannesburg to pave way for new owners and investors. With the Inner City Resource Centre she mobilises and educates communities about their human rights, organises marches as well as legal assistance where necessary. The activities focus on women and children irrespective of their background – many of them are migrants from other African countries.



Pirmin Spiegel

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Monsignor Pirmin Spiegel studied philosophy and theology at Sankt Georgen Philosophisch-Theologische Hochschule in Frankfurt. Until 1990 he was a chaplain and parish administrator in Kaiserslautern, after which he worked as a priest in Lima Campos in Brazil until 2000. He was then granted leave to train lay missionaries in Maranhão. From 2004 to 2010, he served as parish priest in Blieskastel-Lautzkirchen. In the summer of 2010, he returned to Brazil once again to train and support lay missionaries in various countries in Latin America. Since April 2012 he has been Director General and Chair of the Board of Directors of MISEREOR, the German Catholic Bishops’ Organisation for Development Cooperation, Aachen.



Joachim Valentin

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Joachim Valentin, born in Hadamar near Limburg, is Professor of Christian Religion and Cultural Theory at Goethe University Frankfurt and is head of the Catholic academy Haus am Dom. He is chairman of the Frankfurt Council of Religions, adviser to the Journalistic Commission of the German Bishops’ Conference and chairman of the Telemedia Committee of the council of the German radio and television channel Hessischer Rundfunk. His publications include *Rationalitätstypen in der Theologie*, Freiburg 2017; *Filmbilder des Islam*, Marburg 2014; *Der Fall Tebartz-van Elst. Kirchenkrise unter dem Brennglas*, Freiburg 2014; *Eschatologie (glauben gegenwärtig denken 11)* Paderborn 2013; *Atheismus in der Spur Gottes. Theologie nach Jacques Derrida*, Mainz 1996.



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João J. Vila-Chã studied in Braga, Frankfurt and Boston, obtaining his PhD in philosophy from Boston College. He taught at this university from 1992 to 1996 in the programmes “Philosophy of the Person” and “Perspectives on Western Culture and Civilization”. From 1998 to 2008 he taught history of contemporary philosophy, philosophy of religion and philosophical theology at the Portuguese Catholic University in Braga. He was Director of the *Revista Portuguesa de Filosofia* from 2000 to 2009 and President of the European Association of Jesuit Professors of Philosophy from 2002 to 2008. In 2007-2008, he was Visiting Scholar at Boston College, Fordham University and Santa Clara University. He is President of the *Conférence Mondiale des Institutions Catholiques Universitaires de Philosophie (COMIUCAP)* and Vice-President of the Council for Research in Values and Philosophy (RVP). He is Professor of Social and Political Philosophy at the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He was awarded the International Karl-Otto Apel Prize for Philosophy in 2017.



John Webootsa Shikolio

Kutoka Network – Nairobi, Kenya

Father John Webootsa Shikolio was born in Mombasa, Kenya. He joined the Comboni Missionaries and studied philosophy at the Catholic University of Eastern Africa in Nairobi and at the Combonis’ Seminary (Philosophicum). As a novice, he taught for three years at a high school in Uganda. He studied theology in Lima, Peru, and from 1998 to 2002 worked there in the poor district of Chorillos. Back in Nairobi, together with the Comboni priests Father Alex and Father Daniele, in 2002 he founded the KUTOKA network of communities active in poor districts. He was ordained in June 2002. From 2006 to 2014, he headed the St John’s Community in the deprived Korogocho district of Nairobi. He was awarded the Franco-German Prize for Human Rights in 2012.

**Felix Wilfred**

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Felix Wilfred was born in Tamil Nadu, India. He is President of the Faculty of Arts, and Chairman of the School of Philosophy and Religious Thought, State University of Madras. He is also a member of the Statutory Ethical Committee of the Indian Institute of Technology, Madras. He was a member of the International Theological Commission of the Vatican. As a visiting professor, he has taught at the Universities of Nijmegen, Münster, Frankfurt am Main, Boston College and Ateneo de Manila. His research and fields of study today cut across many disciplines in the humanities and social sciences. His more recent publications in the field of theology are *On the Banks of Ganges* (2002), *Asian Dreams and Christian Hope* (2003), *The Sling of Utopia: Struggles for a Different Society* (2005), and *Margins: Site of Asian Theologies* (2008).

**Lorena Zárate**

Habitat International Coalition (HIC) – Mexico DF, Mexico

Lorena Zárate studied history in her hometown of La Plata, Argentina. Since 2000, she has worked for the Habitat International Coalition (HIC) in Mexico City and is currently HIC President at the global level. She has been involved in work on the World Charter for the Right to the City, the Mexico City Human Rights Program and the Mexico City Charter for the Right to the City. At an international level, she collaborated closely with the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right to Adequate Housing as well as with the Office of the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights. Since 2014, she has co-ordinated an international project to promote a global platform for the right to the city.

Habitat International Coalition (HIC) is a global network for the defence, promotion and realisation of the right to a safe place to live in peace and dignity, both in urban and rural areas. Established in 1976, today it consists of more than 350 NGOs, CBOs, academic institutions, human rights activists etc. working in more than 120 countries.

● THE UNIVERSITIES



Workshops Tuesday, 11:15 to 12:30

Catholic University of Applied Sciences Munich, Benediktbeuern Campus

Intergenerational talk round – a political method to accompany the transformation process? Reflections on the example of Benediktbeuern

The small Bavarian town of Benediktbeuern is affected by the global transformation processes. In a cooperation seminar, students of social work and religious education considered the socio-political and cultural effects of ageing in the region of Benediktbeuern and globally. The question that arose was: How can the voice of old and young people be heard in the political shaping of the transformation processes? And could intergenerational discussion groups be a “good” political method? For this purpose, the students developed and implemented an intergenerational discussion group. The aim was to promote exchange and to identify how those affected by the transformation processes in Benediktbeuern deal with them.

Dr Ralf Gaus

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Dr Ralf Gaus has been at the Catholic University of Applied Sciences Munich, Benediktbeuern Campus, since 2014 and is Professor of Religious Education in the course of studies concerned with religious education and the educational work of the Church. His research, practical work and teaching mainly concentrate on the teaching methodology of religious education, human rights, global learning and education for sustainable development, as well as media education.

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Osnabrück University, Catholic Theology

Prof Dr Margit Eckholt

Shaping urban spaces: Theology meets social science

In view of the growing urbanisation worldwide, complex transformation processes are taking place in megacities. Social, political and economic developments have a comprehensive impact on the communal life of people and require a redefinition of the concept of development. Cultural and religious factors are taking on a new meaning,



and the Christian Churches, in dialogue with social and cultural sciences and other religious actors, must therefore also open up the city as a new “sign of the times”. This means a necessary change of perspective, since consideration must be given to the Church's tasks and these tasks must be aligned with the city and its needs.

The seminar group of Prof Dr Margit Eckholt and Farina Dierker (Institute of Catholic Theology, University of Osnabrück) – consisting of bachelor's and master's students from various semesters of Catholic Theology and Social Sciences – is concerned with the challenges and perspectives that these dynamics involve for actively shaping the spaces of an “inclusive city” from an interdisciplinary perspective.

Furthermore students from the following universities have also been involved:

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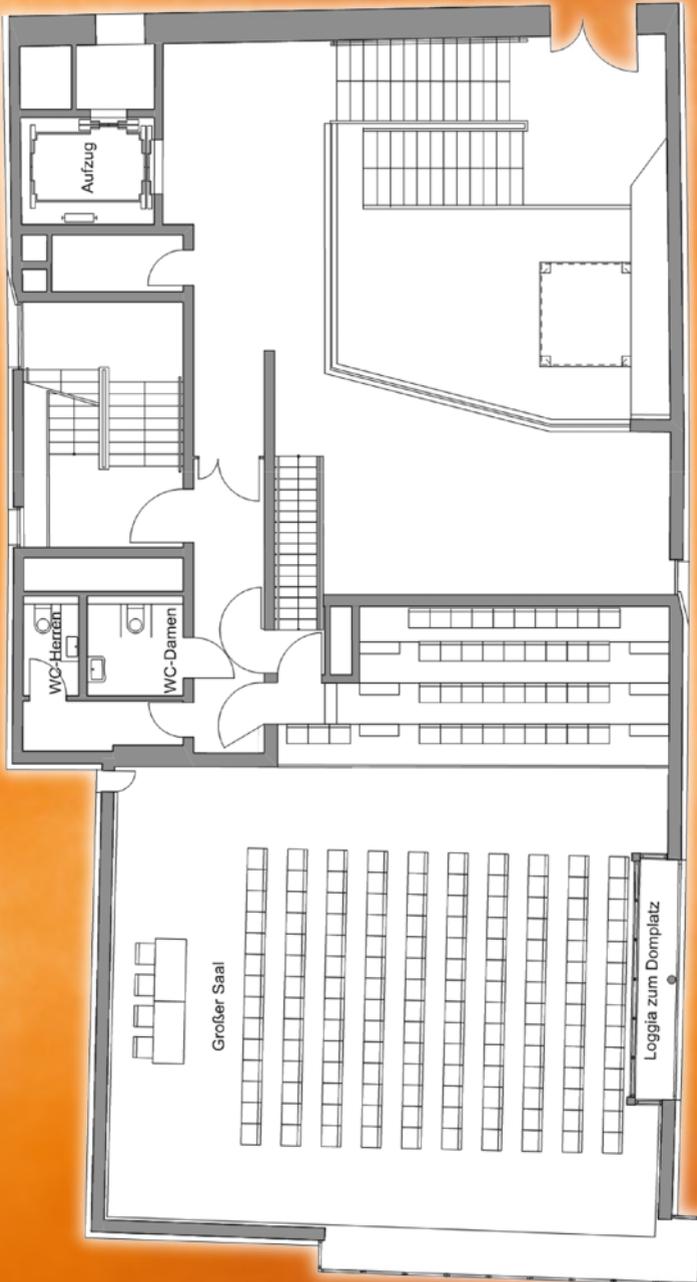
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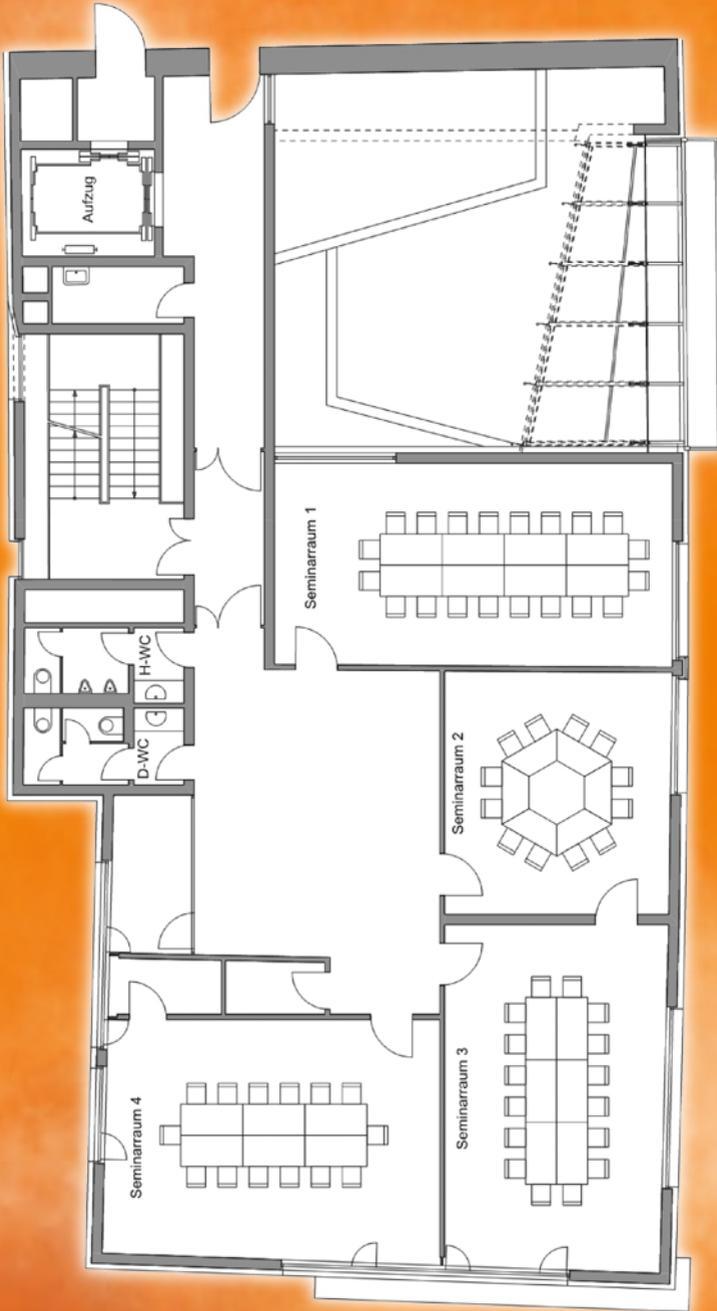


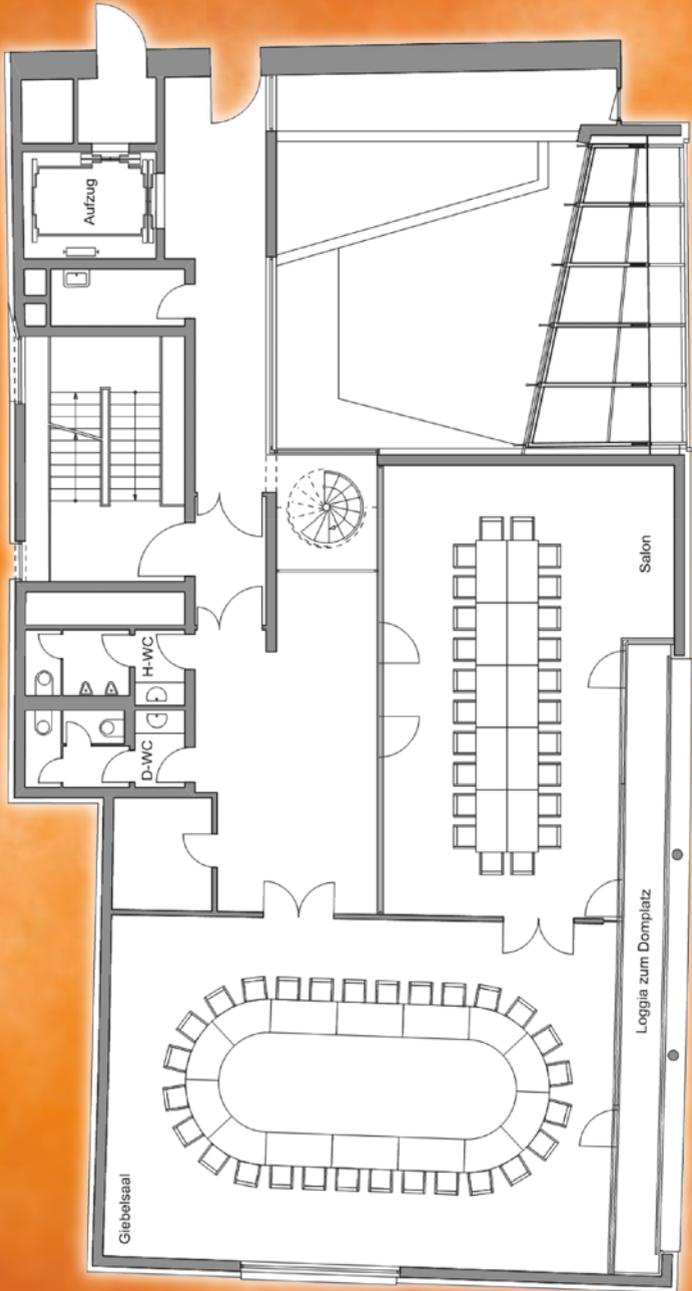
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