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Call for papers

“Diverse Cultural and Religious Ways of Thinking A Dialogue”

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Problem

Our world is made up of a great variety of cultural and religious traditions. The question is, how can they enter into dialogue when they each have a unique view of reality and a distinct way of thinking?

Scholars and political figures have wrestled with this question, which is critical in our globalized world. Productive dialogue is compromised when people of different cultures come together in a spirit of confrontation brought on by differences in worldview. Such confrontational attitudes seem to be increasing at a rapid and alarming rate. This Conference is based on the premise that cultural and religious differences, with their distinct and sometimes implacable features, are not in themselves barriers to genuine dialogue. Rather, they are seen as assets that can enable us as human beings to gain a more accurate understanding of ourselves and others and thereby form a common vision for human society.

An interdisciplinary and multicultural approach

To confirm the validity of this premise the Conference is taking an interdisciplinary approach, incorporating the humanities, social and religious sciences, art and theology, as well as a multicultural approach that takes into account the unique philosophies of different societies and religions.

Thematic Outline of the Conference

The Conference will proceed in five stages:

1. *Define the concept of "cultural or religious way of thinking"*
2. *The dialogue as a work between diverse processes of reasoning*
3. *Ground realities of the encounter of different ways of thinking*
4. *Evaluating the concepts of truth and universality*
5. *Estimating the benefit for society and theology*

Call for papers

Those invited to take part in the Conference are: researchers, university professors and doctoral students from different disciplines, nationalities and religious affiliations.

The Conference consists of contributions delivered in plenary sessions by invited experts as well as workshops in various disciplines and on a variety of topics. The only restriction is the communication must deal with the problem of the conference.

Each workshop is comprised of three 20 minutes papers designed to initiate discussion between speakers and attendees. The chief language of the Conference is French. English and Spanish contributions are welcome, provided they are accompanied by at least an abstract in French, or preferably, a complete French translation.

Proposals written in French or English should be sent electronically in Word format to Professor Thierry Marie COURAU, Dean of *Theologicum*, to

congretheologicum2016@icp.fr

before November 15, 2015,

Proposals should meet the following requirements:

Two pages

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- author's first name and surname
- email address
- employment position and name of institution, city, country
- brief biography
- title of proposal
- associated discipline and subject area of the proposal
- 5 keywords
- proposed language for oral presentation

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- proposal to a maximum of 1,200 characters

The selection committee will evaluate proposals and send out responses by December 31, 2015.

If your proposal is selected, the text of the paper should be transmitted to the Conference Secretariat **before April 30, 2016**. It is essential that the paper be accompanied by an abstract in both French and English.
Invited and approved contributors are advised to provide a translation of their paper into French or English, as appropriate, before 30 May, 2016.

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Publications

The proceedings of the Conference (papers, exchanges, conclusions) will be published in an issue of *Concilium* (2017/1; 10,000 copies in six languages), in digital format (e-book) and hard copy (Paris: Cerf), according to the Conference Committee's recommendation.

Registration fees for the Conference

Until March 31, 2016: €120. From April 1, 2016: €240.