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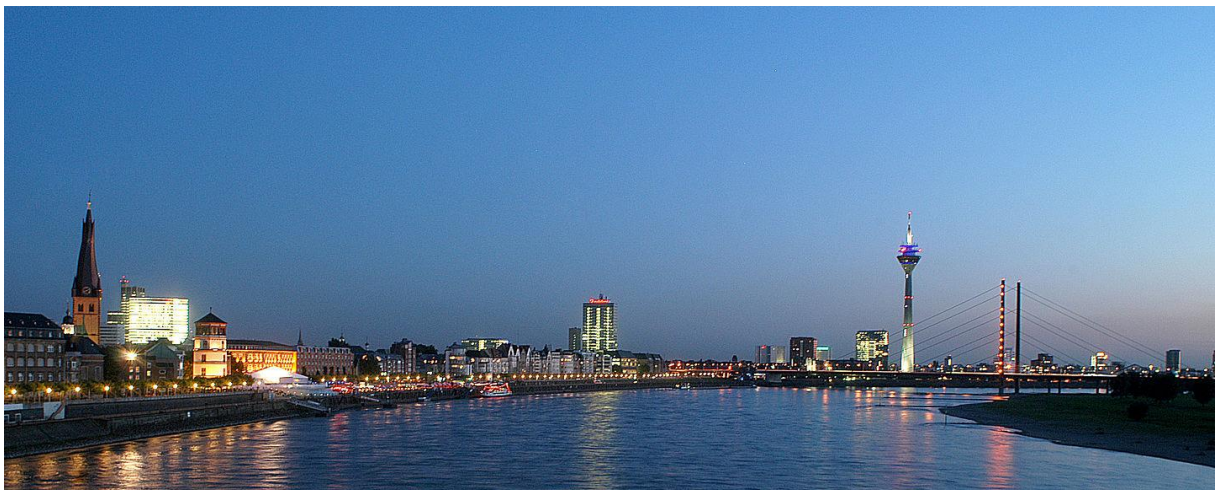
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31. Internationales Seminar für Interkulturelle und Interreligiöse Seelsorge und Beratung

Konflikttransformation und interreligiöse Friedensarbeit: Impulse für interkulturelle und interreligiöse Seelsorge und Beratung



31st International Seminar on Intercultural and Interreligious Care and Counselling

Conflict-transformation and Interfaith Peacebuilding: Impulses for intercultural and interreligious care and counselling

Ort / Venue: Jugendherberge Düsseldorf, City-Hostel
Düsseldorfer Strasse 1, 40545 Düsseldorf

1 – 6 September 2019

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ISSUES AND PROCESSES OF THE SEMINAR

Peace is a question of humanity's survival, as are justice and preservation of the planet. In a time of multiple conflicts and violence in private, social and global relationships, all human beings are called to investigate the causes of conflict, to recognize violence and to promote peace. Religions in particular are called upon to stand up against evil, injustice, violence and abuse of power and to become actively involved in peacebuilding.

Conflicts understood as opposing interests and goals – quite often connected with claims of power – have always been part of human history and still are. However, in a differentiating and globalised world, they can multiply and become fuel for social and political abuse. This can then lead to feelings of insecurity, not infrequently to quarrels and violence. Conflicts can be experienced as existential threats and are often associated with violent emotions such as fear, anger and hatred. Such feelings arise when people's needs are not recognised, when one-sided interests are pushed through, when injustice occurs and a sense of powerlessness spreads. In order to be able to work constructively on conflicts, it is therefore necessary to reflect on how oneself is entangled in the conflict and in which areas one might even be

stimulating them. How can we contribute to create a balance of different interests and needs, and how can emotions be transformed in order to enable profound changes of relationships, positions of power, interests and modes of communication to take place. The aim is to promote mutual recognition, respect and appreciation.

There are a variety of conflict resolution models used to help overcome violent confrontations and to enable of sharing of power. In this seminar we want to get to know, practise and explore the approach of *Systemic Conflict Transformation* - a holistic method in conflict management. It asks about the emergence of conflicts, analyses their dynamics and works to balance conflicting interests and transform conflict feelings into feelings of solution, so that mutual recognition and appreciation can grow. In the Seminar we want to investigate at which points of care and counselling in different cultural and religious contexts the approach of *Systemic Conflict Transformation* can become helpful.

In some *workshops* with cases from different areas (family - societies - religious and ideological references) we want to test, practice and check the working methods of the Systemic Conflict Transformation. A detailed introduction to this method will be given in a presentation. In lectures we want to discuss how religious and nonreligious peacebuilding can be pursued.

In our daily devotions and prayers, we will experience how people with different religious and worldly views can join together in worship.

The seminar offers a space for open discourse and fruitful exploration, in order to experience a "spirituality of appreciation", which is useful for care and counselling in diverse contexts.

The languages of the Seminar are English and German.

Translation will be provided.

The Seminar is acknowledged as formal educational activity.

All participants will receive a certificate of attendance from SIPCC, which is as tax free charitable organisation, whose aim is to "promote the education of adults and students" (as is stated by the finance authority).

DÜSSELDORF

The elegant lively town on the Rhine is reknowned for fashion, shopping, culture and unusual events. The Königsallee, known as the Kö, is one of the most luxurious shopping boulevards in Europe. It is not far from the historical old part of the city, which has around 260 bars and restaurants. The old town is known worldwide and is always lively. It offers many different events and exhibitions.



WORKING METHODS OF SIPCC

The working methods of the Seminar are based on the identity of SIPCC as a network in which intercultural and interreligious pastoral practice, education and academic research and teaching are integrately linked and mutually enhance each other. Practicing counsellors, educators and teachers/researchers in academic fields are invited to exchange and learn together. Spiritual elements and ethical issues point to the fact that dealing with people happens holistically and always poses the question of what is good for humans.

Worship - prayers - devotion give the Seminar a spiritual frame. The participants will experience both, common expressions of faith and also differences between the faith communities. The participants are thus given the chance to experience various interreligious spiritualities.

Interreligious Forum: The forums introduce the theme of the day. They form an open space (similar to a "marketplace") for exchange of experiences, opinions and ideas using a narrative biographical approach. The core is telling about oneself. Some group-members from different faith traditions and worldviews introduce their personal experiences and opinions concerning the day's topic in the form of an interview. That will stimulate the plenary to talk about their own experiences, to express opinions and to come into contact with each other. The main focus will be to reflect on one's own peace-work.

Lectures and presentations give impetus to the respective topics of the day in the plenum and inspire discussions. Reflexions from different perspectives want to enhance the discussion.

Workshops

Three single workshops will be held on three afternoons in which care givers will present cases of conflicts from different contexts and areas. These cases can be discussed and reflected with the method of *Systemic Conflict Transformation*. Moderators who are trained in this method will facilitate the group. Presenters and moderators will discuss in advance how they will proceed and which method they will use.

The presenters of cases of conflict describe

- the context
- parties in the conflict (persons, groups, etc. with their interests and needs and their feelings);
- the own involvement and position in the conflict
- previous measures used to resolve the conflicts.

The moderators contact the presenters, to prepare the presentation and the conversation in the group. The first step in the workshop will be a "conflict map", to prepare the conflict-transformation. The presentation should be as short as possible is limited to max. 30 minutes to save enough time for discussion (time of the whole workshop 90 minutes).

Each day a "creative workshop" from acting, art and dance will be offered.

Reflection Groups

The reflection groups are a safe place, where the experiences of the day can be reflected and the following questions be discussed.:

- What was new, meaningful and important for me today concerning my own experiences of conflicts and violence?
- Were the contributions today helpful for my own work?

All group members are invited to participate in the discussion. The moderators will take care to ensure that all participants have enough space for their contributions.

As the groups work process-oriented, it is essential that the participants stay in the same group.

Conversations: Synagogue / Mosque / Project “Council of Religions” for the City / Church Council of the Evangelical Church in the Rhineland

General Assembly of SIPCC

Poster-Presentations

All participants are invited to present posters.

A poster presentation is a visual display of completed work or work in-progress. The posters give the viewer the chance to deal with the presented theme. Posters will be on display during the whole Seminar to offer the participants enough time to interact. The participants of the Seminar will be invited to approach the authors and to start a discussion with them. **A presentation of the posters will take place on Tuesday, 3 September in the Intercultural Forum from 9.00 – 10 h.**

Scholarship programme

The Society for Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counselling (SIPCC) will sponsor students and young scholars in degree programmes or clinical training programmes of care and counselling to make it possible for them to participate in International Seminars of SIPCC.

Scholarships will be awarded to qualified candidates, covering the costs for registration, accommodation, and food. Scholarships will enable attendance of our next Seminar:

31st International Seminar on Intercultural and interreligious Pastoral Care and Counselling,

Conflict-transformation and Interfaith Peacebuilding:

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in Düsseldorf, Germany, 1 – 6 September, 2019.

Criteria for granting a scholarship: please inform yourself under www.sipcc.org.

Programme of the Seminar

SATURDAY, 31 August, 2019

Arrival of the Executive Committee (EC) of SIPCC
Meeting of the EC starting at 17.00 h

SUNDAY, 1 September, 2019

Meeting of the EC until 15.00 h

Arrival of the participants – **Registration**

Jugendherberge Düsseldorf, City-Hostel
Düsseldorfer Strasse 1, 40545 Düsseldorf

- 17.00 Meeting of the presenters, moderators and the steering committee
Information and last details
- 18.00 Supper
- 19.00 **Opening and Welcome**
Greetings of the partner organisations
EC of SIPCC
„Encounters“ – Introduction to SIPCC and to the work of the Seminar

MONDAY, 2 September, 2019

Theme of the day:

Systemic Conflict Transformation – a holistic approach in conflict management

8.30 – 8.50 Devotion

9.00 – 10.30 **Presentation and discussion:**
Jürgen Klußmann, Evangelical Academy in the Rhineland
Systemic conflict-transformation

Coffee / Tea

11.00 – 12.30 **Interreligious Forum:**
Exercises to conflict-transformation and conflict-constellation

12.45 Lunch

15.00 –16.30 **Workshops:**

- 1) *Dr. Miriam Szököevá*; Diaconia of the Silesian Lutheran Church, Czech Republic: Conflict between dogmatic and pastoral approach toward people with the same sex orientation in the church and Diaconia-Silesian context.
- 2) *Rhoda Chamshama*, PhD Student, Tanzania: Conflicts of counselling in the cultural and religious Context of Tanzania
- 3) *Prof. Brenda Ruiz*, Managua, Nicaragua, Conflicts and violence in Nicaragua: a case study
- 4) *Karin Kettling*, actor, Cologne, Germany:
Theatre-exercises to encourage your standing:
Feet on the ground to face difficult conversations!
Find out how to argue against hate speech or racist and prejudiced discrimination by awareness of tension
Inspired by a theatre scene, develop your personal strategy to defend human values

16.30 Coffee / Tea

17.00 - 18.30 **Reflection groups**

18.30 Supper

TUESDAY, 3. September 2019

Theme of the day:

Conflicts and conflict-transformation in religious and social contexts

8.30 – 8.50 Devotion

9.00 – 10.00 **Interreligious Forum:** Short introduction of the Poster presentations

Coffee / Tea

10.30 -12.30 **Presentation and discussion:**

Daniel Amnon Smith, Rabbi, London

Rabbinic ideas on conflict resolution and peace

Reflections on the presentation

Prof. Dr. Abdelmalek Hibaoui, Center for Islamic Theology,
University Tübingen, Germany:

Violence and peace in Quran

Lunch

15.00 –16.30 Workshops:

- 1) *Prof. Dr. George Varughese*, Pune, India; Religious conflicts in India
- 2) *Rev. Imad Haddad*, Pastor of the Church of Hope, Ramallah, Palestine:
Daily conflicts in Palestine
- 3) *Rev. Prof. Dr. Msafiri Mbilu*, Silliman University, Dumaguete City,
Philippines:
Church-conflicts in the New Testament – conflicts in Churches today
- 4) *Prof. Dr. Anne Steinmeier*, Evangelical Faculty of the Martin-Luther-
University Halle/Wittenberg, Germany: Performing Arts - Dealing with
Fundamental Experiences of Human Existence

16.30 Coffee / Tea

17.00 - 18.30 Reflection groups

18.30 Supper

20.00 General Assembly of SIPCC

All participants are invited to come

WEDNESDAY, 4 September, 2019

Theme of the day:

Local peace work

8.30 – 8.50 Devotion

9.00 – 10.00 **Interreligious Forum:** Working with religious conflicts and peace work in my context

10.00 Coffee / Tea

10.30 – 12.30 **Presentation and discussion:**

Professor Dr. Cemal Tosun, Theological Faculty of the University Ankara,
Turkey: Religious conflicts in Turkey

Reflections on the presentation:

Rev. Josh Morris, PhD Candidate, Claremont School of Theology, California, USA

12.45 Lunch

14.30 – 16.30 **Conversations in Düsseldorf**

Interreligious peace work

Visit of the Synagogue

Experiences of Antisemitism

Visit of a Mosque

Experiences of Islamophobia

Initiative:

“Council of religions” in the city

Church Council of the Evangelical Church:

Impulse: On the way to “just peace”

THURSDAY, 5 September, 2019

Theme of the day:

Care and counselling as peace-building

8.30 – 8.50 Devotion

9.00 – 10.00 **Interreligious Forum:** My contribution as care-giver to peace-work

10.00 Coffee / Tea

10.30 – 12.30 **Presentation and discussion**

Prof. Dr. Mary Esperandio, Brasil and

Prof. Dr. Kathleen Greider, Claremont, USA:

"Spiritual/religious struggles" faced by pastoral counsellors
at their personal level, their intersubjective level, as well as inside their
religious communities.

Reflections on the presentation:

Prof. Dr. Zehra Ersahin, Counselling Psychologist,

Ankara Sosyal Bilimler Üniversitesi

Conflicts of counsellors from a psychological perspective

12.45 Lunch

15.00 –16.30 **Workshops**

- 1) *Dr. John Joseph Masih*, Pastor, Universal Theological Bible College,
Karachi, Pakistan: Conflicts Between Islam and Christianity in Pakistan
- 2) *Professor Dr. Daniel Louw*, Stellenbosch, South Africa:
The Failure of Reconciliation Work in South Africa
- 3) *Benjamin Kam Sian Muang*, Administrative Secretary of
Peace Studies Center, Myanmar Institute of Theology,
Yangon, Myanmar:
Inter-faith peace building in Myanmar: Working on a case of conflict
- 4) *Prof. Dr. Daniel Schipani*: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary,
Elkhart, USA: Tango and dance – a fitting way of reflecting
and doing spiritual care

16.30 Coffee / Tea

17.00 - 18.30 **Reflection groups**

19.30 **Dinner - Feast – Thanksgiving**

FRIDAY, 6 September, 2019

Theme of the day:

Promoting peace - a question of survival for all of us

8.30 – 8.50 Devotion

9.00 – 10.30 **Interreligious Forum:** Round table with the speakers

10.30 Coffee / Tea

11.00 - 12.30 **Plenum:** Evaluation of the Seminar
Steps into the future
Invitation to the Seminar 2020
Spiritual closing

12.30 Lunch and ending of the Seminar

VENUE



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| <input type="checkbox"/> | double bedrooms | 650,00 € |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | single bedrooms | 700,00 € |

Participants (whole Seminar without accommodation) 350,00 €

Participants per day (without accommodation): 75,00 €

The registration is valid only after transferral of the full payment.

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