



Towards Reconciliation in a Broken World: Jewish and Christian Contributions to Responsible Citizenship

PROGRAM OUTLINE

Sunday, June 24, 2018

12:30	On-Site Registration of Conference Participants at "Danubius Hotel Flamenco", Budapest	12:30 – 14:00
15:00	Bus Transfer to the Venue of the Opening Event	
16:00	Opening Event + Reception	16:00 – 19:00 (simult. transl.)
19:00	Bus Transfer to "Danubius Hotel Flamenco"	
19:30	Dinner	

Monday, June 25, 2018:

7:00	Jewish Morning Prayer	Christian Morning Prayer
8:00	On-Site Registration of Day Guests at "Danubius Hotel Flamenco"	
8:30	Meditative Moment	
9:00	Panel Discussion: Reconciliation in Judaism and Christianity	
	9:00 – 11:00 (simult. transl.)	
	<p>This session will seek to engage in dialogue views on reconciliation in Judaism and Christianity, respectively. Central to Jewish faith and yearning, reconciliation is also inextricably linked with repentance and peace. The session will inquire into these connections in detail. Furthermore, it will ask what the link between reconciliation and justice is. Although reconciliation certainly is a religious and spiritual value, biblical and halakhic aspects will not be under scrutiny only. As for Christianity, reconciliation is one of the key concepts in Christian faith and theology. Drawing from the emphases of Apostle Paul (2Cor 5:11-21) it is often argued theologically that reconciliation is one of the crucial ministries Christians are called to pursue in the 21st century. The session will inquire what these connotations mean in practice. Furthermore, it will be explored what implications does it have for interfaith relations?</p> <p>Reconciliation will be construed as a comprehensive notion, encompassing many and various aspects. Therefore, the session will examine what historical, political, social, and ecological ramifications follow from the Jewish and Christian understanding of reconciliation.</p>	
11:00	Coffee Break	

11:30	Panel Discussion: Towards Responsible Citizenship: On Leaving "Victim-Mentality Behind in the Context of Central Europe					11:30 – 13:00 (simult. transl.)
	It has been argued that the so-called victim-mentality is a frequent phenomenon in the context of central European, post-communist countries. This development is augmented by new forms of nationalist ideologies. Moreover, minorities are often left out of the search for a new sense of national identity and find themselves alienated once more, and in a sometimes precarious situation. Here, external, often historical factors are interpreted as the main, or even sole reason for one's unfortunate situation in the present. As a result, the mindset and behavior of a victim is adopted, which have debilitating consequences for the pursuit of one's future. This session will explore this phenomenon from historical, political, social, and theological perspectives. One of the aims will be looking for ways to overcome this mentality, on the way towards active and engaged citizenship.					
13:00	Lunch					
14:30	Workshop A1 (Simult. Transl.)	Workshop A2 (Hungarian)	Workshop A3 (English)	Workshop A4 (English)	Workshop A5 (English)	14:30 – 16:00
16:00	Coffee Break					
16:30	Panel Discussion: How Can I Find God in the "Other"? Towards Responsible Religious Belonging					16:30 – 18:30 (simult. transl.)
	The ultimate question for people in the pre-modern period was, it is argued, "How can I find a saving God?" Instead, it seems that today this question has for an increasing number of people shifted to "How can I find God in the other?" This session is designed as an interfaith dialogical panel. In addition to the leading, title question, the panelists, and the audience together with them, will be asked to ponder and discuss questions such as: Who is my "other"? Who is my friend/neighbor/sibling/enemy? And furthermore, when thinking about these questions, what role does the fact play that human identity is a complex one, consisting of numerous identity markers (religion, race, gender, class, age, education, culture, etc.)?					
19:00	Dinner					
20:00	Evening Program: "Go to the Movies"					

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

7:00	Jewish Morning Prayer			Christian Morning Prayer		
8:00	On-Site Registration of Day Guests at "Danubius Hotel Flamenco"					8:00 – 8:30
8:30	Meditative Moment					
9:00	Panel Discussion: Religious Fundamentalism and Political Extremism					9:00 – 10:30 (simult. transl.)
	Recently, both religious fundamentalism and political extremism have been getting much attention in the media. Does this phenomenon actually mirror reality, or is it merely a political move aimed at increasing the general feeling of anxiety in society? Similarly, one can ask what, if any, are the common denominators connecting the two phenomena? Is there anything religious fundamentalists have in common with political extremists? Furthermore, one can ask how religion is (mis)used by (extreme) politics and vice versa. This session will explore these and other related questions from the perspectives of various academic disciplines (political science, religious studies, history, sociology etc.) as well as geographic factors (Hungary, central Europe, international contexts).					
10:30	Coffee Break					
11:00	Workshop B1 (Simult. Transl.)	Workshop B2 (Hungarian)	Workshop B3 (English)	Workshop B4 (English)	Workshop B5 (English)	11:00 – 12:30

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13:00	Lunch					
15:00	Bus Transfers to the Sites of Local Trips					
	Trip 1	Trip 2	Trip 3	Trip 4	Trip 5	Trip 6
	Free Evening					

Wednesday, June 27, 2018

7:00	Jewish Morning Prayer			Christian Morning Prayer		
7:30	On-Site Registration of Day Guests at "Danubius Hotel Flamenco"					7:30 – 8:00
8:00	Bus Transfer to Kecskemét					
10:00	Address of Welcome by the Mayor of Kecskemét					
10:30	Coffee Break					
11:00	An "Intergenerational" Plenary Session					11:00 – 12:30 (simult. transl.)
13:00	Lunch					
14:30	Workshop C1 (Simult. Transl.)	Workshop C2 (Hungarian)	Workshop C3 (English)	Workshop C4 (English)	Workshop C5 (English)	14:30 – 16:00
16:00	Coffee Break					
16:30	Closing Session: "Shalom aleichem! Pax nobi! As-salamu alaykum! Béke legyem veled! Peace be with you!"					16:30 – 18:30 (simult. transl.)
18:30	Bus Transfer to the Venue of the Closing Dinner					
19:00	Closing Event					
22:00	Bus Transfer to the "Danubius Hotel Flamenco", Budapest					