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DOOPSGEZIND SEMINARIUM



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*Daer en mach gheen ander Fundament gheleyt worden behalven datter gheleyt is, het welke is Christus Jesus*

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# JUST PEACE

International Congress 23-24 June 2011, Amsterdam

The vU University Amsterdam (vU) and the Doopsgezind (Mennonite) Seminarium, both of which are located in Amsterdam, are organizing the academic congress JUST PEACE. This event celebrates the 275<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Seminarium and the inauguration of Dr. Fernando Enns as full professor at the newly established vU chair on Peace Theology and Ethics.

The World Council of Churches accepted at its 1998 assembly in Harare/Zimbabwe a motion from the Mennonite delegate Dr. Fernando Enns to designate 2001-2010 as the *Decade to Overcome Violence*. At the International Ecumenical Peace Convocation (IEPC), May 2011 in Kingston/Jamaica, the Decade will be officially closed. It is the hope of the WCC that through this process an ecumenical theology of just peace will emerge.

At the Amsterdam congress, only one month after the event in Kingston, the main focus will be on three themes:

- The Role of Peace and Justice for the Unity of the Churches;
- The Intercultural Context of Peace with Justice;
- The Interdisciplinary Context.

Besides keynote addresses there will be a number of workshops from different disciplinary perspectives, such as theology, interreligious relations, psychology, social science, and law. The congress is planned with the support of VISOR (vU Institute for the Study of Religion, Culture, and Society) and Doopsgezind WereldWerk. It will be concluded with Prof. Enns' Inaugural Address.

- 10:00 **Walking in the Footsteps of the Mennonites**  
Walking Tour through Amsterdam (1,5hour), guided by  
*Dr. Anna Voolstra* (Starting point: Singelkerk, Singel 452, 1017  
AW Amsterdam)
- 13:00 **Registration (at vU University Amsterdam, Atrium)**
- 13:30-15:00 **Welcome**  
*Prof. Wim Janse*, Dean of vU Faculty of Theology  
*Rev. Alex Noord*, Rector of Doopsgezind Seminarium
- Keynote 1 – The Ecumenical Context**  
THE ROLE OF PEACE AND JUSTICE FOR THE UNITY OF THE  
CHURCHES  
'A Culture of Life in the Midst of the Deadly Threats of our  
Times'. *Prof. Jürgen Moltmann* (emeritus, Eberhard-Karls-  
Universität Tübingen, Germany)  
'The Role of the Unity of the Churches for Peace and Justice'  
*Prof. Eddy van der Borght* (Desmond-Tutu-Chair, vU Faculty  
of Theology)
- 15:30-17:00 **Workshops**
- a. The Role of the Unity of the Churches for Peace and Justice;  
*Prof. Jürgen Moltmann / Prof. Eddy Van der Borght*
  - b. The Interreligious Context of Indonesia; *Rev. Paulus Hartono*  
(Solo/Indonesia)
  - c. The Art of Forgiveness – 'Amish Grace'; *Prof. Donald B.*  
*Kraybill* (Young Center for Anabaptist & Pietist Studies,  
Elizabethtown College Pennsylvania, USA)
  - d. Creating Space for Peace: D. Bonhoeffer and Christian  
Peacemaking (in Dutch and English); *Dr. Annette Mosher*  
(Assistant Professor of Ethics, vU Faculty of Theology), *Rev.*  
*Janna Postma* (Doopsgezind WereldWerk), *Rev. Maarten van*  
*der Werf* (Christian Peacemaker Teams)
- 17:00 **Dinner at vU Restaurant**
- Cultural Event (at Singelkerk)**  
THE AMISH PROJECT  
A fictional exploration of the Nickel Mines schoolhouse shooting  
in an Amish community 2006, and the path of forgiveness and  
compassion forged in its wake, written and performed by *Jessica*  
*Dickey*.

**10:00-11:00 Keynote II – The Intercultural Context**

PEACE WITH JUSTICE – READING FOR RECONCILIATION IN SITUATIONS OF VIOLENCE

‘Peace in Colombia: Justice or Justification?’ *Rev. Alix Lozano*  
(Director of Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Colombia)

‘Reading for Reconciliation. The Text, the Reader and the Other Reader’ *Prof. Hans de Wit* (Dom-Hélder-Câmara-Chair for Peace and Justice, VU Faculty of Theology)

**11:30-12:45 Keynote III – The Interdisciplinary Context**

(Interdisciplinary panel)

JUSTICE FOR ALL – THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBILITY?

*Prof. Mient Jan Faber*, (emeritus VU Faculty of Social Sciences) Citizen Involvement in War Situations

*Prof. Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela*, (University of Cape Town, South Africa) Psychology

*Rev. Paulus Hartono, Solo*, (Indonesia) Interreligious Relations

*Barbara Toews Shenk*, (Pennsylvania Prison Society, USA) Law

**12:45-13:45 Lunch at VU Restaurant**

*Prof. Jürgen Mölmann*



*Prof. Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela*

**13:45-15:15 Workshops**

- a. Coming to Terms with Injustice – Interdisciplinary Workshop (VISOR)  
*Prof. Mattijs van de Port* (VU Faculty of Social Sciences) Culture and (failed) Restoration in Postwar Yugoslavia  
*Prof. Ruard Ganzevoort* (VU Faculty of Theology) Injustice and Posttraumatic Spirituality  
*Dr. Katya Tolstaya* (VU Faculty of Theology) ‘Theologie nach Auschwitz’ as a Mirror. On Reconciliation and Peace Building in Eastern Europe  
Moderator: *Dr. Peter Versteeg* (project coordinator VU Institute for the Study of Religion, Culture, and Society VISOR)
- b. *Prof. Pumla Gobodo-Madikizela* (South Africa) Just Peace from a female, South African, psychological perspective
- c. *Rev. Alix Lozano* (Columbia) Building Peace with Justice in the Context of Colombia
- d. *Barbara Toews Shenk* (USA) From Arrest to Release: The Risks and Rewards of Restorative Justice.

15:45

**Inaugural Address (at VU Aula)**

‘Towards an Ecumenical Theology of Just Peace’

*Prof. Fernando Enns* (Chair for [Peace-] Theology and Ethics, Doopsgezind Seminarium, VU Faculty of Theology)

**Reception**

*Rev. Alix Lozano*



*Prof. Fernando Enns*

**Mennonite Heritage Tours** (*Ayold Fanoy*)**2-day Mennonite Heritage Minitour to Friesland,**

the home of Menno Simons, organized by the Doopsgezind Seminarium. This tour starts on Friday, June 24 at the VU, 18.00 h (after the inauguration of Prof. Enns) with a bus ride to the 'Doopsgezind Broederschapshuis' in Schoorl, a Mennonite Conference and Retreat center, for lodging of two nights. On Saturday we will visit Witmarsum and Pingjum and discover Harlingen through a Mennonite walking tour. On Sunday we will return to Amsterdam to join the worship service in the Mennonite Singelchurch. For more information and reservation info see: [www.seminarium.doopsgezind.nl](http://www.seminarium.doopsgezind.nl)

**8-day Mennonite Heritage Tour to Münster, Strasbourg and Switzerland,**

organized by Mennonite Heritage Tours.

If you want to learn more about the Mennonite Heritage in Germany and Switzerland, you can join an 8 day Hotel tour, starting on Sunday, June 26. This tour is very easy to combine with the Minitour. In Münster we will hear the story of the Münsterite Anabaptists, with their focus on establishing a "New Jerusalem". Other great cities to explore Anabaptist history are Strasbourg, Zurich and Berne. Not far from Zurich is Schleithem, where in 1527 the first Anabaptist Confession was written. In Bäretswil we will find a beautiful cave, where the persecuted Anabaptists found refuge for worshipping in the 16th and 17th century. Read more about this tour at: [www.mennoniteheritagetours.eu](http://www.mennoniteheritagetours.eu) (Tour 1).

**Location of the Congress**

VU University Amsterdam - Atrium  
(Medische Faculteit)  
Van der Boechhorststraat 7  
1081 BT Amsterdam De Boelelaan 1105  
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**Inaugural Address**

At VU Aula, hoofdgebouw, De Boelelaan 1105

- walking distance from Railway Station Amsterdam Zuid WTC
- streetcar 5 or 51 from Amsterdam WTC Zuid (one stop)
- streetcar 5 from Amsterdam Centraal Station (30 minutes to De Boelelaan)

**Costs**

€ 80,00  
For students € 40,00

**Registration**

until 1 June 2011 at: [www.seminarium.doopsgezind.nl](http://www.seminarium.doopsgezind.nl)  
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[www.hotels.nl/nl/amsterdam](http://www.hotels.nl/nl/amsterdam)