

Intercultural Conversations

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6-8 Jan 2020, Chennai

Tentative Programme Schedule

6 Jan 2020

12:30 hrs	Welcome Lunch
14:00 hrs	Commencement of the Symposium at Hotel Novotel
14:00-14:20 hrs	Word of welcome and a brief note on the symposium Prof. Dr Felix Wilfred & Prof. Dr Thomas Schreijäck
14:20-14:40 hrs	Self-introduction of the participants
14:40-16:10 hrs	Panel I – John Clammer, Wei SHAN and Juan CHEN, Chandra Mallampalli
16:10-16:25 hrs	Tea break
16:25-17:55 hrs	Panel II – Daniel Pilario, Jude Lal Fernando, Thomas Schmidt
17:55-18:55 hrs	Panel III – Beulah Rachel Rajarathnamani, Carmen Nols

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09:00-10:45 hrs	Panel IV – Bagus Laksana S, J., David Singh, Anja Middelbeck-Varwig, Martin Nitsche
10:45-11:00 hrs	Tea Break
11:00-11:15 hrs	Group Photo
11:15-12:45 hrs	Panel V – Preeti Oza, Yahu Vinayaraj, Anita Cheria
12:45-13:45 hrs	Lunch Break
13:45-14:15 hrs	discussion on IJAC – Prof. Wilfred
14:15-16:00 hrs	Panel VI – Christof Mandry, Francis Loh, Peniel Rajkumar, F. Flores
16:00-16:15 hrs	Tea Break
16:15-18:00 hrs	Plenary Discussion – Felix Wilfred
18:45-19:45 hrs	Reception at ACCS
20:30 hrs	Dinner out

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09:00-10:30 hrs	Panel VII – Glenn Shive Joachim Werz Delio Mendonça
10:30-11:45 hrs	Tea Break
11:45-13:00 hrs	Panel VIII - Michael Amaladoss, James Ponniah, Vladislav Serikov, M.A.
13:00-14:00 hrs	Lunch Break
14:00-15:30 hrs	Panel IX – Sumathi, Namrata Chaturvedi, P. T. Mathew
15:30-16:00 hrs	Discussion on Book-reviews – Jude Lal Fernando & James Ponniah
16:00-16:15 hrs	Tea Break
16:15-17:00 hrs	Panel X – Thomas Schreijäck & Francis Gonsalves
17:00-17:30 hrs	Plenary Session – Felix Wilfred
17:30 hrs	Concluding Session & Good Bye – Thomas Schmidt and Felix Wilfred

Panels and Order of Presentations

Panel I

Moderator: Thomas Schreijäck

John Clammer - Minorities and Minority Policy in Japan

Wei SHAN and Juan CHEN - Economic Conditions and Protest Potential of Ethnic Minorities in China

Chandra Mallampalli - Minority Vulnerability in China and India: In Quest of a Post-National Imagination

Panel II

Moderator: Francis Loh

Daniel Pilario - Creating New Minorities in Violent Populist Regimes: The Case of the Philippines

Jude Lal Fernando - Struggles of Oppressed Peoples in South Asia and the Quest for Just Peace

Thomas Schmidt – Karl Marx on the Rights and the Emancipation of Religious Minorities

Panel III

Moderator: John Clammer

Beulah Rachel Rajarathnamani – Media and Religious Minorities: Reflections on Secularism in India

Carmen Nols – Europe-Asia Symposium: Critical concerns of Minorities in the Globalizing World. Theological Dialogue – Europe and Asia. *Minorities: Attribution of Identity and Cultural Memory*

Panel IV

Moderator: Christof Mandry

Bagus Laksana S, J. - Naming God Together: Muslim-Christian Theology of Mercy in the Context of Agonistic Minority-Majority Encounters in Contemporary Indonesia

David Singh - Adaptation and Change among Muslim Immigrants in the West

Anja Middelbeck-Varwig – Current Developments in Christian-Muslim Relations in Germany – A Roman Catholic Perspective

Martin Nitsche – Minorities and their Scriptures. Diaspora and the Shifting of Resonance Axes

Panel V

Moderator: Anja Middelbeck-Varwick

Preeti Oza – Neo Buddhist Minorities in India- Liberation Movements and Ambedkar's Dhamma

Yahu Vinayaraj - Dalit Theology after Continental Philosophy

Anita Cheria - The Christian challenge to include Sexual and Gender Minorities to form inclusive communities based on love and mutual respect.

Panel VI

Moderator: Yahu T. Vinayraj

Christof Mandry – European Societies in Search of Themselves. Theological Critique of the Nation

Francis Loh - Ethnic Diversity and the Nation-State: from centralisation in the age of nationalism to decentralisation amid globalization

Peniel Rajkumar – Christian Witness as ‘With-ness’ in the Context of Majoritarian Nationalism

F. Flores - Living and Struggling with Muslim Minorities in the Christian Philippines – Commonalities and Difference for an Asian-European Dialogue

Panel VII

Moderator: Daniel Pilario

Glenn Shive - The Problem of People:" Christian service agencies and the settling and assimilation of refugees in post-WWII Hong Kong.

Joachim Werz – Learning from Minorities. Forgotten Historical Aspects of the Missionary Work of Christian Religious Communities in Asia

Delio Mendonça – The Making of Catholic Minorities in India. A Historical View

Panel VIII

Moderator: Peniel Rajkumar

Michael Amaladoss - Asia: Religious Pluralism – Minorities and Migrants

James Ponniah – The Divine Feet in Tamil Religious Texts: An Inter-Religious Reading

Vladislav Serikov, M.A. – Violence and Grace. Some Observations on Religious Feelings in One Minority Bhakti Tradition

Panel IX

Moderator: Thomas Schmidt

Sumathi – Minorities in India; Cultural Analysis as Experimental System: Critical Evaluation of ‘Scheduled Tribe Nomenclature’

Namrata Chaturvedi - Man and Mountain: Imperial Imagination and Marginalisation of life in the Eastern Himalayas

P.T. Mathew, S.J. - Minority Communities and Coastal Ecology – A View from South Asia

Panel X

Moderator: Jude Lal Fernando

Francis Gonsalves - Towards A Theology of Migrants and Refugees: Seen Through an Asian Lens with Pope Francis

Thomas Schreijäck – Minorities in the Context of Amazon Synod 2019