

**PROGRAMME OVERVIEW FOR GLOBAL NETWORK CONFERENCE
STELLENBOSCH
15-21 JANUARY 2023**

“A God of Justice and Reconciliation? Multidisciplinary Theological Perspectives”

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Sunday, 15 January

- Arrivals at Cape Town International Airport (CPT)
- Bus transfer to Stellenbosch accommodation (within walking distance from conference venue) (*)
- **18:00 – 19:00** Business Meeting of GN Steering Committee [Venue: tbd]
- Evening free / Dinner at own cost (**) – restaurants within walking distance
- Accommodation: Guesthouse near conference venue (*)

Monday, 16 January

- Breakfast (for those living in B&Bs)

- **08:30 – 09:00** Arrival and Registration

- **09:00 – 10:30** Conference **session 1: Welcoming, Introduction to the Theme**
Presiding: Louis Jonker
 - 09:00-09:10 - Practical Arrangements and Introduction of DVC: Prof Louis Jonker (Stellenbosch University)
 - 09:10-09:20 - Welcoming on behalf of SU: Prof Sibusiso Moyo (DVC [Research, Innovation & Postgraduate Studies])
 - 09:20-09:30 - Welcoming on behalf of Global Network: Prof Konrad Schmid (University of Zurich)
 - 09:30-10:15 - Opening presentation: Ayanda Nyoka and Wilhelm Verwoerd (Centre for the Study of the Afterlife of Violence and the Reparative Quest [AVReQ] at SU)
 - 10:15-10:30 - Response: Dr Ntozakhe Cezula (Stellenbosch University) (15 min)

- **10:30 – 11:00** Refreshments (*)

- **11:00 – 13:00** Conference **session 2: A God of Justice and Reconciliation? Perspectives from the Old Testament / Hebrew Bible**
Presiding: Gordon Mikoski
 - *Keynote introduction: Prof Kristin Joachimson (Norwegian School of Theology) – “Justice and Reconciliation in the story of Esau and Jacob in Genesis”*
 - Long paper: Prof Sonia Kwok Wong (Chinese University of Hong Kong) – “The Acts of God and Restorative Justice in the Story of Joseph and His Brothers”
 - Short paper: Prof Regine Hunziker-Rodewald (University of Strassbourg) – “‘Justice for Bat-Zion’: Steps Towards Reconciliation”

- Short paper: Prof Konrad Schmid (University of Zurich) – How God Became a Lawgiver: The Pentateuch in the Context of Ancient Near Eastern Legal History
- **13:00 – 14:30** Lunch (*)
- **14:30 – 15:50** Conference **session 3: A God of Justice and Reconciliation? Perspectives from the New Testament**
Presiding: Sonia Kwok Hong
 - *Keynote introduction: Prof Jeremy Punt (Stellenbosch University) – “A God of Justice and Reconciliation? Perspectives from the New Testament”*
 - Short paper: Dr Xiaxia Xue (China Graduate School of Theology) – “A Gospel of Reconciliation in the Pauline Letters from a Chinese Perspective”
 - Short paper: Prof Jörg Frey (University of Zurich) – “The God who is Love and the Life of Humans: Johannine Perspectives”
- **15:50 – 16:20** Refreshments (*)
- **16:20 – 17:40** Conference **session 4: A God of Justice and Reconciliation? Perspectives from Religion Studies**
Presiding: Regine Hunziker-Rodewald
 - *Keynote introduction: Prof Shadaab Rahemtula (University of Edinburgh) – “A God of Justice: Between Qur’anic Text and Theological Conviction”*
 - Short paper: Prof Xolile Simon (Stellenbosch University) – “African Indigenous Realities Influencing Social Reconciliation and Justice Encounters of Adherents of African Indigenous Religion, Christianity, and Islam in (South) Africa? Challenges and prospects of religious studies within an African interfaith studies framework”
 - Short paper: Prof Christophe Monnot (Strassburg University) – “A sometimes unjust dialogue. Results of a survey of religious communities in Switzerland”
- Evening free / Dinner at own cost (**)

Tuesday, 17 January

- Breakfast (for those living in B&Bs)
- **09:00 – 10:20** Conference **session 5 (a): A God of Justice and Reconciliation? Perspectives from Systematic Theology**
Presiding: Christine Hinze
 - *Keynote introduction: Prof Risto Saarinen (University of Helsinki) – “Towards an Integrated Concept of Reconciliation”*
 - Short paper: Dr Nadia Marais (Stellenbosch University) – “Sol iustitiae illustra nos? A theological exploration of the rhetoric of reconciliation”
 - Short paper: Prof Jan-Olav Henriksen (Norwegian School of Theology) – “God, Justice and Climate Change”

- **10:20 – 10:50** Refreshments (*)
- **10:50 – 12:10** Conference **session 5 (b): A God of Justice and Reconciliation? Perspectives from Systematic Theology
Presiding: Sándor Fazakas
 - Short paper: Dr Siphon Mahokoto (Stellenbosch University) – “A God of Justice and Reconciliation for an unjust and irreconcilable church and South African society”
 - Short paper: Prof Nico Vorster (Northwest University, South Africa) – “Justice, reconciliation, and the nature of God’s power”
 - Short paper: Prof Robert Vosloo (Stellenbosch University) – “Just Recognition? On Recognition, Justification, and Justice”
 - Short paper: Prof Rudolf von Sinner (Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Paraná, Brazil) – “God and Human Idolatry - A Retrieval of Shame as an Ethical Category”**
- **12:10 – 14:15** Lunch (*)
- **14:15 – 15:55** Conference **session 6: A God of Justice and Reconciliation? Perspectives from Social Ethics and Public Theology**
Presiding: Rudolf von Sinner
 - *Keynote introduction: Prof Thorsten Moos (University of Heidelberg) – “Reconciliation as practice of universality”*
 - Short paper: Prof Kung Lap-Yan (Chinese University of Hong Kong) – “Is God Our *Sau² Zuk¹*, Comrade or Friend, with Reference to the 2019 Protest and *Fratelli Tutti?*”
 - Short paper: Prof Christine Hinze (Fordham University) – “Justice, Reconciliation, and Sex/Gender: Untangling a Catholic Conundrum”
 - Short paper: Prof Jolyon Mitchell (Edinburgh University) – “Religion, Violence and Peacebuilding in the Ukraine-Russia conflict”
- **15:55 – 16:25** Refreshments (*)
- **16:25 – 17:25** Conference **session 7: A God of Justice and Reconciliation? Perspectives from Ecclesiology**
Presiding: Thorsten Moos
 - *Keynote introduction: Prof Bradford Hinze (Fordham University) – “Decolonizing Synodality by Engaging Those at the Existential Peripheries: Praxis, Imagination, and Theory”*
 - Short paper: Prof Sándor Fazakas (Debrecen Reformed Theological University) – “Reconciliation and the Social Shape of the Church”
- Evening free / Dinner at own cost (**)

Wednesday, 18 January

- Breakfast (for those living in B&Bs)
- **09:00 – 10:00** Conference **session 8: A God of Justice and Reconciliation? Perspectives from Practical Theology/Youth Work**
Presiding: Kung Lap-Yan
 - Keynote introduction: Prof Gordon Mikoski (Princeton Theological Seminary) – “Will the Real God, Please Stand Up?: To Tell the Truth Practical Theology Style”
 - Short paper: Prof Anita Cloete (Stellenbosch University) – “Reconciliation: Remembering together while creating our future”
- **10:00 – 11:20** Conference **session 9: A God of Justice and Reconciliation? Perspectives from Liturgy Studies**
Presiding: Kristin Joachimson
 - Keynote introduction: Prof Kimberly Belcher (University of Notre Dame) – “Remembrance of the Dead and Reconciliation Among the Living: Race, Abuse, Ritual, and Memorials in the United States”
 - Long paper: Prof Cas Wepener (Stellenbosch University) – “Angry, (South) African and Audible. Liturgically Embodying Context and Text in the On-going Quest for Justice and Reconciliation”
- **11:20 – 11:50** Refreshments (*)
- **11:50 – 13:00** Concluding session
Presiding: Konrad Schmid
 - Final general discussion
 - Planning of publication
 - Planning of next conference
 - Any other business
- **13:00 – 14:30** Lunch (*)
- **14:30 – 16:00** Campus walking tour (*)
- **16:00 – 16:30** Bus transfer to Stellenbosch wine farm Lanzerac (*)
- **16:30 – 18:00** Wine tasting and cellar tour at Lanzerac (Sponsored by University of Zurich)
- **18:00 – 21:30** Conference dinner at Lanzerac (Sponsored by University of Zurich)
- **21:30 – 22:00** Bus transfer to Stellenbosch accommodation (*)

Thursday, 19 January

- Breakfast (for those living in B&Bs)
- Full day excursion, including bus transfer to/from Cape Town; Sightseeing drive through inner city (including St George's Anglican Cathedral; Bo-Kaap mosques); Boat excursion to Robben Island Museum; Dinner in Waterfront restaurant (** – Price: €90.00 per person)

Friday, 20 January

- Breakfast (for those living in B&Bs)
- Full day excursion, including bus transfer to/from Cape Peninsula; Sightseeing drive around peninsula (including visits to Kirstenbosch, Penguin colony at Simon's Town, Cape of Good Hope, Chapman's Peak, Hout Bay); Dinner in Cape Malay restaurant (** – Price: €90 per person)

Saturday, 21 January

- Breakfast (for those living in B&Bs)
- Bus transfer from Stellenbosch accommodation to Cape Town International Airport (*)
- Departure from CPT

Further information

Conference venue: Faculty of Theology, 171 Dorp Street, 7600 Stellenbosch

(*) Costs covered by conference organizers

(**) Voluntary Participation / Own cost of participant

Keynote introductions and Long papers: 30 min presentation + 10 discussion

Short papers: 15 min presentation + 5 min discussion

Restaurants (all in Church Street, Dorp Street, Plein Street):

- Helena's - <https://helenasrestaurant.co.za>
- Oude Werf - <https://www.oudewerf.co.za/dining/>
- Basic Bistro - <https://www.google.com/search?client=safari&rls=en&q=basic+bistro&ie=UTF-8&oe=UTF-8>
- Java Bistro - <https://www.javabistro.net>
- De Eetkamer – <https://www.de-eetkamer.co.za>
- Senobia's – <https://www.eendracht-hotel.com/senobias/>
- Warenmarkt – <http://www.dewarenmarkt.com>
- Stellenbosch Kitchen – https://stellenboschkitchen.co.za/?gclid=CjwKCAiAv9ucBhBXEiwA6N8nYPAJuCiqUOezQ2P-oEVR-zdzWC0eDgeyim2h3Tu7mvUpMykpGM4rbBoC2IIQAvD_BwE
- Fat Butcher - <https://fatbutcher.co.za>