

## Friday, March 04, 2011

1:00 p.m. Arrival

2:00 p.m. Welcome

### Introduction

*PD Dr. Katharina Kunter, Karlsruhe Institute of Technology*

*Rev. Dr. Dagmar Heller, Ecumenical Institute Bossey*

Greeting

*Rev. Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit, WCC General Secretary*

### Global History and the Churches in the 20th Century

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Globalizing the History of the 20th Century: Assessing a Changing World

*Prof. Dr. Dominic Sachsenmaier, Duke University*

Discussion

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Coffee break

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Globalization of the Roman Catholic Church since the Second Vatican Council

*Dr. Ian Linden, Tony Blair Faith Foundation, London*

Globalization of Protestant ecumenism since the 1960s

*Dr. Michael Jagessar, United Reformed Church, London*

Discussion

6:30 p.m. Dinner

### Global Transformation of Mass Media and its Impact on the Churches

8:00 – 9:30 p.m.

Uppsala 1968 - The Event and its Film

Film Documentary of the WCC Assembly "Behold... All things new" (28')

*Dr. Nicolai Hannig, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster*

## Saturday, March 05, 2011

Breakfast

### The Sixties as a Turning Point

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

The WCC in the Post-War Era (1948-1960)

*Dr. Andrew Chandler, George Bell Institute, Chichester*

The "Coming-of-age" of the WCC in the 1960s

*Annegreth Strümpfel, M.A., Karlsruhe Institute of Technology*

Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 a.m.

Perspectives from contemporary witnesses

*with K.C. Abraham, Mercy Amba Oduyoye  
Julio de Santa Ana and others*

12:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Lunch break

### The Political Internationalization of the WCC in the 1960s and early 1970s

2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

*The Commission of Churches in International Affairs (CCIA) as focal point of political globalization*

- The Development of WCC on the stage of Global Politics  
*Dr. Karsten Lehmann, Universität Bayreuth*
- The CCIA in the early 1970s: 'A qualitative shift' in the understanding of Human Rights  
*Rev. Christian Albers, MTh, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster*

4:00 – 4:30 p.m. Coffee break

4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

*The Programme to Combat Racism (PCR) as a challenge for the unity of churches*

- The Programme to Combat Racism and the "Glocalization" of the churches  
*Sebastian Tripp, M.A., Ruhr-Universität Bochum*

- The WCC, Apartheid and Swiss Churches, 1969-1983  
*Dr. Eric Morier-Genoud, Queen's University Belfast*
- PCR from an African Perspective  
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Discussion

7:00 p.m. Departure for Fondue Evening in Geneva

## Sunday, March 06, 2011

Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

### Global Debates and National Backlashes

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Renewal Processes in Austrian Churches and their Relation to the WCC in the 1960s

*Prof. Dr. Jürgen Nautz, Universität Wien*

A Divided Nation in a Divided World: the Kirchentag and the Globalization of German Protestantism in the 1950s and 1960s

*Dr. Benjamin C. Pearson, Tusculum College*

Discussion

10:30 – 11:00 a.m. Coffee break

### Globalization and Unity – a Historical Utopia of the 1960s?

11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Statements

*Dr. Stephen Brown, Geneva*

*Dr. Odair Pedroso Matteus, Geneva*

*Dr. Hedwig Richter, Bielefeld*

Discussion

1 p.m. Lunch

2 p.m. Departure

## Conference Coordination

PD Dr. Katharina Kunter, Frankfurt/M.  
Coordinator DFG research project "Global Christendom", Karlsruhe Institute of Technology

Annegreth Strümpfel, M.A., Frankfurt/M.  
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Rev. Dr. Dagmar Heller, Bossey  
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## Venue

Ecumenical Institute Château de Bossey  
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## Getting there

The Ecumenical Institute is located in Bogis-Bossey nearby the villages of Chavannes-de-Bogis and Céligny, 20km from Geneva international airport and railway station. A shuttle service will be provided.

## Participation fee

250,00 € (incl. conference fee, accommodation and meals)

## Registration

Please register by December 20, 2010 at: annegreth.struempfel@kit.edu  
by sending your name, profession, a short statement of your motivation for taking part, estimated time of arrival and departure.

## Globalization of Churches

The 1960s and early 1970s are known as a time of social and political change, technical advance and visionary student protests. The increase in the number of "Third World" countries on the international political scene led to a significant shift of world view and called existing power structures into question. As for the churches, the World Council of Churches (WCC, Geneva) played an important role in the growing political involvement of the Christian community. Milestones in its work were the conference on Church and Society in Geneva 1966, where half of the participants came from "Third World" countries, and the WCC Assembly in Uppsala 1968, followed by the implementation of the Programme to Combat Racism. In this period, the WCC developed from having a European-North-American orientation into a global institution, with a worldwide reach.

The international and interdisciplinary conference 2011 seeks to examine this ground-breaking change, from a global historical and ecumenical perspective. Researchers from a variety of contexts and disciplines will provide their insights and discuss the different historical, theological and political criteria that led to the global transformation and renewal of ecumenical Christendom.

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## The Globalization of Churches



### Global Transformation and Ecumenical Renewal of the World Council of Churches in the 1960s and 1970s

## Academic Conference

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