

## Date and Location

Thursday 11 March and Friday 12 March 2010

Auditoires Socrates

Place Cardinal Mercier

UCL- Université catholique de Louvain

1348 - Louvain -la-Neuve

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## Participation fee

- 70 euro for one day
- 100 euro for both days

The bank account number will be indicated in reply to the request of registration.

## Registration and information

Please send an email to : [sophie.minette@uclouvain.be](mailto:sophie.minette@uclouvain.be)

before February, 10, 2010

mentioning :

- your name and first name
- your position / job title
- your organization
- your contact details

Registration is definite from the moment we have received both your registration and payment.



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This Congress is articulated  
to a first two days session organized  
in Ghent, 9 and 10 March, by HILOS  
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## How to reach Louvain-la-Neuve ?

### By train

Louvain-la-Neuve is easily accessible by train and its train station is located in the very centre of the town. From Brussels, you can get to Louvain-la-Neuve in about 40 minutes.

If you are travelling to Louvain-la-Neuve by train, be sure to ask for a ticket to "Louvain-la-Neuve Université" (NOT Louvain or Leuven, which is a different city!).

From any Belgian station, take the train towards Ottignies, a station situated on the Brussels-Ottignies-Namur-Luxembourg line (trains every half hour in both directions).

Get off at Ottignies station and change trains to continue to Louvain-la-Neuve-Université (about 8 min.).

Some trains go straight from Brussels to Louvain-la-Neuve but take more time. Timetables are available on [www.sncb.be](http://www.sncb.be)

### By car



### By plane

Fly to [Brussels National Airport](#) (Zaventem):

Brussels National Airport (Zaventem) is linked to Brussels by a train service: 4 trains/hour between 5.30 a.m. and 12 p.m. during weekdays and between 9 a.m. and 12 p.m. during week-ends. Ask for a ticket to "Louvain-la-Neuve" and get off at the station Brussels Nord (a 12-15 min. ride). Take the Brussels-Namur-Luxembourg line (trains every half hour, week-end included), get off at Ottignies (about 35 min.) and switch to a train to Louvain-la-Neuve (about 8 min.). Some trains go straight from Brussels to Louvain-la-Neuve but take more time.

Fly to [Brussels South Charleroi Airport](#):

At the airport, go to the desk Ryanair and ask for a combined ticket bus/train to Louvain-la-Neuve.

Bus connections are organised according to flight arrivals and departures (every half hour to Charleroi station and return). Take the bus to Charleroi station, from where you can continue by train to Louvain-la-Neuve.

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# Presentation

The ONU process of the alliance of civilisations, the religious dimensions of the white book on the intercultural dialogue (CoE), the debates of the European Union on the open, transparent and regular dialogue project for the Churches and philosophies of life, but also the international impact of the meetings in Assise launched by Pope John Paul II, or the Madrid process show today that the dialogue between the public authorities and the religions cannot be conceived without taking into account a dialogue between the religions themselves. Diverse forms of interaction between these two types of dialogues equally develop progressively depending on the different experiences. The attention the public authorities and international organisations gradually spend on the interconvictional programmes seems to be characterized by a kind of ambiguity which, nevertheless, is itself at the centre of new potentialities of the mechanisms for the public regulation. Ambiguity because of the blurred border between the actual religious dimensions of those programmes and on the other hand an large conception of public debate, potentially oriented to public governance. New potentialities because new multilateral structures might be interpreted as an answer to the open imperatives of the participating democracies, whereas most national policies were constructed according to purely bilateral negotiatory methods. Nonetheless, because of these ambiguities, some strategic instrumentalisation of the interreligious dialogues might be suspected. A carefull approach is needed in order to evaluate these new public stimuli and transparent structures, and new forms of public government originally invented for other sectors of the society.

**Two kinds of issues will be tackled by this pluridisciplinary colloquium:**

**1. How do the international organisations or the European nations take into account or mobilise the resources produced by several forms of interreligious dialogues, even by redefining them?**

**2. How do the actors of interreligious dialogue react to the expectations or the attention given to their religious action by the international organisations? Does this involve a simple game of instrumentalisation, in one way or two directions? Or are the influences much deeper, either substantial or procedural? Which contribution can these analyses provide to the different knowledges mobilised in sciences of religions ?**

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# Programme (\*)

**Thursday, 11 March 2010**

## **International Policies and interreligious dialogue : new public strategies ?**

- 09h30 Welcoming speech  
09h40 Introductory speech  
**10h05 Interreligious dialogue and the Council of Europe**  
**10h45 Coffee break**  
**11h00 Interreligious dialogue and the European Union**  
**11h40 Political science approaches**  
**12h30 Lunch**  
**14h00 Political philosophy approaches**  
**14h40 Sociological approaches**  
**15h20 Legal approaches**  
**16h00 Coffee break**  
**16h20 Panel : substantial theamics of interaction**  
**17h00 Panel : pragmatal conditions of interaction**  
**17h40 Panel : comparative approach with local initiatives**  
**18h20 Conclusions**  
**18h30 Closing of the day session**

**Friday, 12 March 2010**

## **International engagement of religious actors : new intradenominational effects ?**

- 09h00 Welcoming speech  
09h10 Introductory speech  
**09h25 The social responsibility of theologies /theologians**  
**10h05 Coffee break**  
**10h20 Multi-religious panel**  
**10h50 Public responsibilities and mutation of theologies**  
**11h30 Multi-religious panel**  
**12h10 Lunch**  
**14h00 Multilateralism and religious evolutions**  
**14h40 The Belgian Council of Religious Leaders**  
**15h20 Interdisciplinary Panel - debate**  
**16h00 Conclusions**  
**16h30 Closing of the session**

(\*) Languages of the Congress are French and English, without simultaneous translations.  
French is expected to be the main language.

# Speakers and panellists

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