

Date, location and practical information

Tuesday 9 March and Wednesday 10 March 2010, Guislain Formation Centre, Jozef Guislainstraat 43, 9000 Ghent, Belgium.

Languages of the Congress are French and English. Simultaneous translation from French to English and from English to French will be foreseen.

Participation fee

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

Please transfer the correct amount for participation to bank account number 445-3553601-70 of Guislain Formation Centre. Please fill purpose for transfer **070/0705/33937 (IBAN: BE 60 4453 5536 0170 / BIC: KREDBEBB)**.

Registration and information

Please send an e-mail or fax before **10 February 2010** mentioning:

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

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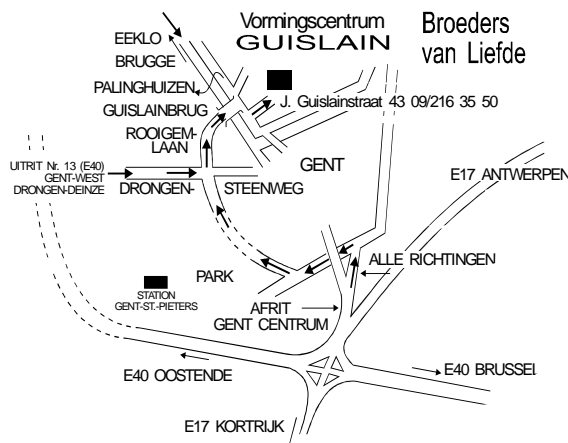
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By car:



By public transport:

By train to Gent St Peter's Station; then, approximately 100 m from under the viaduct tramway number 1, which stops at the entrance of Guislain Formation Centre; travelling time approximately 25 min.

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EUROPEAN CONGRESS

DIALOGUE AND CONCERTATION BETWEEN PHILOSOPHIES OF LIFE/RELIGIONS AND THE PUBLIC AUTHORITIES IN EUROPE

CHALLENGES AND LIMITS OF NEW FORMS OF GOVERNANCE

9 - 10 March 2010

**Guislain Formation Centre,
Ghent, Belgium**

Vormingscentrum
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Broeders van Liefde

Met steun van de
Vlaamse overheid



Situation

Article 17 of the Consolidated version of the Treaty concerning the functioning of the European Union, after the Treaty of Lisbon, provides for an "open, transparent and regular" dialogue with the Churches, but "while recognising their identity and specific contribution", as well as with the philosophical and non-confessional organisations.

On the one hand, this provision contributes to the development of relations between politics and philosophies of life and religions. On the other hand, it remains vague and silent about the manner in which the dialogue should be conducted. How is this dialogue to be carried out? Who are the conversation partners? How will the agenda be drawn up? What will be the impact of this type of dialogue on the public authorities? Thus many questions arise. The challenges are incisive.

Meanwhile, without waiting for the unification process of the European Union, several European countries have started a less structural consultation with both the Churches and other philosophies of life and with the government. In some other countries, specific consultative bodies have been established to explicate the relation to Islam. Still in other countries, rather multilateral initiatives have been taken.

Can these national initiatives lead to a better understanding of the meaning and challenges of a future European practice of participative democracy? The colloquium aims at creating a comparative approach in order to exchange good practices and to discern the similarities as well as the differences.

These comparative studies presented by specialists from different countries will, on the one hand, contribute to a clearer understanding, in detail, of the practical and concrete conditions of the new forms of dialogue in Europe. On the other hand, they will enable people to evaluate the own practices of each system and to ascertain how they might be improved in light of other national practices.

In the framework of this Congress, HILOS has invited expert speakers from nine European countries: Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, the Netherlands, Slovakia and Spain.

For the other countries, HILOS has launched "a call for papers".

**This Congress is articulated
to a second two days session organized
in Louvain-la-Neuve, 11 and 12 March 2010, by
the Chaire de Droit des Religions**

Programme

Tuesday, 9 March 2010

- 09h30** Welcoming speech
- 09h40** Introductory speech, Minister G. BOURGEOIS
- 10h15** Question time
- 10h45** Coffee break
- 11h00** Report of Germany
- 11h40** Report of Greece
- 12h30** Lunch
- 14h00** Report of the Netherlands
- 14h40** Report of Slovakia
- 15h20** Panel - Debate
- 16h00** Coffee break
- 16h20** Report of Spain
- 17h00** Report of Belgium
- 17h40** Panel - Debate
- 18h15** Conclusions
- 18h30** Closing the day session

Wednesday, 10 March 2010

- 09h00** Welcoming speech
- 09h15** Report of Denmark
- 10h00** Report of France
- 10h45** Coffee break
- 11h00** Report of Italy
- 11h45** Panel - Debate
- 12h15** Final report - Conclusions
- 13h00** Lunch

Keynote Speakers

Mr. Geert BOURGEOIS

Vice-Minister-President of the Flemish Government and Flemish Minister for Administrative Affairs, Local and Provincial Government, Civic Integration and Tourism

Prof. dr. Francesco MARGIOTTA BROGLIO (to be confirmed)
Università di Firenze, Italy

Prof. dr. Louis-Léon CHRISTIANS
UCL, Belgium

Prof. dr. Patrick DE POOTER
HILOS, Belgium

Prof. dr. Nikos MAGHIOROS
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Dr. Michaela MORAVCIKOVA
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Prof. dr. Wilfried SPOHN
Universität Göttingen, Germany

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