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32nd International Seminar on Intercultural and Interreligious Care and Counselling

Engaging Violence: Spiritual Care on the Razor's Edge



32. Internationales Seminar für Interkulturelle und Interreligiöse Seelsorge und Beratung

Hineingezogen in Gewalt: Seelsorge als Gratwanderung

Ort / Venue:

**Huize Beukbergen, Amersfoortseweg 59, 3712 BB Huis ter Heide
The Netherlands (NL)**

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6 - 11 September 2020

PREPARATION GROUP OF THE SEMINAR

In organizing the 2020 Seminar SIPCC cooperates with the Jointed Chaplaincy Services within the Dutch Armed Forces, the CPE Expertise Centre of Radboud University Medical Centre in Nijmegen and the Dutch Association of Professional Spiritual Caregivers (VGVZ) with contributions from House Beukbergen and the Free University Amsterdam.

The preparation group consists of Wim Smeets, Ids Smedema, Margret Noltensmaier, Eline Verbruggen, Ramaya Soe Agnie, Bas Bakker, Helmut Weiss (president of SIPCC), Alexander Letz (treasurer of SIPCC) and Kees Smit (coordinator).

ISSUES AND PROCESSES OF THE SEMINAR

The World Health Organization describes violence as “the intentional use of physical force or power, threatened or actual, against oneself, another person, or against a group or community, which either results in or has a high likelihood of resulting in injury, death, psychological harm, maldevelopment, or deprivation” (WHO, 2002). It is important not only to consider physical forms of violence, most visible in armed conflicts, but also aggression as expressed in language and some forms of cultural exclusion or educational neglect. Intercultural and interreligious differences can also play a major role in the processes that might easily escalate into acts of violence.

Violence, both intentional and non-intentional, is a widespread phenomenon. One can find it in places where people should be safe and feel safe: in their homes, in their most intimate relationships, in the streets of their villages and cities, in the countries where they live and in the institutions of which they are a part. Violence may be related to poverty, sexual exploitation and gender inequality, mental and psychological problems, and to all kinds of abuses of power, including in institutions and by governments. Violence is a pervasive aspect of the human condition.

In their professional lives and within their institutions, spiritual caregivers are also confronted with violence. And despite their efforts to be agents of peace, they often become in some way involved in different forms of violence: as a witness, as a mediator, or even as an actor. At times they themselves become objects of violence.

What does it mean for spiritual caregivers when they somehow become involved in conflict or violence? What are the communicative, intercultural and interreligious skills they need to develop in order to address differences in contexts of conflict? What strategies of social action and counselling can they employ in order to prevent violence and address its underlying causes? How can they prevent their spiritual care from becoming an act of violence in itself? These questions place spiritual care on the razor’s edge of human encounters with violence, as a risky involvement in confronting hope and despair, good and evil, war and peace, and even life and death.

The languages of the Seminar are English and German. Translation will be provided.

The Seminar is acknowledged as formal educational activity

All participants will receive a certificate of attendance from SIPCC, which is a tax free charitable organisation with the aim to “promote education of adults and students” (as is stated by the finance authority).

CHAPLAINCY AND ARMED FORCES IN THE NETHERLANDS

Beukbergen is the home of the Joint Chaplaincy Services of the Armed Forces in the Netherlands

The Netherlands are a democratic state in which the parliament elected by the people controls the government. The armed forces (Army, Navy, Air Force and Military Police) are subordinate to the democratically elected government in all decisions and actions. The Defense Minister is accountable for this in Parliament.

The Netherlands are a member of NATO and some other international security organizations. Almost all military missions take place within an international framework.

According to the Constitution, the armed forces' duties consist of defending the territory of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, which also includes small areas in the Caribbean, promoting the international legal order, and providing help and support in case of disasters.

In the Netherlands there is freedom of religion according to the Constitution. Soldiers who are denied access to their own clergy because of deployments and long-term stays in the barracks are therefore provided by military chaplains, i.e. chaplains within the Armed Forces.

At the same time, spiritual or pastoral care within the Armed Forces is legitimized by the state's duty to provide proper care for people whose situation and work can lead to ethical and existential questions and problems.

The state, according to the principle of the separation of state and 'church', has to remain neutral in questions of belief and ideology and therefore can't provide spiritual care itself. The state calls upon so called 'sending or endorsing authorities', being Protestant and Roman Catholic churches, the Humanist Union, and Jewish, Islamic, Hindu or Buddhist organizations, to send chaplains or spiritual caregivers.

Although the military chaplains are paid by the state, they respond for the content of their work only to this officially recognized 'sending or endorsing authorities',

All chaplains within the Armed Forces are civilians and are not part of military hierarchy.

WORKING METHODS OF THE SEMINAR

The working methods of the Seminar are based on the identity of SIPCC as a network in which intercultural and interreligious pastoral practice, education, academic research and teaching are integrately linked and mutually enhance each other. Practicing counsellors, educators and teachers/researchers in academic fields are invited to exchange and learn together. Spiritual elements and ethical issues point to the fact that dealing with people happens holistically and always poses the question of what is good for humans.

Worship - prayers - devotion / Interreligious Forums / Lectures and presentations

Workshops / Reflection Groups / Excursion

General Assembly of SIPCC / Celebration of 25 years of SIPCC

Project-Presentations / Scholarship programme

Tentative Programme of the Seminar

Sunday September 6th

Theme of the day: *Introduction*

14.00 – 17.00	arrival, registration
17.30 – 18.30	dinner
19.00 – 19.30	Welcome and opening of the conference
19.30 – 19.45	Practical introduction to the house Beukbergen and to the conference
20.00 – 20.15	break
20.15 – 21.00	General introduction to the theme Prof. dr. Ruard Ganzevoort <i>Ruard Ganzevoort is professor Practical Theology at the Vrije Universiteit in Amsterdam and member of the Upper Chamber of the Dutch national parliament</i>

Monday September 7th

Theme of the day: *Moral Injury*

07.30 – 07.50	devotions
08.00 – 08.45	breakfast
09.00 – 09.30	intercultural forum
09.35 – 10.20	lecture Prof. dr. Pieter Vos on Moral Injury <i>Pieter Vos is professor Military Chaplaincy and associate Professor of Ethics at the Protestant Theological University at Groningen/Amsterdam</i>
10.20 – 10.35	small discussion groups
10.35 – 11.00	break
11.00 – 11.30	plenary discussion/debate
12.00 – 14.00	lunch-break
14.00 – 15.30	Workshops:
15.30 – 16.00	break
16.00 – 17.30	Reflection groups
18.00 – 19.00	Dinner
20.00	facultative evening program

Tuesday September 8th

Theme of the day: *Daily violence*

07.30 – 07.50	devotions
08.00 – 08.45	breakfast
09.00 – 09.30	intercultural forum
09.35 – 10.20	lecture drs. Nathanja van Moppes <i>Nathanja van Moppes is General Practitioner in Amsterdam and researcher and lecturer at Amsterdam Academic Medical Centre</i>
10.20 – 10.35	small discussion groups
10.35 – 11.00	break
11.00 – 11.30	plenary discussion/debate
12.00 – 14.00	lunch-break
14.00 – 15.30	Workshops:
15.30 – 16.00	break
16.00 – 17.30	Reflection groups
18.00 – 19.00	Dinner
20.00 – 21.30	General Assembly 'Ready for the future'

Wednesday September 9th

Theme of the day: *Institutional violence*

07.30 – 07.50	devotion
08.00 – 08.45	breakfast
09.00 – 09.30	Intercultural forum
09.15 – 10.15	Three pitches about how organizations in different parts of society effect human beings
10.15 – 10.30	break
10.30 – 11.00	Panel discussion
11.00 – 11.30	plenary discussion
12.00 – 12.45	lunch
13.00 – 13.30	transfer
13.30 – 14.30	excursion <i>Faith under fire: Presentations from the field of military chaplaincy</i>
15.15 – 15.45	Transfer to Utrecht
15.45	visit to the city of Utrecht

Thursday September 10th

Theme of the day: <i>Gender related violence</i>

07.30 – 07.50	devotions
08.00 – 08.45	breakfast
09.00 – 09.30	intercultural forum
09.35 – 10.20	lecture Prof. dr. Gaby Jacobs <i>Gaby Jacobs is professor Humanistic spiritual care at University of Humanistic Studies in Utrecht</i>
10.20 – 10.35	small discussion groups
10.35 – 11.00	break
11.00 – 11.30	plenary discussion
12.00 – 14.00	lunch-break
14.00 – 15.30	Workshops:
15.30 – 16.00	break
16.30 – 18.00	reflection groups
19.30 – 22.30	Dinner and celebration of 25 th anniversary SIPCC

Friday September 11th

Theme of the day: <i>Evaluation</i>
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08.00 – 08.45	breakfast
09.00 – 09.45	Retrospective of the theme
09.45 – 10.15	break
10.15 – 10.45	Evaluation of the seminar
10.45 – 11.00	SIPCC seminar 2021 Tübingen
11.00 – 11.30	Devotion
11.30 – 11.45	Closure of the seminar
12.00 – 13.00	Lunch and departure

COSTS

per person (fee, accommodation, food, rooms etc.):

double bedrooms 700,00 €

Participants (whole Seminar without accommodation) 400,00 €

Participants per day (without accommodation): 100,00 €

The registration is valid only after transferral of the full payment.

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