European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies (ESITIS) Conference, 2007

‘The Resurgence of Religion in Europe’.

Exploring the implications of Religious Pluralism in Europe

11-13 April 2007

Location: Fircroft Centre, Selly Oak, Birmingham, UK.

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• Wednesday 11th April

16:30 Arrivals and Registration
18:30 Dinner
19:30 Introduction: The Re-emergence of Religion in Europe:
Lecture: Prof. Andre Droogers Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam; ‘the background and nature of the deep changes in the religious realities in modern Europe’.
20:15 Plenary discussion
21:00 Close

• Thursday 12th April

9:00 Doing Islamic Theology in Europe
Keynote Speaker: Fikret Karcic
University of Sarajevo
1st Respondant: Jabal Buaban
University of Birmingham
2nd Respondant: Fatih Okumus
Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam

10:15 Plenary Discussion
11:00 Coffee/Tea
11:15 Christian Migrants and Their Theologies
Keynote Speaker: Afe Adogame
University of Edinburgh
1st Respondant: Garnet Parris
University of Birmingham
2nd Respondant: Amélé Adamavi-Aho Ekué
University of Hamburg

12:30 Plenary Discussion
13:00 LUNCH
14:00  Inter-cultural Theology and Interreligious Studies in Europe

Keynote Speaker  
Gavin D’Costa  
*University of Bristol*

1st Respondant  
Kajsa Ahlstrand  
*University of Uppsala*

2nd Respondant  
Norbert Hintersteiner  
*Utrecht University*

15.15  Plenary Discussion

16.00  Coffee/Tea

16.30  BREAK: Time for relaxation, discussion and project-networking

18:30  DINNER

20.00  Annual General Meeting of European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies (ESITIS)

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- **Friday 13th April**

9:30  **2 Groups (Provisional Programme)**

  Short Paper Workshops:

  
  **Group 1:**

  9:30 – 9:50  Valkenberg ‘Doing Islamic Theology in Europe’
  9:50 – 10:10  Kilic ‘On Doing Islamic Theology in Europe’
  10:10 – 10:30  Guerra: Theology of Migrations: a critical and intercultural reflection of the faith from the human mobility
  10:30 – 10:50  Robinson ‘Possibilities for moving from tolerance to relationship’

  **Group 2:**

  9:30 – 9:50  Andersen, ‘The attitude towards democracy among European Muslims’
  9:50 – 10:10  Dyck *Through the Front Door: Jewish-Christian dialogue…*
  10:10 -10:30  Giordan ‘Spirituality as a Chance for Intercultural Theology’
  10:30 – 10:50  Strizzi ‘The return of religion (unloaded)’

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c. 11:00  Break

11:30  Guest Speaker: Prof. John Hick: ‘True Pluralism’

12:00  Discussion and Final Plenary

12:30  LUNCH

14:00  Departures
ESITIS Registration Form

Conference: ‘Resurgence of Religion in Europe’

Graduate Institute for Theology and Religion, University of Birmingham, Elmfield House, Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham B29 6LG

11-13 April, 2007

I wish to attend the conference and enclose payment as follows
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April 12 Lunch £4.00 □
Dinner £4.00
April 13 Lunch £4.00

Please tell us here if you have any special dietary needs………………………………………

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If you require Bed and Breakfast accommodation on 11, 12 April please contact Amanda Preston (details below) before submitting this form. Cost will be according to availability.

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How to get to Fircroft College

(1018 Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, B29 6LH)

Getting there by road

Fircroft College is on the Bristol Road (A38), three miles south west of the centre of Birmingham. If approaching from the city centre, pass Sainsbury's supermarket on the right in Selly Oak and then go through 2 sets of traffic lights, Fircroft is on the left, approx. 100 yards from the second set of traffic lights. If approaching from the south west, look for Bournville College on the left and a pedestrian footbridge overhead. After approx. 200 yards turn into the next exit on the right, just before the pelican crossing.

Getting there by train

From Birmingham New Street station either connect to a local service to Selly Oak station and walk out onto the Bristol Road, turning left and walking about a mile and a half past Sainsbury's until the OLRC is on your right. Alternatively you could phone for a taxi (Castle Cars 0121 472 2222 or T.O.A 0121 427 8888)

Getting there by bus

The Travel West Midlands bus services that lead along the Bristol Road are nos 61, 62 and 63. You can catch these from Stephenson Street in the centre of Birmingham. Ask the driver to tell you when you reach Weoley (pronounced Wheely) Park Road. As you alight from the bus, turn right to walk down the hill going in the same direction as if you were driving. You will walk past George Cadbury Hall and the Charles W. Gillett, after which Fircroft is the next turning on the left.

Getting there by coach

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