

13th Conference of the European Network for Buddhist-Christian Studies (ENBCS) in partnership with the World Council of Churches

Buddhist-Christian Encounter: A Visionary Approach

A Conference Inspired by Lynn A. De Silva (1919-1982) on the centenary of his birth

To be held at the Arch Abbey of St Ottilien, near Munich, Germany: 27 June – 1 July 2019

CALL FOR PAPERS

The theme of the 13th ENBCS conference concerns our vision for Buddhist-Christian encounter. The topics that will be addressed by invited speakers are inspired by the work of Revd. Dr Lynn A. de Siva, Sri Lankan Methodist minister, Pāli scholar, artist, philosopher, theologian, and pioneer of Buddhist-Christian dialogue, at the centenary of his birth: May Dialogue change our Self-Understanding and View of the Religious Other? May Dialogue Change our Understanding of the Human Being? May Dialogue Change our Understanding of Death and Life after Death? May Dialogue Change our Understanding of Ultimate Reality? May Dialogue Change Our Understanding of the Buddha and the Christ? May Art Inspire Dialogue – May Dialogue Inspire Art? May popular religion alter the Course of Dialogue? Our speakers include: Wesley Ariarajah, Perry Schmidt-Leukel, James Fredericks, Amos Yong, Andreas Nehring, Elizabeth Harris, Gudrun Löwner, Anniewieke Vroom, Rasika Pieris and Jude Lal Fernando.

Academics involved in Buddhist-Christian Studies, independent researchers and others committed to Buddhist-Christian understanding are welcome to attend the conference.

In addition, papers from postgraduate research students and experienced researchers are invited for parallel sessions on Saturday and Sunday evening. The Network places great importance on giving postgraduate research students the opportunity to share their research and gain feedback. It also welcomes papers from experienced academics working within Buddhist-Christian Studies.

Proposals need not be on the themes of the conference but should relate to Buddhist-Christian Studies. Each paper will be allocated 30 minutes. It is expected that the actual paper will not last longer than 20 minutes leaving 10 minutes for discussion.

Proposals should include: your name, address and academic position/affiliation (if you have one); title of paper; a synopsis of the content of the paper that demonstrates its relevance to Buddhist-Christian Studies.

Proposals for the consideration of the Network's Management Committee should be e-mailed to Dr Elizabeth Harris, President of the Network, by February 28, 2019:

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Further details about the conference programme and registration details are available on the Network's website: <http://www.buddhist-christian-studies-europe.net/>