Laudato si' – Towards Climate and Social Justice International Scientific Conference





I lift up my eyes to the mountains where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

Psalm 121

Inequity affects not only individuals but entire countries; it compels us to consider an ethics of international relations. A true "ecological debt" exists, particularly between the global north and south, connected to commercial imbalances with effects on the environment, and the disproportionate use of natural resources by certain countries over long periods of time... The warming caused by huge consumption on the part of some rich countries has repercussions on the poorest areas of the world, especially Africa, where a rise in temperature, together with drought, has proved devastating for farming.

Encyclical Letter of the Holy Father Francis Laudato Si' - On Care for Our Common Home, **51**



On behalf of the Organizing and Scientific Committee, we warmly welcome you to the international scientific conference Laudato Si' – Towards Climate and Social Justice.

The conference theme, Laudato Si' – Towards Climate and Social Justice, has been carefully chosen to mark interest in – and concern for – care for our common home according to the Pope Francis's vision. Six years after the publication of *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis' encyclical letter on the care for our common home, the prophetic words from the encyclical letter continue to ring in our ears: "What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us..." (LS, 160). To commemorate the six year anniversary of Laudato Si' and the closing of the "CRO Laudato Si' "project, the Catholic University of Croatia, National Fraternity of the Secular Franciscan Order (SFO), Ministry of Economy and Sustainable Development, Croatia,

More about project:

http://www.unicath.hr/kated ra-za-teologiju/cro-laudato-si

https://www.unicath.hr/laud ato-si-konferencija-2021

https://www.facebook.com/ HRLaudatoSi/

SESTRICA VODICA (YouTube) https://www.youtube.com/w atch?v=1_6OcMmCL-M

DAY ONE (4th June 2021)

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DAY TWO (5th June 2021) https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83473348940?p wd=VUF1N3RSR014emhKQ1oycTRsZGhH

PASSCODE: 213192 WEBINAR ID: 83473348940 Center for the Promoting Social Doctrine of the Church and Franciscan Institute for the Culture of Peace are organize a two day conference at the Catholic University of Croatia between 4th and 5th June 2021.

At the end of the conference, we hope to come up with some concrete lines of action for the care of our common home and to empower others around us to grow in our Christian faith, seek justice for the poor and protect our common home.

We would like to thank all of the sponsoring organizations for providing their generous support.

Lastly, we would like to thank all of the conference participants for their contributions which are the foundation of this conference.

Ass. Prof. **Andreja Sršen**, PhD, Scientific Committee Chairperson

Ass. Prof. **Zoran Turza**, PhD, Organizing Committee Chairperson



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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DAY ONE

FRIDAY, 4 June 2021

9.00 - 9.45 Introductory greetings

9.45 - 10.45 Opening presentation

Full Professor Giuseppe Buffon, Ph.D. (Pontifical University Antonianum, Rome, Italy) From Laudato si' Towards Franciscan Eco-Spirituality. Textual Limits and Interpretative Possibilities

<u>Moderator</u>: Assistant Professor Andreja Sršen, Ph.D. (Department of Sociology, Faculty of Croatian Studies, University of Zagreb)

10.45–11.00 Break





PANEL I: Pope Francis, Values and Responsibility (on English)

11.00

Assistant Professor Zoran Turza, Ph.D. (Department of Theology, Catholic University of Croatia, Zagreb) & Marija Žagmešter (Department of Sociology, Catholic University of Croatia, Zagreb) **Are We Ready for New Lifestyles? Selected Findings from the CROLAUDATOSI Survey**

11.20

Assistant Professor Andreja Sršen, Ph.D. (Department of Sociology, Faculty of Croatian Studies, University of Zagreb, Zagreb) & Assistant Professor Dubravka Petrović Štefanac, Ph.D. (Center for the Promotion of the Social Teaching of the Church CBC, Zagreb) *Laudato Si'* – Integral Ecology as a New Framework of Social Values for Sustainability

11.40

Assistant Professor Sebastian Kießig, Ph.D. (Associate at the Catholic University Eichstätt-Ingolstadt and Advisor for basic political and ethical questions at the Central Committee of German Catholics) Living Responsibility for Creation in the Church? Thoughts from a Pastoral-Theological Perspective

12.00 Discussion

<u>Moderator</u>: Assistant Professor Đurica Pardon, Ph.D. (an associate at Catholic University of Croatia, Zagreb)

12.15-12.30 Break

PANEL II: *Soil, International Community, and Digital Pollution* (on English)

12.30

Full Professor Ivica Kisić, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus Ferdo Bašić, Ph.D., Assistant Professor Aleksandra Perčin, Ph.D. & Domina Delač (Faculty of Agriculture, University of Zagreb, Zagreb) Soil as a Source of Risk and a Medium to Protect Food Safety

12.50 Vanja Romlin, Ph.D. (Newman Institute Uppsala, Sweden) International Community's *Laudato si'* as a Roadmap to Sustainable International Relations

13.10

Assistant Professor Anto Čartolovni, Ph.D. (Chair of Theology, Catholic University of Croatia, Zagreb) & Ana Tomičić, Ph.D. (Digital Healthcare Ethics Laboratory, Catholic University of Croatia, Zagreb) **Digital Revolution vs. Digital Pollution** – Can We Have One Without the Other?

13.30 Discussion

<u>Moderator</u>: Assistant Professor Sebastian Kießig, Ph.D. (Associate at the Catholic University Eichstätt-Ingolstadt and Advisor for basic political and ethical questions at the Central Committee of German Catholics)

13.45-14.45 Break



PANEL III: Creation Theology Facing the Challenge of Social and Climate Justice (on Croatian)

14.45

Associate Professor Vladimir Dugalić, Ph.D. (Catholic Faculty of Theology in Đakovo, University of Osijek) Ecological Panentheism and Trinitarian Paradigm in Light of Laudato si', the Second Encyclical by Pope Francis

15.05

Assistant Professor Đurica Pardon, Ph.D. (associate at the Catholic University of Croatia) The Meaning and Interpretation of the Task of Humankind in Relation to Other Creatures. A Biblical-Theological Analysis of the Meaning and Translation of the Verbs *kabas* and *radah* in Genesis 1:26–28

15.25

Associate Professor Valerija Kovač, Ph.D. (Department of Dogmatic Theology, Catholic Faculty of Theology in Zagreb, University of Zagreb) & Assistant Professor Danijel Patafta, Ph.D. (Department of Church History, Catholic Faculty of Theology, University of Osijek) God the Creator and His Creation in the Works of Francis of Assisi and Bonaventure of Bagnoregio

15.45 Discussion

<u>Moderator</u>: Assistant Professor Odilon-Gbènoukpo Singbo, Ph.D. (Department of Theology, Catholic University of Croatia)

16.00-16.15 Break

PANEL IV: Relatedness and Equity: Anthropocentrism, Economy, and the Socio- Environmental Crisis (on Croatian)

16.15

Assistant Professor Richard Pavlić, Ph.D. (Department of Dogmatic Theology, Catholic Faculty of Theology, University of Zagreb, Brach study in Rijeka) & Bruno Rukavina **Anthropocentrism's Impact on Society and Ecology**

16.35

Associate Professor Ivana Marić, Ph.D. (Faculty of Economics, University of Zagreb) & Jelana Kovač **Economy and Religion**

16.55 Assistant Professor Odilon-Gbènoukpo Singbo, Ph.D. (Department of Theology, Catholic University of Croatia)

Ubuntu or *We are all connected*: On the African Anthropological Hummus for Fruitful Wholesome Ecology

17.15

Professor Miriam Mary Brgles, Ph.D. (Department of Sociology, Catholic University of Croatia), Suzana Obrovac Lipar (Office for International Relations, Catholic University of Croatia), Helena Kuharić & Lana Peška **Responding to the call of Laudato si': The Experience of a Socio-Environmental Crisis and the Change of Lifestyle from the Perspective of a Catholic**

17.35 Discussion

<u>Moderator</u>: Assistant Professor Petra Palić, Ph.D. (Department of Sociology, Catholic University of Croatia)

18.00-18.15 Break



STUDENT'S PANEL V: *Ecology, Economy, and Technocracy* (on Croatian)

18.15

Assistant Professor Hrvoje Čargonja, Ph.D. (Department of Ethnology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb) & Ana Rajić (a graduate at the Department of Ethnology, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb) Environmental Personalism and the Ecology of Devotion on the Case Study of the Yamuna River in India

18.30

Barbra Čavlina (Philosophical-Theological Institute of the Society of Jesus, Zagreb - Pontificia Università Gregoriana) The Dialectics of Technocratic Paradigm - From Anthropocentrism to the Negation of Man as the Crown of Creation

18.45

Mara Čuljak (student at the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Croatian Studies, University of Zagreb) **Circular Economy and Technocratic Paradigm**

<u>Moderator</u>: Paula Zujić (student at the Department of Sociology, Catholic University of Croatia)

18.45 Discussion

19.00 End of day one of the conference



DAY TWO SATURDAY, 5 June 2021

9.00 Introduction to day two of the conference

PANEL VI: Social Equity Challenged: Sunday Capitalism, Cancel Culture, and the Right to Water (on Croatian)

9.15

Assistant Professor Ivana Brstilo Lovrić, Ph.D. (Department of Sociology, Catholic University of Croatia) & Damir Mravunac, prof. (Department of Sociology, Catholic University of Croatia)

Sunday Capitalism or Working on a Sunday – the Croatian Way

9.35

Assistant Professor Ivana Primorac Bilaver, Ph.D. (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Mostar) & Assistant Professor Davorka Topić-Stipić, Ph.D. (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Mostar) **The Culture of Gratitude and Cancel Culture – Two Extremes of a Contemporary Person?**

9.55

Friar Bože Vuleta (Franciscan Institute for Peace Culture, Split) **The Thirst at the Spring – Sister Water and the Human Right to Water**

10.15 Discussion

<u>Moderator</u>: Miriam Mary Brgles, Ph.D. (Department of Sociology, Catholic University of Croatia)

10.30-10.45 Break





STUDENT'S PANEL VII: How to deal with injustice? A young, Franciscan movement and the culture of life (on Croatian)

10.45

Anamaria Malešević (sociology post-graduate, Catholic University of Croatia) Youth and the Care for Common Home through Volunteering – Presenting the 72 Hours Without Compromise Project

11.00 Friar Ivan Majić (theology student at the Catholic Faculty of Theology in Zagreb) **Pope Francis'** *Laudato si*' **and the Franciscan Charisma of Today**

11.15 Ollga Dulaj (post-graduate student at the Catholic Faculty of Theology in Zagreb) Culture of Life vs. Culture of Death: Contemplation and Evaluation of Some Caritative Elements Based on the Outline of *Laudato si'*

<u>Chair</u>: Matea Vidulić (Department of Communication Sciences, Catholic University of Croatia)

11.30 Discussion

11.45 - 12.00 Break

12.00 – 14.30 The Program of the Franciscan S

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Roundtable: The Sixth Anniversary of Pope Francis' Laudato si' – on the Care for a Common Home

Participants: Anđa Slunjski (National Minister of the Secular Franciscan Order), Magdalena Novosel (National Brotherhood of Franciscan Youth), Marijana Petir (Independent Member of the Croatian Parliament, Chair of the Agriculture Committee of the Croatian Parliament) & Julije Domac (Special Adviser on Energy and Climate to the Croatian President)

<u>Moderator</u>: Assistant Professor Zoran Turza, Ph.D. (Department of Theology, Catholic University of Croatia)

14.30-15.30 Break

PANEL VIII: Against Climate and Social Injustice: Dorothy Day, Edith Stein, and Demochristians (on Croatian)

15.30

Full Professor Jelena Šesnić, Ph.D. (Department of English Studies, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb) & Ivana Krencer, prof. (translator, Zagreb) **Dorothy Day and the Catholic Worker Movement as the Paradigm of Christian** Life in the Twenty-First Century

15.50

Assistant Professor Mirjana Pinezić, Ph.D. (Department of Moral Theology, University of Zagreb, Branch Study of Theology in Rijeka) **Humankinds' Relationship to Animals in the Philosophical and Theological Reflections on Edith Stein**

16.10

Jakov Žižić, Ph.D. (Department of Communication Sciences, Catholic University of Croatia) Environmental Protection as an Opportunity to Strengthen Demochristian Parties

16.30 Discussion

<u>Moderator</u>: Assistant Professor Dubravka Petrović Štefanac, Ph.D. (Center for the Promotion of the Social Teaching of the Church CBC, Zagreb)

16.45-17.00 Break





PANEL IX: Towards Equity: Sin, Moral Crisis, Wisdom, and Media Ecology (on Croatian)

17.00

Assistant Professor Martina s. Ana Begić, Ph.D. (Department of Moral Theology, Catholic Faculty of Theology in Zagreb) & Assistant Professor Mislav Kutleša, Ph.D. (Department of Moral Theology, Catholic Faculty of Theology in Zagreb) Sins Against Nature and Ecological Appeal, the Paradoxicality of Sin in Light of Pope Francis' Laudato si'

17.20

Assistant Professor Suzana Vrhovski Peran, Ph.D (Department of Communication Sciences, Catholic University of Croatia) & Matea Vidulić, (Department of Communication Sciences, Catholic University of Croatia) **The Impact of Laudato si' in Croatian Media and its Contribution to Media Ecology**

17.40

Marija Sertić, Ph.D. (Department of Theology, Catholic University of Croatia) **The Virtue of Wisdom as a Response to Ecological Crisis**

18.00 Damir Šehić, Ph.D. (Theological and Catechetical Department, University of Zadar) Moral Crisis as the Cause of Ecological Crisis – From Practical Relativism to Collective Egoism

<u>Moderator</u>: Jakov Žižić, Ph.D. (Department of Communication Sciences, Catholic University of Croatia)

18.20 Discussion

18.45-19.00 Break

STUDENT'S PANEL X: *New Concepts of Man and Society* (on Croatian)

19.00

Assistant Professor Petra Palić, Ph.D. (Department of Sociology, Croatian Catholic University) & Arijana Akmadža (sociology student at the Catholic University of Croatia) **The Concept of Circular Economy: Examples of Good Practice at University Level**

19.15

Nikola Bolšec (philosophy postgraduate student, Faculty of Philosophy and Religious Sciences, University of Zagreb – Pontificia Università Gregoriana)

The Village Philosophy: Utopian Thought that People and Society Need

19.30 Karla Miklečić (sociology student at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Zagreb) **The Attitude of Students at Zagreb Universities on Working on Sundays**

19.45 Discussion

<u>Moderator</u>: Mia Tomić (sociology student at the Catholic University of Croatia)

20.00 End of conference







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