

CREATION SPIRITUALITIES IN DIALOGUE

Intercontinental Perspectives for Integral Ecology

Dates: 29–30 October 2026

Format: Online

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Registration: Free · online

 GERMANY

2-7 pm

 RWANDA

3-8 pm

 BOLIVIA

9 am-2 pm

DAY 1 THU 29 OCT

Chair / Moderator: Prof. Dr. Hans-Georg Gradi

 DE **2:00 PM**
 RW **3:00 PM**
 BO **9:00 AM**

Welcome

Prof. Dr. Walter A. Euler · Prof. Olu Ojedokun · Prof. Dr. Manuel Hurtado, SJ · Prof. Dr. Théogène Hashakimana

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Part A — Introduction in Different Contexts

- **African perspective** “Indigenous Rwandan and Christian Understandings of Creation” — Prof. Dr. Lucien Hakizimana
- **Latin American perspective** “Creation Spiritualities and Integral Ecology in Latin America: Context, Resources, Indigenous Voices and Horizons of Praxis” — Prof. Dr. Nicanor Sarmiento
- **European perspective** “Creation Spirituality and Sustainable Development in Europe” — Prof. Dr. Patrik C. Hoering

 DE **3:00 PM**
 RW **4:00 PM**
 BO **10:00 AM**

Part B — Biblical and Theological Foundations

- **Latin American paper** “Latin American Creation Spiritualities: A Dialogue between Indigenous and Biblical Traditions” — Prof. Dr. Eileen FitzGerald, ACI & M.A. Michael Franz
- **European paper** “Beyond Human Agency: Rethinking Biblical Hermeneutics in Europe Ecologically” — Prof. Dr. Carolin Neuber
- **African paper** “Biblical Foundations of Environmental Stewardship: Theological Reflections and Institutional Practice at the Protestant University of Rwanda” — Prof. Dr. Viateur Habarurema

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 RW **5:00 PM**
 BO **11:00 AM**

Exchange in breakout sessions

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 BO **11:45 AM**

BREAK

 DE **5:15 PM**
 RW **6:15 PM**
 BO **12:15 PM**

Part C — Intercultural and Indigenous Voices

- **European paper** “Encountering Earth: A Creation-Centered Spirituality of Communion” — Dr. Dennis Halft, OP
- **African paper** “The Sacredness of Nature in African Indigenous Spiritualities: Toward a Culturally Rooted Eco-Theology” — Rev. Dr. Laurent Ntaganda
- **Latin American paper** “Sacred Relationships: Amerindian Onto-epistemologies and Eco-Theology” — Prof. Dra. Cecilia Titizano

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	RW	7:15 PM	
	BO	1:15 PM	

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	RW	7:45 PM	
	BO	1:45 PM	

DAY 2 FRI 30 OCT

Chair / Moderator: Dr. Aimable Sibomana

	DE	2:00 PM	Presentation of results from previous breakout sessions
	RW	3:00 PM	
	BO	9:00 AM	

	DE	3:00 PM	Part D — Pastoral, Educational and Community Praxis
	RW	4:00 PM	• African paper <i>"Ritual Landscapes and the Ecology of Collective Memory in Rwanda: Re-imagining a Cultural Paradigm of Environmental Protection"</i> — Rev. Dr. Célestin Nsengimana
	BO	10:00 AM	• European paper <i>"Reverence for Life"</i> — Prof. Dr. mult. Klaus Vellguth • Latin American paper <i>"From Memory to Prevention: Pastoral, Educational and Community Praxis for Integral Ecology in Latin America"</i> — M.A. Albeiro Rodas

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	BO	11:00 AM	

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	RW	5:45 PM	
	BO	11:45 AM	

	DE	5:15 PM	Part E — Round Table
	RW	6:15 PM	• Guiding questions <i>"What did I learn from the conference? What questions are still open?"</i>
	BO	12:15 PM	• Africa — Prof. Dr. Lucien Hakizimana · Eraste Rukera • Latin America — Prof. Dra. María Luisa Veizaga · M.A. Camila Villarroel • Europe — Prof. Dr. Johannes Brantl · Nina Kohlmann • Moderator — Prof. Dr. Nicanor Sarmiento

	DE	6:00 PM	Closing words
	RW	7:00 PM	Prof. Dr. Manuel Hurtado, SJ · Prof. Dr. Lucien Hakizimana · Prof. Dr. Olu Ojedokun · Prof. Dr. Walter A. Euler
	BO	1:00 PM	

	DE	6:15 PM	End of Conference
	RW	7:15 PM	
	BO	1:15 PM	

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