

ACTIVITY REPORT
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I. ORGANISATION

UCSIA strives to continue the Jesuit tradition of involvement in university education, research and community service in the Flemish and Antwerp region.

UCSIA's main objective, inspired by a Christian belief and in a spirit of openness and tolerance, sustained by the members of the Society of Jesus and of the Antwerp University, is to provide for an international and interdisciplinary platform that supports and stimulates academic research, higher education and community service regarding themes that express the Christian ideology, thus serving the faith and contributing to a more just society.

Article 3 - Articles of Association

UCSIA's mission ties in with Ignatian spirituality. The 35th General Congregation of the Jesuit Order, which took place in 2008, defines this mission as "a commitment to a faith that does justice through inter-religious dialogue and a creative engagement with culture".

UCSIA is a non-profit organisation incorporated under Belgian law. The General Assembly consists of up to thirty members: one-third are mandated by the Society of Jesus, one-third are co-opted members of the Antwerp academic community and one-third are external members from civil society (Church, education, press, employees, employers, NGOs, etc.).

The UCSIA team runs the day-to-day business. The General Council is responsible for the overall strategy of the Centre. It supervises the Board of Directors and it approves the budget and the accounts. The Board of Directors directs the organisation. The Executive Committee supervises the execution of the Board of Director's decisions and prepares its meetings. An advisory body, known as the Academic Council, ensures that initiatives are of the highest academic quality.

GENERAL COUNCIL

The General Council co-opted Monsignor Johan Bonny, Bishop of Antwerp, and Jan De Volder, political editor of Tertio, as new members. Under the chairmanship of Professor Emeritus Jean Van Houtte, the General Council is composed as follows:

for the Society of Jesus :

- Luc Bouckaert, Professor Emeritus of Ethics, Catholic University of Leuven
- Loïc de Cannière, Managing Director, INCOFIN
- Pierre Devos sj, Professor of Biology, Facultés Universitaires Notre-Dame de la Paix Namur
- Jacques Haers sj, Professor of Theology, Catholic University of Leuven
- Jan Koenot sj, Provincial of the Flemish Jesuits
- Jan Peters sj, Honorary Vice-chair of Radboud University in Nijmegen
- Hugo Roeffaers sj, Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, University of Antwerp
- Mark Rotsaert sj, President of the Conference of European SJ-Provincials
- Guy Vanheeswijck, Professor of Philosophy, University of Antwerp

For the academic community of Antwerp:

- Jean Van Houtte, Professor of Sociology & Pro Rector of UFSIA, **Chairperson**
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- Pierre Delsaerdt, Institute of Education and Information, University of Antwerp
- Helma De Smedt, Professor of History, University of Antwerp
- Johan Meeusen, Professor of Law, University of Antwerp
- Jeroen Puttevels, Student, University of Antwerp
- Carl Reyns, Professor of Accounting & Pro Rector of UFSIA
- Johan Vanhoutte sj, Pastoral Care, University of Antwerp
- Gerlinde Verbist, Assistant Professor, University of Antwerp

External members:

- Mgr. Johan Bonny, Bishop of Antwerp
- Frans Crols, former Managing Director & Editor-in-Chief of Trends/Roularta
- Etienne De Jonghe, Secretary-General of Pax Christi International
- Mia De Schamphelaere, Member of Parliament
- Jan De Volder, Political Editor of Tertio
- Maddie Geerts, Honorary National Secretary of ACV
- Frank Lambert, Director
- Philippe Michiels, Chairperson of Lessius Hogeschool, Antwerp
- Peter Vande Vyvere, Editor-in-Chief of Tertio
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- Walter Nonneman, Professor of Economics and **Managing Director** of UCSIA
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- Mark Rotsaert sj, President of the Conference of European SJ-Provincials
- Christiane Timmerman, Director of Academic Affairs
- Geert Vanhaverbeke, Head of Administration

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- Henk Opdebeeck, Professor of Ethics and Economics, University of Antwerp
- Wilfried Pauwels, Professor Emeritus of Economics, University of Antwerp
- Nicolas Standaert sj, Professor of Sinology, Catholic University of Leuven
- Jacques Tempère, Professor of Physics, University of Antwerp
- Dirk Van Dyck, Professor of Physics, University of Antwerp
- Walter Van Herck, Professor of Philosophy, University of Antwerp
- Luc Van Liedekerke, Professor of Ethics, University of Antwerp
- Dirk Vanheule, Professor of Law, University of Antwerp
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- Johan Verstraeten, Professor of Moral Theology and Ethics, Catholic University of Leuven
- Frank Willaert, Professor of Literature, University of Antwerp

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- Christiane Timmerman, Director of Academic Affairs & **Chairperson**
- Luc Braeckmans, Deputy Director of Academic Affairs & **Vice-Chairperson**
- Sara Mels, Scientific Collaborator
- Barbara Segart, Scientific Coordinator
- Geert Vanhaverbeke, Head of Administration

TEAM

- Professor Walter Nonneman, Managing Director
- Professor Christiane Timmerman, Director of Academic Affairs
 - Chairperson of the Academic Council and the Executive Committee
 - in charge of national and international projects
- Professor Luc Braeckmans, Deputy Director of Academic Affairs
 - Vice-chairperson of the Academic Council and the Executive Committee
 - coordinator of national projects
- Marijke Celis: Secretary (full-time)
- Sara Mels: Scientific Collaborator
- Barbara Segart: Scientific Coordinator
- Geert Vanhaverbeke: Head of Administration
- Christel Van Wonterghem: Secretary (part-time)

II. PROJECTS

SUMMER SCHOOL ON “RELIGION, CULTURE AND SOCIETY”

From 31 August to 6 September 2009 the 5th edition of the UCSIA Summer School on Religion, Culture and Society took place. The Summer School allows thirty young postdoctoral scholars and PhD students to reflect on the interconnectedness of religion, culture and society. They are selected following a “call for papers” on the basis of balancing discipline, geographical origin, worldview and gender. They can attend lectures by academics that are internationally renowned experts in their areas of research. The participants also present their own current (post-) doctoral research. The methodology pays special attention to the multidisciplinary nature of the thematic research.

Each year the Summer School deals with the following issues:

- modernisation and democracy: Steve Bruce, Professor of Sociology at the University of Aberdeen
- nationalism and religion: John Hutchinson, Reader in Nationalism in Europe at the London School of Economics
- religion and pluralism: Robert Hefner, Professor of Anthropology at Boston University

Each year a different guest lecturer is allowed to set the theme. In 2009 Professor David Voas, “Simon Professor of Population Studies, Institute for Social Change” at the University of Manchester organised his courses around the theme of religion and politics in Europe. When and under what circumstances is religious identity linked to national identity? When and how do religious leaders take on a secular political role? How can one explain the changing of values in Europe? Does ‘fuzzy fidelity’ explain this value change and can a new type of ‘belonging’ make up for the decrease in traditional religiosity in Europe?

As part of the Summer School, UCSIA organised two public evening lectures for a broader audience.

On Tuesday 1 September Steve Bruce gave a lecture on the popularity and reputation of religion in Europe. Spurred on by a recent suggestion of Jurgen Habermas that we live in a post-secular Europe, many commentators today speak of a religious renaissance in Europe. Professor Bruce argued that this is not the case. Migration has created some new challenges for the various ways in which Western European countries organise their relation between Church and state. However, rather than contributing to a supposed renaissance of religion, it has tended to reinforce the secular character of many of these countries. The problematic nature of religion has not made it more, but effectively less popular.

On Thursday 3 September Robert W. Hefner lectured on the re-thinking of Islam and democracy and the great transition associated with this in the Muslim world. After the cold war the hope of liberalisation and democratic reforms grew worldwide in countries in which Muslims form a majority. But due to political instability and terrorist violence, Western analysts have concluded that Muslim countries constitute the glaring exception to the democratic trends of our time. In this lecture Professor Hefner offered new empirical research to give a more nuanced view of the possibilities for democracy in these countries where Muslims form a majority.

INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOPS

THE SACRED IN THE METROPOLIS

In 2009 UCSIA explored the place and mutual relationship of art and worldview in society.

“The Sacred in the Metropolis”, an international expert seminar and public lecture, took place on 24 March and 1 April 2009, under the guidance of the Philosopher of Religion Walter Van Herck (University of Antwerp), promoter of this initiative, and guest UCSIA-scholar Dr. Liliana Gomez-Popescu (University of Berlin and Columbia University, New York).

Increasing urbanisation is a worldwide phenomenon and its consequences for the environment gain much attention, yet it is symbols, religion, and imagination that still determine the sense given to space and place. People look for new kinds of meaning and social connectedness in the city. This is expressed materially and spatially in architecture, art and urban development. Ethics requires awareness and is linked to esthetics, just as political ideas also determine urban planning.

International scholars from various disciplines, such as philosopher Jan-Hendrik Bakker, Professor of Comparative Religion, Sigurd Bergmann and urban anthropologist Rik Pinxten, in addition to many researchers and professionals engaged with the city such as architects, conservationists and philosophers of art, exchanged ideas on this theme illustrated by means of case studies. Anthropologist Filip De Boeck (Catholic University of Leuven) showed in the evening lecture of April 1 that a city like Kinshasa is both a visible example of modernity or desacralisation and also a mental landscape built on a ground of memories and stories. The city is also witness to a cultural and social transformation to which a new sacrality is central. Liliana Gomez-Popescu

analysed the function of material symbols and popular afro-cuban magic rites in the city image of Havana by following the traces of the surrealist ethnography of novelist Alejo Carpentier.

HUMOUR AND RELIGION

The redemptive power of humour in religion was the focus of an international workshop organised on 20 and 21 April 2009 in cooperation with Walter Van Herck, University of Antwerp, and Hans Geybels, Professor of Theology at the Catholic University of Leuven and spokesperson for Cardinal Mgr. Danneels. Thirty researchers from different disciplines from ten European countries, Israel, the United States and Australia exchanged the results of their scholarly research after attending eight stimulating presentations given by academic guest speakers.

Firstly they investigated the role of humour in various religious traditions. Is it an art that acts as a means to help us deal with the comic and tragic ambiguity of life and helps us to preserve a spiritual balance between both? What is the role of humour in Buddhism and Christianity? Do not the Sunna and Arabic literature contradict the notion that humour has no place in Islam? How do Jewish women experience humour?

These academics went on to analyse the different functions of humour such as the complex role of laughter in the mystical traditions of early Christianity or the universal and spiritual role of the fool who, within limits, can criticise power. Other guest lecturers and participating academics explored aspects of humour and religion such as their rivalry in personality development strategies, their place in a post-secular society, ancient and contemporary theatre, the influence of popular television comedies on the social debate on the church and its functionaries, as well as the links between political satire and religion.

Dominican Professor François Boespflug (University of Strasbourg) in his public lecture gave a new angle on the Mohammed cartoons by means of a richly illustrated historical overview of the way in which God, Jesus and other biblical characters have been (comically) portrayed throughout the ages.

THE NORMATIVE DIMENSION OF LAW

On 3 and 4 June UCSIA hosted an international workshop on the normative dimension of law. Some fifty professionals with a core of sixteen international law philosophers took part. UCSIA was able to organise this workshop in collaboration with Georges Pavlakos and Marco Goldoni from the Centre for Law and Cosmopolitan Values of the University of Antwerp.

Philosophers and jurists from various specialised disciplines such as metaphysics, meta-ethics, action theory, social philosophy, political theory, ethics and jurisprudence, examined whether and how a comprehensive theory of the normative dimension of law could be elaborated, one which is based on the normative dimension of practical reason (Kant). The workshop was divided into four themes: normativity in relation to planning, conventions, autonomy and objectivity. The exchanges of insights based on philosophy of law were aimed at allowing answers to questions such as whether pluralism is compatible with the objectivity of right and morality, how to deal with moral nihilism and relativism in pluralistic society, and when it is justified to disobey the law.

In addition, Cristina Lafont (Philosopher of Law at Northwestern University) gave an open lecture on a constructivist strategy with respect to legal validity. Such a strategy, based as it is on an idea of consent, faces two obstacles: its normative validity and the political legitimacy of upholding it. The organisers plan to publish the most important papers as a collection.

THE POLITICS OF THE IMAGE

From 9 to 13 November Alfredo Jaar was invited to stay at UCSIA in Antwerp. The work of this world-famous artist stimulates thought on art and ethics, the power of the image and the current position of the artist.

Alfredo Jaar was born in Chili in 1956 and moved to New York in 1982. He studied architecture and film. His work is widely renowned as can be seen from his entry in the Encyclopædia Britannica. Injustice is his central theme: poverty, exploitation, violence, war, genocide. Jaar divides his time between exhibitions, the tutoring of young artists, and interventions in the public sphere. In a workshop lasting a week the artist accompanied a group of doctoral students in the arts and philosophy of art. They finished a number of small projects that pitted them against the ethical and philosophical questions implicit in their study and work. Alfredo Jaar always prepares his public interventions, which are usually commissioned by ruling bodies like the Montreal municipal council or social organisations such as Medecins Sans Frontieres, extremely carefully. They constitute artful interventions in a public space which confront a large public with a form of injustice such as racism or indifference to violence. During two meetings with the public, organised by the Museum of Contemporary Art of Antwerp MUKHA, he shed light on his philosophy of art. He managed to bring to light oppositions between the first and third world, as well as reveal desperate social and political transgressions with great profundity.

The project was an initiative of Dr. Jan Koenot sj and Arthur Cools, Professor of Philosophy of Culture at the University of Antwerp. UCSIA also benefited from the cooperation of the Koninklijke Academie voor Schone Kunsten (KASK – Artesis School of Higher Education) and the ‘Sint-Lucas’ department at the Karel de Grote School of Higher Education.

SCRIBANI

In 2003, on the initiative of Mark Rotsaert sj, the President of the Jesuit Conference of European Provincials, UCSIA set up the Scribani network. It encompasses eighteen research institutions and social centres associated with the Society of Jesus from eleven European countries. These academic research institutions support the policy debate on social issues such as migration. They train professionals such as journalists and they take up concrete social action, including poverty alleviation and care for refugees.

Every two years, a Scribani conference takes place which:

- brings together members of the network organisations and opinion makers in a joint reflection – from a perspective based on faith – on a concrete issue of social justice and the future of Europe
- allows them to express clear social, cultural and economic perspectives for a national or international policy

Between conference years, the network meets to exchange information and explore a research topic in an academic seminar.

THE ROMA IN EUROPE

Following on from the last Scribani congress of 2008 in Kosice on the role of religion in the integration of Europe, UCSIA organised this public lecture and Scribani workshop on 8 and 9 October. Guest speakers were Professor Tomasso Vitale and Dr. Ivan Ivanov.

The current perception of Roma as living in extreme poverty following age-old traditions does not conform to the reality of a heterogeneous set of family groupings with different origins, social position and ideologies. These family groupings themselves do not feel they share a common identity. They are a European minority of 10-12 million people. Recent studies show that intolerance of Roma has increased everywhere in Europe, and is highest among educated people. Official policy at national and local level has a strong influence on this level of tolerance yet reveals little understanding of their situation. Well-intentioned support changes little at the level of structure, and is experienced as patronising and stigmatising by the Roma themselves.

The European Roma Information Office, of which Ivanov is director, was founded when the EU expanded to include former East block countries with the aim to prepare Europe for a problem that was always seen as Eastern European and to inform the Roma about European policy. It has evolved into an agency that fights against discrimination and which helps the Roma to let their voice be heard, rather than keep aloof from a world which they see a priori as hostile.

Natasja Naegels of the Antwerp Minderhedenforum confirmed that in Antwerp and Belgium very different groupings of Roma can be found, each with their own religion, geographical origin,

and customs. To relate to them and to ask them to send their children to school demands a large amount of understanding and empathy.

LECTURE SERIES

THE PARADOX OF TOLERANCE

Tolerance is an important notion for law, religion and politics in a multicultural society and the global world of today. It is, however, a paradox for he who is tolerant condones views or practices that he/she actually rejects. Today tolerance comes down to the fight against discrimination of individuals and groups. For some it is moral relativism, and many think that opinions or actions that can harm others cannot be tolerated.

UCSIA researched the paradox of tolerance in a series of five lectures, the last one being in 2010 (by James Hanvey of Heythrop College, London). Each guest speaker also taught a masterclass for students of philosophy at the University of Antwerp and some, in addition, ran a workshop at the Higher Institute for Philosophy (Catholic University of Leuven).

THEO DE WIT

On 17 June, Theo de Wit, Professor of Philosophy at the University of Tilburg, presented a historico-philosophical introduction, answered by respondent Patrick Loobuyck of the University of Antwerp. The concept of tolerance dates from the sixteenth century yet its meaning has evolved greatly. Today we are all, in some way, strangers to each other and with this category of “tolerance” we can draw a clear dividing line between “us” and “them”.

RAINER FORST

On 28 October 2009, Rainer Forst, Professor of Political Theory and Philosophy at Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt, outlined a theoretical model of tolerance which could be justified normatively and also stands up when interpreted in various different ways. His respondent was Tim Heysse, Political Philosophy, Catholic University of Leuven.

SUSAN MENDUS

On 8 November, Susan Mendus, Professor of Political Philosophy and a member of the Morrell Centre for Toleration at the University of York, United Kingdom, posited that historically we have grown into liberalism to such an extent that we have difficulty understanding that religious motivations could actually lie at the root of violent atrocities like 9/11. Guy Vanheeswijck, Department of Philosophy at the University of Antwerp, responded.

GLEN NEWY

Glen Newey of Keele University argued on 9 December why the right to free speech is completely fundamental to freedom of association and hence participation in politics and society.

Paradoxically this so-called ‘inalienable right’ is nonetheless frequently subjected to restrictions. Jogchum Vrielink (Catholic University of Leuven) responded to his analysis with an investigation of Belgian anti-discrimination law.

PEOPLE IN THE MARGINS OF SOCIETY

Various organisations take up the defense of socially marginalised groups in society. With the lecture series “People in the Margins of Society” UCSIA aims to draw attention to the fate of some of these groups. Scholars of the University of Antwerp contributed to the organisation and academic preparation of this lecture series, which allowed the participants to present their research in a concrete way as well as the developments of policies and legal frameworks.

YOUTH WITH PROBLEMS OR PROBLEM YOUTH?

On 28 May the third session of the lecture series took place. Dirk Deboutte, Professor of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the Universities of Antwerp and Ghent, sketched the problem and analysed the organisation of childcare in Flanders. Hans Grietens, Doctor in the psychological, pedagogic and sociological sciences at Catholic University of Leuven pleaded in favour of a renewal of structures and working practices as well as sustained training and application of professional standards. Led by Joke Denekens, Chair of the Educational Council and the Department of General Medicine at the University of Antwerp, together with three policy assistants and practice experts, the panel contributed other points of view from various disciplines to bear on the public discussion about the role of youth criminal courts and education.

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT CHILDREN

The final lecture on 29 November was on the theme of “Illegal Immigrant Children”. It was a subject that echoed the 20th anniversary of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. The international legal framework measures immigration control against basic principles of human dignity and the rights of the child. Even formal human or children’s rights do not always protect the most vulnerable in society. Underage immigrants, whether accompanied by their parents or not, belong to the most vulnerable in society. The presentations by Professor Wouter Vandenhoele of the UNICEF Chair of Children’s Rights at the University of Antwerp and by Dr. Ilse Derluyn (University of Ghent), analysed this problematic. Professor Christiane Timmerman (CeMIS/University of Antwerp) led a chaired debate with four NGOs promoting the rights of deprived and illegal children.

LECTURES ON THEOLOGY AND THE CHURCH, IN COOPERATION WITH KVHU

In cooperation with KVHU, the Flemish Catholic University Extension Movement, UCSIA organises two lectures a year on an issue of theology in the series “Academic Forum”.

YOUTH AND FAITH

In his lecture of 30 March, Bert Roebben, Pedagogue in Religion at the University of Dortmund (formerly Leuven and Tilburg), offered a critical yet hopeful theological perspective on the way youngsters deal with faith.

THE CHALLENGES OF THE FUNCTION OF BISHOP

On 14 December the newly appointed Bishop of Antwerp and Doctor of Theology, Mgr. Johan Bonny expounded his vision of the Bishopric as, on the one hand, an institute organised by employing many professionals and volunteers both territorially and categorically, and on the other, a community of faith and spirituality which is interwoven with the social fabric of the city and the province. He identified challenges at four levels: community formation, care for interiority, supporting society and care for the transmission of faith.

In these he saw space for cooperation and exchange with the University of Antwerp and UCSIA, amongst other things, in the construction of a forum that proactively ponders ethical questions and can formulate academically justified viewpoints around it.

PASTORAL WORK AND THE CHURCH

UCSIA, in association with the Pastoral Care Service of the University of Antwerp (Gert Van Langendonck and Johan Vanhoutte sj), is organising a series of activities on pastoral work and the Church.

YOUTH PASTORAL SEMINAR ON “MYSTICISM”

On 8 and 9 January, as per tradition, a seminar brought together the pastoral workers of the universities and schools for higher education in Flanders under the title: “Unknown knowing. Mysticism at the crossroads of beauty and love of one’s neighbour”.

Some thirty-five pastoral workers of the universities and schools for higher education in Flanders explored the meaning of mysticism today. Johan Vanhoutte sj situated inner contemplation as one of the ways to God. Dr. Ria van den Brandt (Radboud University Nijmegen) and the Flemish Dominican en psychotherapist Marcel Braekers introduced the participants to the Medieval Master Eckhart and the contemporary mystic Etty Hillesum. Both figures are relevant to the actual experience of youth. Musicians Sigiswald Kuijken and Marleen Thiers brought testimony of their own search for God and the professional skills involved in the spiritual music they interpret in their work.

SEMINAR “IN SEARCH OF GOD IN GODFORSAKEN TIMES”

On 19 and 20 November 2009, 60–odd participants of the Flemish dioceses of Flemish Brabant and Brussels explored the challenges of pastoral work in their domain. Previous seminars in 2005 and 2007 had mapped the problems and explored the structures, models and policy options within the

church. This time the focus was on what happens outside of the church and how it could intervene in it.

The participants exchanged thoughts around a paradoxical and original clash of ideas in an elaborate and lively way. The atheistic philosopher Ger Groot pleaded for the retention of at least the outer forms of religion because of the great social, esthetic and psychological value of their rituals. Dutch theologian and Benedictine André Zegveld on the contrary, opined that existing practices and structures could be scrapped if they did not bring people closer to God, were not adapted to the times or required inordinate amounts of maintenance.

Just how vital the parishes can still be was demonstrated by Leo Feijen, director of programmes at the KRO and author of two books on the Dutch parish of Maartensdijk which represents a model of dynamism and openness. Erik De Smet, editor of *Kerk & Leven*, compared it to the Flemish situation. In conclusion, drs. Wim Vandewiele presented his sociological research on the Antwerp's parishes. As with previous seminars, the texts will be published as a collection so they can be referred to by workers in the dioceses, federations and parishes.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

THE TEACHER AS WITNESS AND SOURCE OF INSPIRATION

On 17 November 2009 there was a conference for teachers of Roman Catholic religion with the title: "The Teacher as Witness and Source of Inspiration". UCSIA organises these conferences on religious education in cooperation with the directors of the Board of Free Catholic Education (VSKO) and the educational inspectorate for Roman Catholicism, in particular Ronald Sledsens, Jacques Michielssens and Jos Van Rompay.

One of the most important roles of a teacher is "being a witness" within a context of learning. Teaching is not a one-way street. To "witness" is to refer to one's own history and experience of belief, while "source of inspiration" emphasises the building of bridges towards the pupils. Teaching requires an inductive way of working in which the teacher has to present and try to resolve the tension between belief and society, between a broad view of life and a strongly Christian approach. Dr. Theo van der Zee (Radboud University, Nijmegen) and E.H. Chris Jeunen o. praem (Centrum Academische Lerarenopleiding, Catholic University Leuven) introduced the theme that was to be explored in depth in a panel discussion with Ronald Sledsens, Liliane Jansegers (campus director of H. Ursulinen Malines), Dr. Mariane Moyaert (Catholic University of Leuven) and Daniël Deyne (MS Maldegem). In workshops, teachers examined how they could realise these expectations and visions in the concrete context of the classroom, department, or school. Cardinal Godfried Danneels encouraged the teachers of religion to take their beautiful and extremely important task - the transmission of faith - to heart with the utmost dedication.

THE SEARCH FOR A POWERFUL LEARNING AND TEACHING ENVIRONMENT FOR ROMAN CATHOLIC RELIGION CLASSES

On 5 February and 12 May and on 18 en 19 February UCSIA organised two two-day conferences titled: “The Search for a Powerful Learning and Teaching Environment for Roman Catholic Religion Classes”. This programme was first offered in 2008 to the teachers and professionals involved in teaching Roman Catholicism in the province of Antwerp. At the request of the educational inspectorate UCSIA organised these conferences anew in collaboration with PDCL-Heverlee for Malines/Brussels and with the Eekhoutcentrum/Katholieke Hogeschool West-Vlaanderen for West- and East-Flanders.

In lectures and workshops the speakers and participants examined how one could create a powerful learning and teaching environment for Roman Catholic religion classes in a pluralistic and also secular society. Teachers should not only address ethical issues and current news topics, but they should also be able to discuss questions of views of life. On the second day of these conferences, the role and task of the course group leader and the course group work meeting was addressed. In parallel workshops the instruments and strategies for such meetings were discussed (teacher information packs, year calendars,...), the relation between the Roman Catholic religion and pastoral work and the two tracks that form the path teachers have to steer, namely leadership and inspection.

PEDAGOGICAL STUDY DAY “TEACHING ISLAM IN SECONDARY EDUCATION”

On 30 April, UCSIA organised a pedagogical study day in collaboration with the inspectorate for secondary school subject “Islam”, the directors of Muslim Executive in Belgium and the two institutions which offer teacher training (Erasmushogeschool and Groep T). The study day brought together most of the secondary school teachers of Islam from the state schools in Flanders, some 200, from Antwerp, Limburg, East- and West-Flanders.

The study day offered the opportunity to reflect on the evolution of teaching Islam and the development of a teaching plan and handed down models, methods and educational tools for teaching. Guest lectures were provided by Dr. Sergio Scatolini, teacher Groep T - Internationale Hogeschool Leuven, Dr. Abdelilah Ljamai, teacher at the Universiteit of Utrecht and the Erasmus School of Higher Education Brussels, and Habboub Abdelhadi, visiting Professor at the Erasmus School of Higher Education Brussels.

HOSPITAL MANAGEMENT: REACHING EXAGGERATION?

On 21 November, UCSIA organised a study day on the consequences and motivations of increasing ‘managementisation’ in healthcare, in cooperation with Dr. Marc Desmet sj (Virga Jesse Hospital, Hasselt) and Professor Zwi Berneman (UZA - University Hospital Antwerp). The study day posed the question under which conditions a management culture could be transplanted to hospitals without destroying the proper character of caring for the ill and of the caregivers.

Dr. Marc Desmet sj sketched the unease which is allegedly prevalent among doctors, nurses and hospital staff. Their unease focuses on the permanent injunction to change, the exclusive attention to measurable results and to quality seen as proper procedure, and structural changes to hospitals. They have the impression that management is developing as an end in itself divorced from actual hospital

work. The relation to work changes in this way. Humanity, personal contact between caregiver and patient, the freedom of the physician are all subordinated to management structures, rational policymaking and technocratic leadership. Hospital staff want to reclaim their central position together with the patient. Is this evolution real, what is its background and limits?

Professor Herman De Dijn (Catholic University of Leuven) gave an overview of these trends in a philosophical lecture. This vision was tested against the own experience of witnesses from the professional sector:

- one director and manager: Bert De Bakker, A.Z. Turnhout and R.Z. H. Hart Tienen
- one care manager: Lut Van de Vijver, Nikolaasziekenhuis Sint-Niklaas
- one doctor: Dr. Robert Rutsaert, General Union of Physicians in Belgium
- one chief nurse: Lia Huysmans, St. Augustinus GZA Antwerpen
- one ombudsman: Luc van Bauwel, GZA Antwerpen

The numerous participants were allowed to speak their mind in a panel discussion and questions from the public.

Dr. Dirk Dewolf, Deputy Chief of Staff of the Flemish Minister for Health, Safety and Family, responded to the issues raised on behalf of the Minister. He pointed to the important federal and European context and indicated how the Flemish government could help formulate an answer to the problems posed.

JURIDICAL FORMS FOR RELIGION

On 17 December a study day was organised in conjunction with Dr. Adriaan Overbeke (University of Tilburg), Dr. Patrick De Pooter (IICI) and LL.M. Frank Judo concerning “Juridical Forms for Religion. Leadership and Management of Local Faith-based Communities”.

Belgian law with respect to the organisation of religion, especially church fabrics, was based on a clear conception of the relation between church and state which has remained unchanged for two centuries. The greater religious diversity in today’s society and the development of new types of legal instances such as the “not-for-profit organisation” have made the review of worship legislation a necessity. Moreover, state reform has brought about far-reaching changes and Flanders now has its own worship decree.

The guest speakers explained the historical evolution of the church-state relation in Belgium and compared them with other federally organised states. The Dutch Church Societies are a good example of structural freedom at the level of legal status. The participants had a chance to extend their insight into current juridical impasses of actual material management by means of workshops in which the Roman Catholic as well as minority rites were given attention. The main themes were the tension between internal church structure and executive organs/church fabric, the relation between territorial and personal organisation, the tension between not-for-profit organisations and church management, or indeed questions regarding the management of religious patrimony in issues of police rights or church asylum.

EUROPEAN ELECTIONS AND VALUES

UCSIA contributed to current affairs with two debates around the European elections:

- a debate in Brussels with OCIPE on 13 May on “Europe and Its Values: Towards a New Agenda?”.

OCIPE is the Jesuits’ mouthpiece on the level of European affairs. Prof. em. Guido Dierickx sj and Dr. Jan De Volder, political editor of the weekly *Tertio*, moderated a debate between representatives of think-tanks of four political parties. They discussed themes such as the democratic deficit and European identity and values, or the influence of organised ideology on European decision-making processes.

- a debate organised by a number of student societies in Antwerp with European candidates from five political parties, moderated by Emeritus Professor Guido Dierickx sj and Professor Stefaan Walgrave (University of Antwerp).

BOOKLAUNCH: THE EXPANSION OF EUROPE: FROM THE BALKANS TO TURKEY?

On 22 January, Professors Frank Delmartino (Catholic University of Leuven), Dirk Rochtus (University of Antwerp) and Raymond Detrez (University of Ghent) presented two recent UCSIA publications (published with P.I.E. Lang) during a panel discussion: “European and Turkish Voices in Favour and Against Turkish Accession to the European Union” and “Europe and the Historical Legacies in the Balkans”.

THE PAPACY, ENLIGHTENMENT AND PROGRESS

On Tuesday 20 October some eighty-five people, including the Consul-General of France and Mrs Daniel-Yves Taupenas, attended a lecture by Professor Philippe Levillain. Levillain is Professor of Contemporary History at the University of Paris X – Nanterre and editor of the *Dictionnaire historique de la Papauté* (1994). The guest speaker presented the view that Benedict XVI was the first pope to answer modernity with his own method: with reason and science.

Professor Paul Pelckmans (University of Antwerp) then presented his latest book *Les Philosophes et leurs Papes* (2009, Rodopi). It contains the results of a scientific conference which took place at the Academia Belgica in Rome, also with the support of UCSIA.

UCSIA was able to organise this lecture with the Amitiés Françaises Antwerpen represented by LL.M. Guy Van Doosselaere.

III. CHAIRS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

UCSIA-CHAIR AT THE UNIVERSITY OF ANTWERP

In 2008–2009, Professor Willem Frijhoff held the UCSIA-Chair. He is Professor of Modern History and former Dean of the Faculty of Arts of the Free University of Amsterdam. At the University of Antwerp, he taught two courses: “Heroes and Saints” (bachelors) and “Europe’s Identity: Remembrance and Future” (masters).

On 7 May, he read an inaugural lecture on freedom of religion and conscience throughout sixteenth and seventeenth centuries in Europe, with Dutch religious tolerance as a focal point. Article XIII of the Union of Utrecht – a founding document of the Dutch republic – of 1579 gave guarantees concerning freedom of religious conscience. Even though this was not a license to publicly confess to apostate beliefs, it was nevertheless a revolutionary decision. Even today, permissiveness is seen as a key element of Dutch society. The guest lecturer qualified this with some important observations, which made clear that freedom of conscience is not at all the same thing as freedom of belief.

TEACHING CHAIR JEF VAN GERWEN SJ

In 2006, the Jef Van Gerwen sj Chair was awarded for the first time. This Chair was established in commemoration of Jef Van Gerwen, a Jesuit from Antwerp who pioneered the field of corporate ethics in Flanders and who co-founded UCSIA. Professor Luc Van Liedekerke is the promoter of the chair.

JOHAN GRAAFLAND

On 12 February, Professor Johan Graafland gave the annual lecture. He is Professor at the Faculty of Economics and Business Sciences and Director of the Centre for Corporate Social Responsibility at the University of Tilburg. The guest speaker analysed the relation between markets, happiness and solidarity. To which ethical standards should the free market conform, what does the Bible say about it and what does empirical research teach us? The animated responses from the floor proved that many are concerned with the effect of free markets on happiness and solidarity but that few understand the economic analysis of these issues.

CHAIR UCSIA-IJS/UA JEWISH- CHRISTIAN RELATIONS

UCSIA and the Institute for Jewish Studies/University of Antwerp bring together their shared concern for Jewish-Christian relations by means of a new chair at the University starting 2008-2009. The aim is the promotion of the study of the history of Jewry and Hebrew studies from the

perspective of Jewish-Christian dialogue in order to emphasise the place of this tradition within contemporary European culture and research its contribution to inter-religious dialogue.

The chair comprises the organising of an activity in this field for the benefit of students and academics of the University of Antwerp (such as guest lectures, a masterclass or an academic workshop) and a lecture for the general public. Professor Vivian Liska is the coördinator of the chair at I.J.S.

A foreign academic of international renown holds the chair. Last year this was Professor David Ruderman of the Centre for Advanced Judaic Studies at the Universiteit of Pennsylvania. He presented two evening lectures and taught a course on “Modern Jewish intellectual and cultural history” within the Department of History at the University of Antwerp.

The first evening lecture discussed two influential and innovative American-jewish thinkers from the twentieth century: Mordechai Kaplan and Abraham Heschel. The second one was co-chaired by Professor Anthony Grafton, Professor of History at Princeton University. They explained how in early modern Europe intellectuals from both cultures explored their own culture through the exchanges of texts from another culture, exchange in which the (Antwerp) art of printing played a crucial role.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Two UCSIA scholars resided at the University of Antwerp:

- Dr. Liliana Gomez-Popescu, visiting fellow at the Institute for Latin American Studies of Columbia University (New York, USA), stayed in the spring with a research project on Modern Metropolis: A Cultural Analysis of the Sacral in the Urban Space. Her promoter was philosopher of religion, Professor Walter Van Herck. On April 1, she gave a public lecture in the context of an international workshop on art and urbanity (see supra).
- Professor Christian Bidard, Professor of Economics at the University of Paris, X – Nanterre conducted a research project on the work of Maurice Potron – a socially engaged pioneer of mathematical methods in macro economics. His promoter was historian of economics, Professor Guido Erreygers. On 29 January, he gave a lecture on *On The Crossroads of Catholicism, Mathematics and Economics: Life and Work of the French Jesuit Maurice Potron (1872-1942)*. The project culminated in a publication in a well-known journal and with a manuscript of all the most important texts of Potron.

IV. PUBLICATIONS

UCSIA offers three kinds of publications:

- discussion papers (on the website): academics from Belgium and abroad can send in their own article which UCSIA will publish dependent upon certain conditions.
- own publications: UCSIA undertakes to edit English or Dutch publications, whether academic, such as books, or folders for professionals and the broader interested public. They always present the proceedings of a conference, workshop or lecture.
- publications by third parties: UCSIA supports third party publications resulting from an activity at UCSIA.

In 2009 the following were published:

- In-Between Spaces. Christian and Muslim Minorities in Transition in Europe and the Middle East. Christiane Timmerman, Johan Leman, Hannelore Roos & Barbara Segaeert (eds.). P.I.E. Peter Lang S.A., 2009, 284 pages.

With contributions by Rachid Benzine, Bert Broeckeaert, Lenie Brouwer, Felice Dassetto, Fulya Dogruel, Dick Douves, Iman Leckear, Johan Leman, Peter Mandaville, Tariq Modood, Inga Niehaus, Emilio Platti, Umar Ryad, B. Ali Soner, Herman Teule, Christiane Timmerman, Stef Van den Branden and Els Vandermaeren.

- Faith and Media. Analysis of Faith and Media: Representation and Communication. Hans Geybels, Sara Mels & Michel Walrave (eds.). P.I.E. Peter Lang S.A., 2009, 257 pages.

With contributions by Franz-Josef Eilers, Daniela Frank, Hans Geybels, Jacques Guyot, Joan Hemels, Ernest Henau, Peter Horsfield, Khaled Hroub, Fadi Kabatilo, Jim McDonnell, Martina Temmerman, Marit Trioen and Michel Walrave.

- Rethinking the University after Bologna. New Concepts and Practices beyond Tradition and the Market. Ronald Barnett, Jean-Claude Guédon, Jan Masschelein, Maarten Simons, Susan Robertson & Nicolas Standaert (eds.). UCSIA, Antwerpen, 2009, 128 pages.

With contributions by Ronald Barnett, Jean-Claude Guédon, Jan Masschelein, Maarten Simons, Susan Robertson, Nicolas Standaert and Christiane Timmerman.

- The Political Economy of Theocracy. Ronald Wintrobe & Mario Ferrero. Palgrave MacMillan, 2009, 224 pages.

With contributions by Douglas W. Allen, Mario Ferrero, Luisa Giuriato, Amibai Glazer, Walter Nonneman, Brendan O'Leary, Fabio Padovano, Martin Paldam, Frederic L. Pryor, Pierre Salmon, Ronald Wintrobe and Donald Wittman.

- Tijdschrift voor Recht, Religie en Samenleving. Themanummer 2009/2. Groep De Boeck, Larcier Gent, 2009, 198 pages.

With contributions by Frank Judo, Adriaan Overbeeke, Tymen J. van de Ploeg and Vincent Viaene.

- De klank van de stad. Stedelijke meertaligheid en interculturele communicatie. Jürgen Jaspers (red.). Uitgeverij Acco, 2009, 224 pages.

With contributions by Laure Allain, Raïssa De Keyser, Sigurd D'hondt, Sjaak Kroon, Katrijn Maryns, Stef Slembrouck, Ton Vallen and Jef Verschueren.

- Liefde voor het werk in tijden van management. Open brief aan de ziekenhuisdirecties. Marc Desmet, Uitgeverij Lannoo, 2009, 144 pages.

- Les Philosophes et leurs papes. Etudes réunies par Jan Herman, Kris Peeters et Paul Pelckmans. Rodopi, 2009, 298 pages.

ANNEXES

Annex 1. MEMBERS OF THE SCRIBANI-NETWORK

- Angelus Silesius House, Wroclaw, Poland
www.silesius.org.pl
- Centre for Bio-Ethics, Institute of Philosophy and Theology of the Society of Jesus, Zagreb, Croatia
www.ftidi.hr/bioetika/
- Centre of Spirituality East-West of Michal Lacko, Košice, Slovakia
www.csvzml.org
- Centre Sèvres, Department of Public Ethics, Paris, France
www.centresevres.com
- Conference of European SJ Provincials
www.jesuits-europe.info/cep/cep.html
- European Centre of Communication and Culture (ECCC), Warsaw, Poland
www.eccc.pl
- Faculty of Social Sciences, Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy
www.unigre.it/struttura_didattica/scienze_sociali/index.php
- Heythrop Institute for Religion, Ethics and Public Life, University of London, UK
www.heythrop.ac.uk
- Human Rights Institute, University of Deusto, Bilbao, Spain
www.idh.deusto.es
- Institute for the Interdisciplinary Studies of Religions and Cultures (ISIRC), Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy
www.unigre.it/struttura_didattica/isirc/index.php
- Institute for Social and Development Studies, Munich School of Philosophy, Munich, Germany
www.hfph.mwn.de/igp
- Jesuit Centre for Faith and Justice, Dublin, Ireland
www.cfj.ie
- Jesuit European Office, Brussels, Belgium
www.ocipe.info
- Jesuit Refugee Service Europe, Brussels, Belgium
www.jrseurope.org
- Newman Institute for Catholic Studies, Uppsala, Sweden
www.newman.se
- “Pedro Arrupe” Institute for Political Formation, Palermo, Italy
www.gesuiti.it/csarrupe
- University Centre Saint-Ignatius Antwerp, Belgium
www.ucsia.org
- University Institute of Migration Studies, Comillas Pontifical University, Madrid, Spain
www.upcomillas.es/pagnew/iem/index.asp

Annex 2. ACADEMIC GUEST LECTURERS 2009

This list enumerates all guest speakers at UCSIA events in 2009 who have a doctoral degree or equivalent and have, in principle, a professional post at a university or related research institute, including emeriti.

Summer School “Religion, Culture and Society”

Steve Bruce	University of Aberdeen
Robert William Hefner	Boston University
John Hutchinson	London School of Economics
David Voas	University of Manchester

Scribani-workshop “The Roma in Europa”

Tomasso Vitale	University of Milan
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The Sacred in the City

Sigurd Bergmann	Norwegian University of Science and Technology Trondheim
Filip De Boeck	Catholic University of Leuven
Liliana Gómez-Popescu	Free University of Berlin
Rik Pinxten	University of Ghent
Walter Van Herck	University of Antwerp

Humour and Religion

François Boespflug	University of Strasbourg
Athalya Brenner	University of Tel Aviv
Hans Geybels	Catholic University of Leuven
Ingvild Saelid Gilhus	University of Bergen
Ulrich Marzolph	Georg-August University, Göttingen
Jessica Milner Davis	University of Sydney
Giseline Kuipers	University of Amsterdam
John Morreall	American College of William and Mary
Vassilis Saroglou	Catholic University of Leuven
Johan Taels	University of Antwerp
Walter Van Herck	University of Antwerp

The Normative Dimension of Law

Robert Alexy	Christian Albrechts University, Kiel
Stefano Bertea	University of Leicester
Michael E. Bratman	Stanford University
Jules Coleman	Yale Law School
Marco Goldoni	University of Antwerp
Scott Hershowitz	University of Michigan Law School
Dimitrios Kyritsis	University of Sheffield

Cristina Lafont	Northwestern University
Andrei Marmor	University of Southern California
George Pavlakos	University of Antwerp
	University of Glasgow
Stephen Perry	University of Pennsylvania Law School
Veronica Rodriguez-Blanco	Birmingham Law School
Scott Shapiro	Yale Law School
Nicos E. Stavropoulos	University of Oxford
Ralph Wedgwood	Merton College, University of Oxford
Markus Willaschek	Goethe University, Frankfurt am Main

The Power of the Image

Arthur Cools	University of Antwerp
Peter Degraeve	Associatiefaculteit Kunsten, University of Antwerpen
Johan Pas	Artesis School of Higher Education

The Paradox of Tolerance

Theo de Wit	University of Tilburg
Rainer Forst	Johann Wolfgang Goethe University, Frankfurt
Tim Heysse	Catholic University of Leuven
Patrick Loobuyck	University of Antwerp
Susan Mendus	University of York
Glen Newey	Keele University
Guy Vanheeswijck	University of Antwerp
Jogchum Vrielink	Catholic University of Leuven

People in the Margins of Society

Dirk Deboutte	University of Antwerp and University of Ghent
Joke Denekens	University of Antwerp
Ilse Derluyn	University of Ghent
Hans Grietens	Catholic University of Leuven
Christiane Timmerman	University of Antwerp
Wouter Vandenhole	UNICEF Chair Childrens Rights, University of Antwerp

KVHU

Bert Roebben	University of Dortmund
Ria van den Brandt	Radboud University, Nijmegen

Chairs and Scholarships

Christian Bidard	University of Paris X – Nanterre
Anthony Grafton	Princeton University
Liliana Gómez-Popescu	Free University of Berlin
David Ruderman	University of Pennsylvania

Other activities

Habboub Abdelhadi	Erasmus School of Higher Education, Brussels
Luc Braeckmans	University of Antwerp
Herman De Dijn	Catholic University of Leuven
Frank Delmartino	Catholic University of Leuven
Raymond Detrez	University of Ghent
Guido Dierickx	University of Antwerp
Willem Frijhoff	Free University of Amsterdam
Ger Groot	Erasmus University, Rotterdam
Johan Graafland	University of Tilburg
Chris Jeunen	Thomas/Catholic University of Leuven
Frank Judo	Catholic University of Leuven
Philippe Levillain	University of Paris X – Nanterre
Abdelilah Ljamai	University of Utrecht
Mariane Moyaert	Erasmus School of Higher Education, Brussels
Adriaan Overbeeke	Catholic University of Leuven
Dirk Rochtus	University of Tilburg
Sergio Scatolini	University of Antwerp
Hans Van Crombrughe	Groep T – International School of Higher Education, Leuven
Ria van den Brandt	Catholic University of Leuven
Tymen J. van de Ploeg	Radboud University, Nijmegen
Theo van der Zee	Free University of Amsterdam
Peter Van Petegem	Radboud University, Nijmegen
Vincent Viaene	University of Antwerp
Bart Verbesselt	Catholic University of Leuven
Stefaan Walgrave	Catholic University of Leuven
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