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Ecology of Peace – Eco-Theological Perspectives in Times of Global Crisis

16.4. – 17.4.2026

Evangelische Mission
Weltweit
Association of Protestant Churches
and Missions in Germany



Tagungsort/ Hybrid:
Rupertstraße 67
22609 Hamburg

This conference engages with the new “Decade for Climate Justice” launched by the World Council of Churches (WCC).

The interconnected global crises of climate change, ecological degradation, and violent conflict call for interdisciplinary, transcultural, and theologically grounded responses. Diverse theological and epistemological approaches to ecological transformation shape the ongoing discourse. At the same time, public debates around the social costs and pathways toward an ecological transformation have intensified.

Within this complex field, spirituality and faith traditions play a crucial role. The Christian concept of “preservation of creation” is being re-emphasized in the ecumenical dialogue, particularly by churches from the Global South. Their perspectives bring vital ethical and spiritual dimensions to the global search for sustainable and just futures.

This conference therefore aims to explore the connection between the ecological and peace-related dimensions of the current crises. It will focus on the role of religions —

and especially of eco-theology — in promoting justice, peace, and reconciliation in a time of planetary emergency.

The aim is

- to shed light on the theological and ethical dimensions of climate justice in the context of global power asymmetries,
- to reflect on the connection between the climate crisis and societal conflicts,
- to amplify voices from the Global South that develop eco-theological approaches grounded in their concrete lived realities,
- to reflect on the tension between climate policy objectives and political obstacles to achieving them, both in the Global North (e.g. about the heating law) and in the Global South (e.g. deforestation),
- to promote reflection on an integral peace ethic that considers justice for both humanity and nature.

Conference language: English/ German

Gefördert durch:

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Entwicklungsdienstes

Thursday, April 16

11:00 Introduction and Welcome

Dr. Anton Knuth (ÖA)

11:30 The WCC Decade of Climate

Justice and the role of the Churches *Athena Peralta, Geneva (WCC)*

12:00 The relationship between peace and justice and the climate crisis.

Prof. Fernando Enns, University of Amsterdam/ Uni Hamburg

12:30 Plenum / 13:00 Lunch break

14:00 Ecological crisis, Democracy and Conflicts

Dr. Rebecca Froese, Research Institute for Sustainability, GFZ Potsdam

14:45 The War for the Care of Creation: A Repeated History of Patriarchal Anthropocentrism

Rev. Jorge Weishein, REET Argentinien

15:30 Break

16:00 Chancen und Herausforderungen der öko-theologischen Transformation der Landeskirche

Umweltpastor Christoph Fasse, Nordkirche, Hamburg

16:45 Workshops

18:00 Plenum

Friday, April 17

9:00 Morning Prayers

9:15 The Importance of Peace for Climate Justice

Dr. Geiko Müller-Fahrenholz, Bremen

9:45 Agrotheology for Ecological Transformation

Dr. Brighton Kataro (ÖA)

10:15 Coffee Break

10:45 Ecological Transformation and Spirituality. Perspectives from the EKD Network

Prof. Dr. Claudia Jahnel, University Hamburg

11:15 Frieden und Klimagerechtigkeit

Caroline Kruckow, Brot für die Welt (online)

11:45 Panel Discussions

12:15 Conference Observer *Rev. Revocatus Leonard, ELCT - Göttingen*

12:30 Plenary: What are the next steps?

13:00 Lunch & Departure

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Registration:

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Conference Fee (including accommodation and all meals):

150 € / 80 € (reduced rate, please ask)
75 € / 50 € (without accommodation)

The bill will be sent to you after the conference. Students only need to pay for the meals they eat. You will receive the free online link before the conference.

Cancellation fee:

For cancellations up to 10 days before the start of the conference 50%, from one day before the start of the conference 100%.