JUST PEACE - Open Colleges 2013 at the VU

„God of Life, lead us to Justice and Peace"
This motto has been proposed by the Churches in Asia, a religiously plural context, for the X .Assembly of the World Council of Churches in Busan/Southkorea 2013.

Every seven years churches are called to such an Assembly to discern theology together, share ethical challenges, and celebrate the unity-in-diversity. 350 member churches of the WCC around the world (from orthodox, anglican, lutheran, reformed, peace-church, baptist, methodist traditions, and many others like pentecostal or evangelical oriented) are preparing for it.

The WCC´s interest is to link the results from a “Decade to Overcome Violence. 2001-2010” to the “International Ecumenical Peace Convocation” in Jamaica 2011 on to Busan 2013 – and beyond. A common understanding of JUST PEACE is emerging and needs to be discussed further, if it shall guide ecumenical ethics in the future.

In the Netherlands, the Raad van Kerken supports its member-churches in preparing for and contributing to this ecumenical journey. This series of “open colleges” on JUST PEACE provides an opportunity for students as well as for the public to take part. Several speakers will be invited to contribute.

Location: VU Amsterdam, zaal HG-11A02
De Boelelaan 1105, 1081 HV Amsterdam

Dates:  
Tuesdays 2. April, 15.15-17.00h  
9. April  
16. April  
23. April  
Thursday 25. April


Please indicate your interest to:  
Doopsgezind Seminarium, Vera Kok  
(seminarium@ads.nl)

For Students: these lectures are part of the master course ”Introduction to Peacetheology” (Period 5, year 1).
Tuesday, 2. April
JUST PEACE – An Emerging New Paradigm for Ecumenical Social Ethics
Introduction to an Ongoing Ecumenical Discussion

Tuesday, 9. April
JUST PEACE – The “Responsibility to Protect” and the Concept of “Just Policing”

Guest Speaker: Kees Nieuwerth: *Just Peace – A Quaker Perspective*
Representative of European Quakers at the ecumenical peacemovement *Church & Peace*
and the Dutch Quakers at the *Council of Churches in the NL*, participant in the IEPC
Jamaica 2011 and delegate to the WCC Assembly in Busan 2013.

Tuesday, 16. April
JUST PEACE – A Transformative Understanding of Justice towards Reconciliation

Contextual Input: Andrés Pacheco Lozano: *Just Peace – in Colombia*
Master of Research, Faculty of Theology, VU University

Tuesday, 23. April
JUST PEACE – A Holistic Understanding of Shalom towards “Kingdom Ethics”

Contextual Input: Janneke Stegemann: *Just Peace – in Israel/Palestine*
PhD researcher on religious identity in the tradition of Jeremiah at VISOR (VU Insitute
for the Study of Religion, Culture and Society), VU university

Thursday, 25. April
JUST PEACE – The Mission of the Church

Guest Speaker: Prof. Nico Schrijver (invited): *Just Peace – A juridical Perspective*
Professor of International Law and Academic Director of the Grotius Centre for
International Legal Studies, Leiden University and a member of the Senate of the Dutch
house of parliament.