2014 Seminar
“Religion: Key to Understanding Violence and Promoting Peace in Global Times”
August 18-September 19, 2014
Washington, D.C.

Program Schedule

Week 1 (August 18-24)

Monday August 18: Introduction

Wednesday August 20: Hobbes: John Farina & Horacio Esteban Correa

Friday August 22:
Reading
Hegel: Brigitte Buchhammer & Tran Hai Minh
Paper presentation
Brigitte Buchhammer “Violence against Women – a pressing current problem of philosophy referring to Hegel’s philosophy of religion”

Week 2 (August 25-31)

Monday August 25:
Readings
Marx: Abdolrahim Gavahi
Engels: Qiu Genjiang

Wednesday August 27:
Paper presentations:
Abdolrahim Gavahi “Religious Understanding: Key to Understanding Violence and Promoting Peace”
Sayyed Hassan Hussaini (Akhlaq) “The Gates to Violence in the Current Islam”
Marko Trajkovic “Can Law Squeeze Out Values?”

Friday August 29:
Readings:
Arendt: Sayyed Hassan Hussaini (Akhlaq) & Gong Qun
Foucault: Olga Chistyakova
Week 3 (September 1-7)

Monday September 1:
Readings:
Hitler: Marko Trajkovic
Malcolm: Oladapo Jimoh Balogun
Gandhi: Rodica Pop

Wednesday September 3:
Paper presentations:
Olga Chistyakova “Christian Patristics, Postmodernism and Values of Peace in the Modern Society),
Rodica Pop “About Promoting Peace in the World. An Orthodox View”
Gong Qun “The pursuit and maintenance of peace, one of fundamental purposes of Buddhism”
Tran Hai Minh “Humanity in Buddhism and Its Significance to the Development of Society in Global Times”

Friday September 5:
Readings:
Freud: Joshua Kalapati
Benjamin: Wei-Ding Tsai
Gramsci: Horacio Esteban Correa

Week 4 (September 8-14)

Monday September 8:
Readings:
Canetti (127-165): Marta Turkot
Canetti (169-200): Seyed Masoud Noori

Wednesday September 10:
Paper presentations:
Horacio Esteban Correa “The concepts of "Yihād" and "Hiyrat" in the Arab-Islamic tradition”
Seyed Masoud Noori “Theology of Violence in the Muslim intellectual tradition & its reflection in the contemporary world”
Joshua Kalapati “Religious Diversity in India: Issues Fostering Violence and Instruments Promoting Peace”
Vensus George “Understanding Violence and Peace in Indian Culture”

Friday September 12:
Readings:
Canetti (387-462): Brigitte Buchhammer
Guest Lecture (if possible)

Week 5 (September 15-21)

Monday September 15:
Readings:
Girard (9-44): Olga Chistyakova
Girard (69-93): Oladapo Jimoh Balogun

Paper Presentations:
Marta Turkot “A quarter century of religion in a free country. Diagnosis of contemporary religion of Poles based on a paradigm of dis-secularization”
Wei-Ding Tsai “Heidegger und Rahner: An Interdisciplinary Dialogue between Philosophy and Theology as Hermeneutical Case Study”

Wednesday September 17:
Paper Presentations:
Oladapo Jimoh Balogun “Re-Appraising the Elements Of African Traditional Religion For A Multi-Conflict World In Search Of Peace: Precepts From Orisa Intellectual Culture”
Qiu Genjiang “Understanding Violence and Peace in Chinese Tradition”

Readings:
Girard (97-117): Sayyed Hassan Hussaini (Akhaq)

Friday September 19:
Readings:
Girard (145-210): John Farina

Conclusion and Evaluation of the Seminar