

# ROMERO:MEMORY

## ACTIVATING HERITAGE

## OF INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

### Programme

**MONDAY 04.11.19**

**KADOC-KU LEUVEN (VLAMINGENSTRAAT 39)**

#### **HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON SOLIDARITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**

9:30 Reception of participants

10:00 Welcome and introduction  
*Kim Christiaens* (KADOC-KU Leuven)

10:30 Introduction  
*Magdalena Kazubowski-Houston* (York University)

11:00 Opening Speech  
*Luc Sels* (rector KU Leuven)

11:15 **SESSION I: LEUVEN AND LATIN AMERICA**  
CHAIR: *Kim Christiaens* (KADOC-KU Leuven)

KEYNOTE: Catholic Transnational Networking between 'Lovaina' and Latin America, 1950-2000  
*Caroline Sappia* (UCLouvain)

12:30 Lunch break

13:30 **SESSION II: HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES ON SOLIDARITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS**  
CHAIR: *Sebastian De La Rosa*

Blood in the Fields: Oscar Romero, Catholic Social Teaching, and Land Reform  
*Matthew Whelan* (Baylor University, USA)

Saint or Human Rights Defender: Monsignor Romero, Symbol and Image from El Salvador for the World.  
*Miguel Villela* (Universidad de El Salvador)

15:00 Romero Walk Leuven

18:00 Dinner (for participants only)

20:00 The El Salvador Solidarity Movement in Belgium and Romero's Heritage  
Presentation website *Jonas Van Mulder* (KADOC-KU Leuven) and interview project (*Linde De Vroey*)  
Panel conversation with members of solidarity committees

**TUESDAY 05.11.19**

## **ROMERO ROOM (SINT-MICHIELSSTRAAT 4)**

### **REMEMBERING ROMERO – THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES**

9:30 Welcome and introduction  
*Judith Gruber and Jacques Haers* (KU Leuven)

9:45 **SESSION I: REMEMBERING THE LEGACY OF ARCHBISHOP ROMERO – CONFLICTIVE TRAJECTORIES**  
CHAIR: *Judith Gruber* (KU Leuven)

KEYNOTE (Spanish with simultaneous translation)  
*Martin Maier SJ* (Jesuit European Social Centre, Brussels)

10:30 Debate

11:00 Health break

11:30 **SESSION II: REMEMBERING ROMERO IN AN INDIGENOUS ECCLESIAL COMMUNITY**  
CHAIR: *Jacques Haers* (KU Leuven)

KEYNOTE  
*Anastacio Hidalgo Miramón*

12:30 Debate

13:00 Lunch break

14:00 **SESSION III: DOING THEOLOGY IN THE LEGACY OF ROMERO**  
CHAIR: *Lilian Ehidiamhen* (KU Leuven)

Discerning and Collaborating with Christ's Solidarity with the World. Oscar Romero's Christological Spirituality and its Methodological Dynamic  
*Anthony Atansi* (KU Leuven)

A Symbol in Dispute: Monseñor Romero in the Current Socio-Political Crisis in Nicaragua  
*Sergio Cabrales* (Universidad Centroamericana de Nicaragua, University of Pittsburgh)

Oscar Romero's Life as Praxis: How the constellation between Romero, Ignacio Ellacuría and Salvadoran Literature can help us to Historicize his Methodology  
*Bradley Hilgert* (Universidad de Las Artes, Ecuador)

15:30 Health break

16:00 Discussion (small groups, followed by plenary)

17:00 Close

**WEDNESDAY 06.11.19**

**KADOC-KU LEUVEN (VLAMINGENSTRAAT 39)**

**THE LEGACY OF MGR. ROMERO AND AGENCY IN SOLIDARITY MOVEMENTS: SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES**

9:30 Welcome and introduction  
*Veerle Draulans* (KU Leuven)

9:45 **SESSION I: THE LEGACY OF MGR. ROMERO AND AGENCY IN SOLIDARITY MOVEMENTS: SOCIOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES**

CHAIR: *Veerle Draulans*

KEYNOTE:

*Sharon Erickson Nepstad* (University of New Mexico)

10:30 Debate

11:00 Health break

11:15 **SESSION II: MGR. OSCAR ROMERO INFLUENCING AGENCY IN SOLIDARITY MOVEMENTS?**

Chair: *Veerle Draulans* (KU Leuven)

The Filmic Art of Remembrance and Solidarity: the Making of the Movie 'Romero'

*Kevin Coleman* (University of Toronto)

"In the Spirit of Oscar Romero?!": The Oscar Romero House in Bonn as a Diverse Space of Social Activism

*Rafaela Eulberg* (Universität Bonn)

'Presente': Invoking Monseñor Romero's Name at the Gates of Ft. Benning

*Zachary Dehm* (Duquesne University, USA)

14:00 Lunch

**SESSION III: MGR. OSCAR ROMERO INFLUENCING AGENCY IN SOLIDARITY MOVEMENTS?**

Feedback, questions and plenary discussion (*Sharon Nepstad* and *Veerle Draulans*)

15:00 Health Break

15:30 *Resucitaré* (Reborn), *Melissa Vida*

Screening and debate

17:00 Close

19:30 Screening *Resucitaré* (Reborn) (2019) at Cinema ZED

Conversation with director *Melissa Vida* and *Joren Janssens* (KU Leuven)

**THURSDAY 07.11.19**

**LARGE CONFERENCE ROOM (FACULTY OF LAW, TIENSESTRAAT 41)**

**THE LEGACY OF TRUTH COMMISSIONS IN EL SALVADOR AND BEYOND**

9:30 Welcome and introduction  
*Stephan Parmentier* (KU Leuven)

9:45 **SESSION I: THE TRUTH COMMISSIONS IN EL SALVADOR: CONTEXT AND LEGACY**  
CHAIR: *Stephan Parmentier* (KU Leuven)

KEYNOTE: Genesis and Impact of the Truth Commission in El Salvador  
*Douglas Cassel* (University of Notre Dame)

10:30 Debate

11:00 Health Break

11:30 **SESSION II: LEGACIES OF TRUTH COMMISSIONS IN LATIN AMERICA AND BEYOND**  
CHAIR: *Monica Aciru* (KU Leuven)

The CONADEP truth commission in Argentina and the Inter-American human rights system  
*Valeria Vagh Weis* (Free University Berlin)

Truth telling in Argentina and Mexico: comparative reflections  
*Silvana Mandolessi* (KU Leuven)

Psychosocial Aspects of the Peruvian Truth and Reconciliation Commission  
*Miryam Rivera Holguin* (KU Leuven)

12:45 Response and debate  
*Joren Janssens* (KU Leuven)

13:30 Lunch break

14:30 **SESSION III: TRUTH COMMISSIONS IN THE BROADER CONTEXT OF TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE**  
CHAIR: *Valerie Arnould* (Egmont Institute, KU Leuven)

Addressing Impunity in Africa  
*James Nyawo* (Kenyatta University, Kenya)

A Balancing Act: Victim Participation and Equality of Arms  
*Rudina Jasini* (University of Oxford)

15:30 Health break

16:00 Response and debate

17:00 Concluding remarks  
*Santa Falasca* (International Centre for Transitional Justice, Brussels, to be confirmed)

17:30 Close of the seminar

18:00 Documentary screening *Yvonne* (Marina Rubino, 2019) at KADOC (Vlamingenstraat 39)

A portrait of Yvonne Pierron, French survivor of the Second World War, who made her life a real fight against all forms of injustice. After entering into resistance against Nazism, her religious commitment led her to Argentina where she lived for over 60 years, devoting herself to the struggles of the indigenous peoples, victims of their poverty, but also of their origins, which are constantly denied, culturally and socially.

19:30 End of documentary screening

**FRIDAY 08.11.19**

## **KADOC-KU LEUVEN (VLAMINGENSTRAAT 39)**

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10:00 Concluding plenary discussion and world café  
*Magdalena Kazubowski-Houston* (York University)

12:30 Lunch break

14:00 **HONORARY DOCTORATE PHILIPPE SANDS** (Grote Aula, Sint-Michielsstraat 6)

Professor Philippe Sands (°1960) is a French-British human rights lawyer. He practises law at Matrix Chambers and is affiliated with University College London. Sands appears as counsel and advocate for numerous courts and tribunals, including the International Court of Justice, the European Court of Human Rights, and the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea. He was involved in some of the most important international cases, from Pinochet to Guantánamo.