

Conference Announcement **Faith-based Social Action in Combating Marginalisation**

Helsinki (FI), 17.-18.11.2011

Faith-based social action which encompasses service provision, community cohesion and advocacy involves millions of paid and volunteer workers in third sector and semi-official organisations of care and social action Europe wide. This conference will focus on faith-based social action across different religious traditions and serving people of all faiths and none. We especially concentrate on the themes of human dignity and social cohesion.

Conference presentations address the faith-based action for service provision, community cohesion or advocacy from diverse angles. Our presenters come from a variety of scientific backgrounds including theology, history, social work, social policy, psychology, the study of diaconia and the study of religions. Both presentations dealing with original, unpublished research and ideas for future research are included in the programme.

Programme

(Please note that the programme is preliminary and is therefore subject to change!)

Thu 17.11.2011

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| 08.00 – 09.00 | Breakfast (for the overnigheters) |
| 11.00 – 11.45 | <i>Esko Kähkönen and Tony Addy: "Exploring the Understanding on Dignity in Faith-Based Context of Social Actions"</i> |
| 11.45 – 12.30 | Research paper presentation and discussion |
| 12.30 – 13.30 | Lunch |
| 13.30 – 14.15 | Research paper presentation and discussion |
| 14.15 – 15.00 | Research paper presentation and discussion |
| 15.00 – 15.30 | Refreshments |
| 15.30 – 16.15 | Research paper presentation and discussion |
| 16.15 – 17.00 | Research paper presentation and discussion |
| 17.00 – 18.30 | Summarising discussion |

Evening program

Fri 18.11.2011

08.00 – 09.00	Breakfast
09.00 – 09.45	Research paper presentation and discussion
09.45 – 10.30	Research paper presentation and discussion
10.30 – 11.15	Research paper presentation and discussion
11.15 – 12.15	Lunch
12.15 – 12.45	Idea paper presentation and discussion
12.45 – 13.00	Introduction to summarising discussion
13.00 – 14.30	Summarising discussion
14.30 – 15.00	Refreshments

Conference will be organised at the Conference and Cultural Centre Sofia (<http://www.kulttuurikeskussofia.fi/en>) in the eastern part of Helsinki. Accommodation is available at the conference venue. Price for a single room is 98 EUR and price for a double room 115 EUR per night. However, the organizer will cover the accommodation costs for one author of each paper presented.

For arranging your accommodation at Conference and Cultural Centre Sofia, please contact the reception of the centre (reception@kulttuurikeskussofia.fi or +358 10 277 900) by October 26th. When reserving your accommodation, please mention you are attending the Diak conference.

All attendees should register for the conference in advance. Registrations are to be sent to research assistant Teemu Pauha (teemu.pauha@diak.fi) by November 4th. When registering, please inform us whether you are going to participate to the conference on both days.

There is no conference fee. A free buffet lunch and refreshments will be served on both conference days.

Conference will be chaired by Esko Kähkönen, head of research at the Diaconia University of Applied Sciences. Conference language is English.

If you have any queries regarding the conference, please contact research assistant Teemu Pauha (teemu.pauha@diak.fi).

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<http://www.diaktutkii.fi/default.asp?category=2&parent=38&pageid=86>