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# **GLOBAL JUSTICE AND RELIGION: HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCE, AND INTERDISCIPLINARY PERSPECTIVES**

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**October 15th-17th, 2026, Celje, Slovenia**

Saint Joseph Home, Plečnikova ulica 29, Celje, Slovenia

Organization: **Faculty of Theology, University of Ljubljana**

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Dear colleagues,

We cordially invite you to the traditional scientific conference, which will take place in Celje on October 15th-17th, 2026. This year, the conference will focus on global justice.

## **Main questions and aims of the conference**

Global justice is one of the most pressing and significant issues of our time. In an increasingly interconnected world, humanity is confronted with profound inequalities, conflicts, wars, forced migration, ecological crises, economic exploitation, energy crisis, cultural tensions, and new ethical dilemmas related to technology and globalization. These challenges raise fundamental questions about justice, responsibility, solidarity, dignity, rights, peace, and the common good on a global scale.

The issue of global justice is not only politically and socially relevant, but also deeply philosophical, theological, and ethical. It concerns basic questions about the human person, the meaning and purpose of social life, the moral obligations of individuals and communities, and the role of institutions in promoting a more just world. At the same time, global justice invites reflection on the spiritual and religious dimensions of justice, including compassion, reconciliation, responsibility for the vulnerable, and the search for universal ethical foundations in a pluralistic world.

One of the central goals of our conference is to contribute to a deeper and more integral understanding of global justice, rooted in philosophical, theological, and religious traditions, yet responsive to contemporary global realities. We wish to encourage reflection that is both theoretically rigorous and practically relevant. Therefore, we seek to bring into dialogue discussions on the conceptual, normative, historical, religious, psychological, therapeutic, educational, social, political, legal, and cultural aspects of global justice, and thereby also contribute to the search for practical guidelines and models for a more just and humane world order.

A distinctive feature of the Celje conferences is their multidisciplinary character, cultivated over the years. The issues are discussed and examined from various perspectives: philosophical, theological, from the point of view of (bio)ethics, religious and cultural studies, cognitive science, psychology, psychotherapy, education, intellectual history, the social sciences, and other fields. We believe that the conference topic may be better understood if approached through different, complementary viewpoints, foremost through the humanities and the social sciences; approaches from other perspectives are also welcome, as the issues and problems associated with global justice, ethics, and religion are highly complex and multilayered and require multifaceted research and clarification. Therefore, our conference, which is interdisciplinary in nature, is especially suitable for their consideration. As usual, the humanities will be at the forefront of the conference, but, as already mentioned, other scientific approaches are also welcome.

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## **Suggested Topics**

### **1. Theological and Philosophical Foundations of Global Justice**

- 1.1 Conceptual analysis and clarifications
- 1.2 Justice, dignity, and the common good
- 1.3 Universalism, particularism, and moral responsibility
- 1.4 Theological understandings of justice
- 1.5 Justice in sacred texts and religious traditions
- 1.6 Sin, structural injustice, and social evil
- 1.7 Global justice and solidarity
- 1.8 Global justice and human rights
- 1.9 Global justice in the light of relational personalism
- 1.10 Global justice from the phenomenological point of view
- 1.11 Justice, peace, and reconciliation

- 1.12 Global justice, vulnerability, and resilience
- 1.13 Justice and recognition
- 1.14 Justice in the context of post-secular societies
- 1.15 Global justice and culture wars

## **2. Historical and Intellectual Perspectives on Justice**

- 2.1 Historical concepts of justice in religious and philosophical traditions
- 2.2 Justice and injustice in pre-modern and modern societies
- 2.3 The intellectual history of universal rights, responsibility, and solidarity

## **3. Global Institutions, Politics, and Law**

- 3.1 International organizations and global justice
- 3.2 Global governance and moral responsibility
- 3.3 War, peace, and international justice
- 3.4 Transitional justice and post-conflict reconstruction
- 3.5 Humanitarian intervention and its ethical limits
- 3.6 International law, sovereignty, and universal norms

## **4. Religion, Identity, and Global Justice**

- 4.1 Religion as a source of justice and injustice
- 4.2 Religious traditions and social responsibility
- 4.3 Interreligious dialogue and global solidarity
- 4.4 Religious leaders and movements in the struggle for justice
- 4.5 Justice, identity, and religious pluralism
- 4.6 Religion, migration, and hospitality

## **5. Economic, Social, and Ecological Justice**

- 5.1 Poverty, inequality, and global responsibility
- 5.2 Economic exploitation and ethical critique
- 5.3 Labour, dignity, and social justice
- 5.4 Climate justice and environmental responsibility
- 5.5 Ecotheology and ecological ethics
- 5.6 Justice between present and future generations

## **6. Psychological, Anthropological, and Therapeutic Dimensions of Justice**

- 6.1 Moral development and the sense of justice
- 6.2 Injustice, trauma, and healing
- 6.3 Empathy, resentment, and forgiveness
- 6.4 The psychology of exclusion and marginalization
- 6.5 Human vulnerability and moral responsibility

## **7. Education, Formation, and Justice**

- 7.1 Education for justice in religious and secular contexts
- 7.2 The role of higher education in promoting justice
- 7.3 Pedagogies of empathy, dialogue, and responsibility
- 7.4 Ethical and civic formation in times of crisis

## **8. Global Justice in the Context of Modern Technologies, Digitalization, and AI**

- 8.1 Digital inequality and technological justice
- 8.2 AI, responsibility, and global ethical frameworks
- 8.3 Surveillance, power, and human dignity

8.4 Media, digital spaces, and justice

8.5 Misinformation, manipulation, and symbolic injustice

## **9. Gender, Power, and Justice**

9.1 Gender justice and religious traditions

9.2 Women as agents of justice and change

9.3 Gender-based violence and structural injustice

9.4 Masculinities, power, and ethics

## **10. Global Justice and Contemporary Crises**

10.1 Migration, refugees, and border ethics

10.2 Pandemics, health, and global justice

10.3 Armed conflicts and the moral responsibility of the international community

10.4 Energy crises and global interconnections

10.5 Justice in deeply divided societies

10.6 New forms of exclusion in contemporary societies

10.7 Vision of new global institutions

The **deadline for confirmation** of participation and for the preliminary title of your paper is **July 15th, 2026**. Please include the title of your paper, your affiliation, your correspondence e-mail address, and your academic title and position.

The **deadline for submission of the abstract** (final title of the presentation, abstract of 200-300 words, and 5-7 keywords) is **August 30th, 2026**.

**Papers and presentations:** The time allotted for each paper is 20 minutes; keynote lectures will last 30 minutes. The language of the conference is English.

**Please send abstracts to:** [martin.percic@teof.uni-lj.si](mailto:martin.percic@teof.uni-lj.si)

**Publication of papers:** Selected papers from the conference will be published after the conference in a volume to appear with Lit Verlag, Berlin.

The conference fee amounts to 100 EUR or 200 EUR, depending on whether you stay at Home St. Joseph or not.

## **Contact person**

Please send all applications and any questions to our contact person, assist. dr. Martin Perčič, at the following e-mail address: [martin.percic@teof.uni-lj.si](mailto:martin.percic@teof.uni-lj.si)

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The programme will be sent to you after we receive confirmations of attendance.

Best regards,

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## **Additional information**

**Timeframe:** The conference will begin on Thursday, October 15th, 2026, in the afternoon and will end on Saturday, October 17th, 2026, at lunchtime.

### **Venue of the conference**

Home St. Joseph, Spiritual Educational Centre

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### **Fees and accommodation**

The 100 EUR fee covers participation, the book of abstracts, and organized lunches, dinners, and refreshments during conference breaks.

The 200 EUR fee includes all of the above, plus accommodation for two nights and breakfast at the St. Joseph Spiritual Educational Centre (Plečnikova 29, SI-3000 Celje, Slovenia).

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You will be kindly asked to pay the conference fee before September 15th, 2026. Unfortunately, the organizers cannot cover travel costs.

All further information will also be available on the conference webpage:

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