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International scientific conference
**HOSTILITY AND PEACEBUILDING: FROM TRADITION TO MODERN
CONTEXTS**

Celje, October 23th–25th 2025

St. Joseph Home, Spiritual Educational Center, Plečnikova 29, 3000 Celje, Slovenia

PROGRAM

Thursday, October 23th/Četrtek, 23. oktober

Arrival and accommodation of the participants at Dom sv. Jožefa (Home St. Joseph, Spiritual Educational Center), Plečnikova 29, SI-3000 Celje, Slovenia / Prihod in namestitev udeležencev v Domu sv. Jožefa.

15.45-16.00 Welcome speeches/Pozdravni nagovori:

Dean of the Faculty of Theology/Dekan Teološke fakultete **Assist. Prof. Tadej Stegu**

President of the Program Committee/Predsednik programskega odbora **Professor Robert Petkovšek**

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Branko Klun)

Lectures/Predavanja

16.00-16.20 Roman Globokar (Slovenia): *Is Francis a Pacifist? Pope Francis' Rejection of War*

16.20-16.40 Gusztáv Kovács (Hungary): *Peacebuilding in a Burnout Society*

16.40-17.00 Tomaž Erzar (Slovenia): *Beyond Negativity: Optimizing Gratitude Practices for Emotional Well-being?*

17.00-17.30 Discussion/Razprava

17.30-17.45 Break/Odmor

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Roman Globokar)

Lectures/Predavanja

17.45-18.05 Tadej Stegu (Slovenia): *Love your Enemies: Christian Anthropology as the Foundation of Peace*

18.05-18.25 Marcin Godawa (Poland): *Making Hostility a Step to Christian Peacebuilding – Desert Lessons*

18.25-18.45 Ivan Platovnjak, Tone Svetelj (Slovenia, USA): *From Dehumanization to Fraternity: On Hatred as a Wound and the Spiritual Response to It*

18.45-19.15 Discussion/Razprava

19.15-19.30 Meeting of participants/Druženje udeležencev

19.30 Dinner/Večerja



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Friday, October 24th/Petek, 24. oktober

7.30 Mass in the Chapel/Maša v kapeli

8.00-9.00 Breakfast/Zajtrk

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Bojan Žalec)

Lectures/Predavanja

9.00-9.35 Keynote Lecture **João J. Vila-Chã (Portugal)**: *Conflict vs. Polarity: Romano Guardini, Carl Schmitt and The Challenges of Peace in the World of Today*

9.35-9.55 Discussion/Razprava

9.55-10.10 Break/Odmor

10.10-10.30 Grzegorz Szamocki (Poland): *Elisha as a Peacemaker in Light of 2 Kings 6:21-23*

10.30-10.50 Janez Vodičar (Slovenia): *Through the Experience of Evil and the Ethics of Care to Educate and Catechize for Peace*

10.50-11.10 Discussion/Razprava

11.10-11.20 Break/Odmor

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Vojko Strahovnik)

Lectures/Predavanja

11.20-11.40 Branko Klun (Slovenia): *The Threat of the Anonymous Other: Challenges to Levinasian Ethics in the Digital Age*

11.40-12.00 Mari Jože Osredkar (Slovenia): *There is no Salvation outside Dialogue*

12.00-12.20 Bojan Žalec (Slovenia): *The (Un)justifiedness of Political Violence: Terrorism – Genocide – Culture War*

12.20-12.50 Discussion/Razprava

13.00-14.00 Lunch/Kosilo

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Nik Trontelj)

Lectures/Predavanja

14.00-14.20 David Kraner (Slovenia): *Destructive Effects of Media Violence on Social Representations and Perceptions*

14.20-14.40 Andrej Grebenc (Slovenia): *European Citizenship and Democracy Education of Youth*

14.40-15.00 Jonas Miklavčič (Slovenia): *The Ethics of the 'Future' and the Future of Ethics: The Ontological Violence of Predictive Artificial Intelligence*

15.00-15.30 Discussion/Razprava

15.30-15.45 Break/Odmor

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Parallel section /Vzporedna sekcija
(Chairperson/Moderator: Tomaž Erzar)
Lectures/Predavanja

14.00-14.20 Borut Pohar (Slovenia): *The Possibility of Developing a Civilization of Love from the Perspective of Modern Science*

14.20-14.40 Arto Mutanen (Finland): *Search for Peace: Human Rights and Human Dignity*

14.40-15.00 Stjepan Štivić (Slovenia): *Technological Progress and Moral Decline: The Challenge of War and Hatred to Technological Optimism*

15.00-15.30 Discussion/Razprava

15.30-15.45 Break/Odmor

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Mari Jože Osredkar)
Lectures/Predavanja

15.45-16.05 Béla Mester (Hungary): *Endeavour for Peace as a Sinister Rhetoric Element in the Politics*

16.05-16.25 Simon Malmenvall (Slovenia): *From Medieval Mission to the Slovenian Language in Education: The Image of Cyril and Methodius in the Slovenian Catholic National Movement*

16.25-16.45 Andrej Šegula (Slovenia): *Saint Francis of Assisi as a Peacemaker: Then and Now*

16.45-17.15 Discussion/Razprava

17.15-17.30 Break/Odmor

Parallel section /Vzporedna sekcija
(Chairperson/Moderator: Stjepan Štivić)

15.45-16.05 Jarosław Dudała, (Poland): *Just War according to Paul Włodkowiec*

16.05-16.25 Nik Trontelj (Slovenia): *Dialogical Impulses of the Practical Apologetics by Vilko Fajdiga*

16.25-16.45 Lucija Gantar (Slovenia): *Christ as the New Temple of Reconciliation: A Biblical-Liturgical Hermeneutics of Peace*

16.45-17.15 Discussion/Razprava

17.15-17.30 Break/Odmor

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(Chairperson/Moderator: Andrej Šegula)
Lectures/Predavanja

17.30-17.50 Mateja Centa Strahovnik, Vojko Strahovnik (Slovenia): *Hate and Violence in the Digital Culture and the Era of AI*

17.50-18.10 Tadej Strehovec (Slovenia): *Artificial Intelligence in Armed Conflicts: Ethical Dimensions of Autonomous Weapons Systems*

18.10-18.30 Milan Đorđević, Ana Đorđević (North Macedonia): *Hostility and (Spiritual) Peace in the Era of Social Media*

18.30-18.50 Mateja Pevec Rozman (Slovenia): *Virtue Ethics and Peace Building: MacIntyre's Communitarian Framework and Sacks' Covenantal Model as Complementary Resources for Peace and Reconciliation in Divided Societies*

18.50-19.30 Discussion/Razprava

19.35 Dinner/Večerja



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Saturday, October 25th/Sobota, 25. oktober

7.30 Mass in the Chapel/Maša v kapeli

8.00-9.00 Breakfast/Zajtrk

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Lectures/Predavanja

(Chairperson/Moderator: Bojan Žalec)

9.00-9.35 Keynote Lecture **Wolfgang Palaver (Austria):** *Active Nonviolence at the Center of Just Peace*

9.35-9.55 Discussion/Razprava

9.55-10.10 Break/Odmor

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Lectures/Predavanja

(Chairperson/Moderator: Lucija Gantar)

10.10-10.30 Ivica Kelam (Croatia): *GMO Crops Between Hostility and Peacebuilding with the Environment and Society*

10.30-10.50 Katarína Valčová (Slovakia): *From Pixels to Peacemakers: Theological Anthropology, Social Media, and the Formation of Hostility and Peace*

10.50-11.10 Michal Valčo (Slovakia): *A Sobering Legacy: The Ambivalent Fruits of Apocalyptic Urgency in Luther's Mission to 'Christianize Christendom'*

11.10-11.30 Daniel G. Oprean (Romania): *The Biblical Story of Jacob and Esau from Genesis 32-33 as Existential Mirror for the Journey from Hostility to Peacemaking*

11.30-12.10 Discussion/Razprava

12.10-12.15 Concluding words of the President of the Organising Committee, **Professor Bojan Žalec**/Sklepna beseda predsednika organizacijskega odbora, **prof. dr. Bojana Žalca**.

12.30-13.30 Lunch/Kosilo

Departure of the participants/Odhod udeležencev