

Interfaith Conference 2017: *Crossing Borders, Building Bridges*

Saturday November 18 | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.



Institute of Social Studies Kortenaerkade 12 | The Hague

Every year in November the Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in The Hague hosts the Interfaith Conference. The conference is organized by the International Student Chaplaincy, Haastu and Initiatives of Change Netherlands. This year the main theme of the conference is: **Crossing Borders, Building Bridges.**

In these times of polarisation there are borders and bridges of all kinds. How do we experience cultural, religious, socio-political and gender-based borders? What can we do to bridge the divides, academically and in our personal lives? The Interfaith Conference 2017 invites you to an open-minded interaction with people who find inspiration from a diverse spectrum of sources. Keynote speaker is **Professor Farid Esack** from South Africa. He is Muslim scholar, writer, and political activist.

Join us! Register online on www.iofc.nl/interfaith-conference-2017.



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Keynote speaker Farid Esack

Professor Farid Esack is a South African Muslim Theologian who cut his teeth in the South African struggle for liberation. He studied in Pakistan, the UK and Germany and is the author of a number of books on Islam and Islam, Gender Justice, Liberation Theology, Religion & AIDS and Qur'anic Hermeneutics. An anti-apartheid activist in his youth, Esack was appointed a National Commissioner on Gender Equality by President Nelson Mandela after the fall of apartheid. He has lectured at universities around the world including Hamburg, Columbia, and Harvard, and is currently a professor of Islamic Studies at the University of Johannesburg. He continues his work as an activist through Positive Muslims, an organization working with Muslims who are HIV positive in South Africa, and through the several development boards on which he serves in South Africa and internationally.



Dialogue Tables

After a Question & Answer session we will debate various issues concerning the theme of the day in small groups. In these groups we will move from table to table discussing thought provoking statements and recording our views, having the opportunity to react to what others wrote before.

Programme

10:00	Registration, refreshments
10:15	Musical contribution
10:30	Opening with speeches
11:40	Question & Answer session
12:00	Dialogue tables
13:00	Lunch (vegetarian option)
14:00	Human Library – meeting people with stories of inspiration
16:00	Musical intermezzo
16:15	Sharing learning experiences of the day in plenary
16:40	Closing ceremony

Children Programme

For children between 4 and 12 years we offer a special programme during the main sessions (11:00 - 13:00 and 14:00 - 15:30). Come with your kids and let us know how many you bring and of which age they are. Send an email to InterfaithConferenceHague@gmail.com

Practical arrangements

Contribution is €5 for students (€10 for people with an income). It includes participation in the conference, lunch and tea/coffee. The fee should be paid upon arrival. Travel expenses (train second class within the Netherlands) will be refunded.

Registration

Please register through our online form. You can find the link to this form on the following webpage: www.iofc.nl/interfaith-conference-2017. For questions please send an email to InterfaithConferenceHague@gmail.com.