Call for Papers for the Conference 'Contextuality and Intercontextuality in Public Theology' of the Dietrich Bonhoeffer Research Center for Public Theology at the University of Bamberg, Germany
June 23-25, 2011

The Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Research-Center for Public Theology, member of the Global Network for Public Theology, cordially invites you to propose papers. The theme of the Conference will be

Contextuality and Intercontextuality in Public Theology

Conference Theme: Public Theology is a paradigm in Theology which is currently getting increasing attention globally. Originally coined in the 1970s, the term “public theology” has been used by various theologians globally. In recent years institutions have been founded at different universities worldwide which aim at developing the paradigm of public theology further and making it fruitful for a new interchange between theology and secular publics. In 2007 the Global Network for Public Theology was founded as a platform for increased communication between the institutions.

Many of the contributions which have been given to the development of Public theology are strongly contextual. The purpose of the conference is to analyze and honor this contextuality and at the same time investigate where the common features of all contextual public theologies can be found. While the Global Network for Public theology meets every three years – after its founding in 2007 in Princeton it met 2010 in Canberra and Sydney – this fundamental question has not been systematically addresses yet in the research done so far. The conference will bring together the leading public theologians from all over the world to discuss it.

Conference Venue: Bamberg is a city in Bavaria, Germany. It is located in Upper Franconia on the river Regnitz, close to its confluence with the river Main. The Old Town of Bamberg is listed as a UNESCO World Heritage, primarily because of its authentic medieval appearance. The Conference will be hosted by the University of Bamberg, the Chair of Systematic Theology and Contemporary Theological Issues (Prof. Dr. Bedford-Strohm) and the Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Research-Center for Public Theology.

Conference Form: Please find attached the conference program.

Call for Papers: Papers are now sought from academics on any aspect of the topic ‘public theology’. We also welcome papers discussing other dimensions than the ones mentioned in the conference program.
Please send an expression of interest and an abstract of your paper of no more than 250 words, Conference language is English.

Deadlines: The proposals have to be submitted by March, 15, 2011 to heinrich.bedford-strohm@uni-bamberg.de or tobias.reitmeier@uni-bamberg.de.
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University of Bamberg will provide accommodation, registration and meals during the conference.

Letters of invitation for the purposes of applying for funding for travel expenses can be supplied, please approach Tobias Reitmeier.