

## International Symposium

# RELIGIOUS PEACE-BUILDING, INTER-RELIGIOUS DIALOGUE, MIGRATIONS and REFUGEE CRISIS

April 19, 2021  
Koper, Online

On one hand, interreligious dialogue in Europe is more developed and dynamic than ever before, and on the other hand, interreligious relations, with the rise of nationalisms and in the shadow of the refugee crisis, and COVID-19 pandemic are under strong pressure and are being the victims of rough politicization. Critical understanding of the dynamics and different contexts of interreligious dialogue and of the obstacles to the kind of dialogue is crucial for identifying the best opportunities for the success of dialogue and facilitating life in religious plurality.

The main focus of the symposium is the search for new paradigms, models and possibilities for the interreligious dialogue, and the search for new **ethical criterion and theological responses to the refuge and pandemic crisis** and the connection of these insights with a new ethics of religious peace-building in the light of mutual interdependence and cohesion, and rethinking the role of moral and intellectual virtues, communication, and the importance of inclusion of women's voices in the framework of the interreligious dialogue.

### Symposium organising committee

Chair: Prof Nadja Furlan Štante, Science and Research Centre Koper, Institute for Philosophical Studies  
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# Symposium's Programme

April 19, 2021

9.00

## Opening of the Symposium

**Nadja Furlan Štante**, Science and Research  
Centre Koper, Slovenia

**Rado Pišot**, Director of the Science and  
Research Centre Koper, Slovenia

9.15–11.00

Panel I

## BUILDING INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE

Chair: **Nadja Furlan Štante**

**Nedžad Grabus**: Interreligious Dialogue or  
Conflict among Religions?

**Bojan Žalec**: Positive Relationships and the  
Philosophy of Resonance: The Muslim Context

**Vojko Strahovnik**: Utilizing Religious and  
Ethics Education to Fight Polarization and  
Radicalization of Youth: The Example of the  
EDUC8 Project

11.00–11.15

*Break*

11.15–13.00

Panel II

## MIGRATION & INTERRELIGIOUS ENCOUNTERS

Chair: **Anja Zalta**

**Aleksandra Đurić Milovanović, Jadranka  
Đorđević Crnobrnja**: Challenges and  
Possibilities of Interreligious Dialogue at the  
Local Level: The Case of Bayram Sofra in  
Belgrade

**Lana Peternel**: Religious Dialogue and Socio-  
historical Development of Islamic Community  
in Sisak, Croatia

**Gašper Mithans**: Catholic Ethnic Parishes and  
Immigrant Community Associations in the  
USA: The Case Study of Slovenian Immigrants  
in California

13.00–14.30

*Break*

14.30–15.45

Panel III

## RELIGIOUS PEACE-BUILDING

Chair: **Vojko Strahovnik**

**Nadja Furlan Štante**: Strengths and  
Weaknesses of Women's Religious Peace-  
Building (in Slovenia)

**Anja Zalta**: Peacebuilding and Possibilities for  
Peaceful Coexistence? Specifying Dark Strains  
of Collective Imagination in Bosnia and  
Herzegovina and in Slovenia

15.45

## Concluding discussion

**Nadja Furlan Štante**, Science and Research  
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