Unwounded World: A Marian Peace for our Shared Future

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Dedicated to the suffering of children, women and men in Mariupol, this symposium aspires to address the possibility of a future peaceful politics as a sign of the coming caring and unwounded democracy and is organized around the following themes:

The Wounded World: Sacralization of Violence and the Roots of War
Marian Approaches to Justice and Peace Building
Interreligious Reflections on Suffering and Peace
Marian Approaches to Mourning and Suffering
Russian Church on War
Narratives of Peace
The Aftermath of War

Event Speakers

Pavlo Smytsnyuk* (Ukrainian Catholic University) »The Queen of Peace Cradling a Rocket Launcher: Sacralization of War and Peace, Collective Responsibility and the Russian Invasion of Ukraine«
* Via video link

Jeff Robbins (Lebanon Valley College) »After Apocalypse (Now) The Roots of War«

Nadja Furlan Štante (ZRS Koper) »Women's Peacebuilding«

Carool Kersten (KU Leuven & ZRS Koper) »Suffering and Substitution in the Thought of J.-K. Huysmans & Louis Massignon«
Klaus von Stosch (University of Bonn) »Impulses for Peace from the Qur’anic Mary«

Emily Holmes (Christian Brothers University) »'She who Ripens the Grain': Food Justice, Solidarity, and the Incarnation«

Piotr Janas OP (Pontificia Università San Tommaso d'Aquino) »Ethical and Servant Leadership for Peace Building«

Yves De Maeseneer (KU Leuven) »Mater Dolorosa and the Work of Mourning«

Lenart Škof (ZRS Koper) »Marian Peace for the Children who Suffer in War«

Paul Gavrilyuk (University of St. Thomas) »When the Patriarch of Moscow Blesses a War: The Russian Orthodox Church and the Sacralization of Violence«


Claude Romano (Sorbonne & ACU) »An impossible peace ? : Reflections on an unprecedented kind of war, the hope for peace and the possibility of resistance«

Luca Welczenbach (KU Leuven) »Wounded Identities, Public Memory and Narrative Hospitality in a Central/Eastern European Context«

Antoine Arjakovsky (Collège des Bernardins) »How to end war in Ukraine?«

Andrea Carteny (Sapienza University of Rome) »At the Origins of the Multiconfessional and Multinational Society in Ukraine«

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