

# Programme

## Thursday, 27 June 2019

19.45 – 20.00 Opening of the Conference

20.00: Lynn A. de Silva – An Appraisal  
(Wesley Ariarajah)

20.45: Response: Peniel Rajkumar

21.00 – 21.20: Lynn A. De Silva: a presentation  
by a member of his family

## Friday, 28 June 2019

07.15 – 07.45: Meditation

Session I: May Dialogue Change our Self-  
Understanding and View of the Religious  
Other?

09.00 – 09.45: First Presentation  
(Perry Schmidt-Leukel)

09.45 – 10.30: Second Presentation  
(James Fredericks)

11.00 – 12.00: Discussion

Session II: May Dialogue Change Our  
Understanding of the Human Being?

15.00 – 15.45: First Presentation  
(Amos Yong)

16.15 – 17.00: Second Presentation  
(Kurt Krammer)

17.00 – 18.00: Discussion

Session III: May Dialogue Change Our  
Understanding of Death and Life After Death?

19.45 – 21.00: First and Second Presentation  
(Martin Repp; Elke Hessel)

21.00 – 21.30: Discussion

## Saturday, 29 June 2019

07.15 – 07.45: Meditation

Session IV: May Dialogue Change Our  
Understanding of Ultimate Reality?

09.00 – 09.45: First Presentation  
(Elizabeth Harris)

09.45 – 10.30: Second Presentation  
(André van der Braak)

11.00 – 12.00: Discussion

Session V: May Dialogue Change Our  
Understanding of the Buddha and the Christ?

15.00 – 15.45: First Presentation  
(Joseph O'Leary)

16.15 – 17.00: Second Presentation  
(Annewieke Vroom)

17.00 – 18.00: Discussion

19.45 – 21.15: Open Presentations (1)

## Sunday, 30 June 2019

07.15 – 07.45: Meditation

Session VI: May Art Inspire Dialogue – May  
Dialogue Inspire Art?

09.00 – 09.45: First Presentation  
(Gudrun Löwner)

09.45 – 10.30: Second Presentation  
(Jude Lal Fernando; Rasika Pieris)

11.00 – 12.00: Discussion

Session VII: May Popular Religion Alter the  
Course of Dialogue?

15.00 – 15.45: Presentation (Andreas Nehring)  
16.15 – 17.00: Discussion

Concluding Session

17.00 – 18.00: Reflections on the Conference  
(Marshal Fernando, Indunil Kodithuwakku)

18.00 – 18.30: Words of Gratitude

19.45 – 21.15: Open Presentations (2)

## Monday, 1 July 2019

07.15 – 07.45: Meditation

Departures  
(Optional)

09.30 – 12.00: Exploring Sankt Ottilien  
+ Guided Tour of the Mission Museum

Departures

committed people. Mutual understanding  
of one another can create can be



Since the 1960s Buddhists and Christians have entered into serious dialogical relations in various places around the world. At this conference we will inquire into the transformation triggered by dialogical encounter. The selection of topics is inspired by the work of Lynn A de Silva (1919-1982). De Silva, a Sri Lankan Methodist minister and academic, was a major pioneer in Buddhist-Christian dialogue.

## Speakers:

**Rev Dr Peniel Jesudason Rufus Rajkumar** works in the office of Interreligious Dialogue and Institut in Bossey of the WCC (Switzerland). **\*Prof Martin Repp**/emeritus of Ryukoku University in Kyoto (Japan). **\*Dr S. Wesley Ariarajah**, Methodist Minister from Sri Lanka / Drew University School of Theology, Madison, New York (USA). **\*Dr Elizabeth Harris** /the Edward Cadbury Centre for the Public Understanding of Religion at Birmingham University (UK) / president of ENBCS. **\*Prof André van der Braak** /Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Netherlands). **\*Prof Dr Perry Schmidt-Leukel** /University of Muenster (Germany). **\*Dr James Fredericks** /Loyola Marymount University, Los Angeles (USA). **\*Prof Gudrun Loewner** /United Theological College Bangalore (India). **\*Dr Annewieke Vroom** / Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Netherlands). **\*Prof Amos Yong** / Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, California (USA). **\*Kurt Gakuro Krammer** / "Institute for the Study of Buddhism and Dialogue of Religions" in Salzburg (Austria). **\*Ike Hessel** / Director of Tibethaus Germany in Frankfurt and editor-in-chief of "Chökor / Tibethaus Journal". **\*Dr Joseph S. O'Leary** emeritus of Sophia University, Tokyo (Japan). **\*Dr Sr Rasika Pieris** / University of Kelaniya (Sri Lanka). **\*Dr Jude Lal Fernando** / Trinity College Dublin and the Director of the Trinity Centre for Post-Conflict Justice (Ireland). **\*Fr. Indunil Janakaratne Kodithuwakku Kankanamalage** / former Secretary of the Pontifical Council for Inter-religious Dialogue at the Vatican. **\*Prof Andreas Nehring** / Friedrich Alexander Universität Erlangen (Germany). **\*Marshal Fernando** / Ecumenical Institute of Study & Dialogue (EISD) in Sri Lanka.



## About the European Network of Buddhist Christian Studies

Established 1996 in Hamburg at the University of Hamburg. At that time its name was "European

Network for Christian Studies of Buddhism". In 1997 the name was changed to the "European Network of Buddhist Christian Studies" so that both Buddhists and Christians could be involved on an equal footing. The administrative home of the Network was moved to the Archabbey of Sankt Ottilien. The Network is an association of scholars in Europe involved in Buddhist-Christian Studies. Apart from networking the ENBCS engages in the organisation and publication of bi-annual conferences in the field of Buddhist-Christian Studies.

### Venue:

Archabbey Sankt Ottilien,  
86922 Eresing, Germany

### Registration:

Rates include conference fee, accommodation and all meals, plus the cultural tour on the Monday.

EUR 370 regular

EUR 270 reduced (students)

**Call for Papers on Buddhist-Christian Studies** for the open panels. Proposals should be sent to: E.Harris.2@bham.ac.uk

**All Information and Registration:**  
[www.buddhist-christian-studies-europe.net](http://www.buddhist-christian-studies-europe.net)

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Buddhist-Christian  
Encounter –

# A Visionary Approach

A Conference inspired by  
Lynn A. de Silva  
(1919-1982)

26 June – 1 July 2019

Sankt Ottilien/Munich/Germany



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