



Commission of the Bishops' Conferences
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COMECE/ECWM SEMINAR ON THE OCCASION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF RERUM NOVARUM

Tuesday 3 May 2016, 10.00 – 17.00 hrs
COMECE Secretariat, Square de Meeûs 19, 1050 Brussels

From Rerum Novarum (1891) to Laudato si' (2015)
**Catholic social teaching as a reference to social and ecological
welfare?**

DRAFT AGENDA

- 10.00 Welcome**
by Fr. Patrick H. Daly, Secretary General of COMECE
- 10.10 Introduction**
by Mgr Gianni Ambrosio, Bishop of Piacenza-Bobbio, Vice-president of COMECE, President of the COMECE Social Affairs Commission
by Otto Meier, ECWM President
- 10.45 Session 1: From Rerum Novarum to Laudato si'**
Presentation by Prof. em. Friedhelm Hengsbach sj, former director of the Oswald von Nell-Breuning Institute for Economic and Social Ethical Studies, Ludwigshafen/Germany
Q&A
- 12.00 *Lunch at Hotel Leopold (Orangerie)*
- 13.30 Session 2: The ecological and social question in a global perspective**
Presentation by Dr. Elena Lasida, researcher in social economy, sustainable development and the relations between economy and theology at the Catholic Institute of Paris, Paris/France
Q&A
- 15.00 *Coffee break*
- 15.30 Session 3: Catholic Social Thinking in practice**
Presentation by Heinrich Staudinger (tbc), social entrepreneur and founder of GEA GmbH, Vienna/Austria
Q&A

16.00 Panel debate

on the significance of Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato si'* on social and ecological welfare

With

- Prof. em. Friedhelm Hengsbach sj
- Dr. Elena Lasida
- Heinrich Staudinger (tbc)
- Dr. Ellen van Stichel, post-doctoral researcher at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Catholic University (KU) Leuven

17.00 Closing of the seminar

by Prof. Johan Verstraeten, Professor of Theological Ethics at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, and director of the Centre for Catholic Social Thought, Catholic University (KU) Leuven/ Belgium

The seminar will be moderated by Prof. Johan Verstraeten



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COMECE/ EBCA EVENING RECEPTION ON THE OCCASION OF THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF RERUM NOVARUM

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**125 years of Catholic Social Teaching – from Rerum Novarum to
Laudato si'**

DRAFT AGENDA

Welcome address

by Mgr Gianni Ambrosio, Bishop of Piacenza-Bobbio, Vice-president of COMECE, President of the COMECE Social Affairs Commission

Opening speech

by Elmar Brok, Member of the European Parliament (EPP), chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee and Chair of the European Union of Christian Democratic Workers

by Patrizia Toia, Member of the European Parliament (S&D), deputy chair of the Committee on Industry, Research, and Energy (tbc)

Keynote speech

by Prof. Ingeborg Gabriel, Head of the Institute for Social Ethics at the University of Vienna/Austria and Vice-President of Justice and Peace Europe

Closing

by Otto Meier, ECWM President

- Cocktail reception -