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DIALOP NEWS

transversal dialogue project



KEEP GOING!



I WOULD LIKE US TO RENEW TOGETHER TODAY OUR COMPLETE COMMITMENT TO THE PATH THAT THE UNIVERSAL CHURCH HAS NOW FOLLOWED FOR DECADES IN THE WAKE OF THE SECOND VATICAN COUNCIL. POPE FRANCIS MASTERFULLY AND CONCRETELY SET IT FORTH IN THE APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION EVANGELII GAUDIUM, FROM WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT SEVERAL FUNDAMENTAL POINTS: ... LOVING CARE FOR THE LEAST AND THE REJECTED, COURAGEOUS AND TRUSTING DIALOGUE WITH THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD IN ITS VARIOUS COMPONENTS AND REALITIES....

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The fairer the funnier*editorial*

Shakespeare, Gogol and even Kafka are good educators against fanaticism¹. And such lessons are becoming a precious advice in our time. Thing is that these authors never let the fanatic end happily; they become either dead or the century's joke.

We are currently existing within open-ended situations, which keep challenging the regularity of our world. One might go crazy on it and risk to become a fanatic of some good cause. Don't get it wrong. Beliefs are definitely holy ground, but never heaven. We might realize this precisely in historical moments like the one we are living, where autocracies and war madness disentangle paranoia and perversion from simply divergent approaches on facts and realities, based on different elements of judgment one has at disposal. Christians and Marxists - working together on a transversal Social Ethics - are definitely not the only ones who want peace and a better world, there are many others. And this is good. This allows to find far more allies on the path of seeking truth and good solutions. Walking in "others' mocassins" compels us to see the world from others' eyes. Ask: what if I were she or he? Even if the other is 100% wrong and I feel I'm 100% right, it's still useful to imagine this other.

"Nobody can solve the problems of humanity alone" said Pope Francis to the first DIALOP delegation on September 2014. Now Francis is gone², but his legacy obliges us more than ever to open up, look at others and meet them, mirroring them in ourselves. Let's speak with each other outside the bubbles. Eventually we will realize: I'm right and you are ... right.

1 ref. Amoz Oz. *How to cure a fanatic*. Vintage books | 2 <https://dialop.eu/goodbye-pope-francis/>



LECTURES ON SECULARITY AT THE CATHOLIC SOPHIA UNIVERSITY

From February to April 2025 Franz Kronreif, one of the early initiators of Dialop, lectured 22 hours on *Lineaments for a cross-cutting Social Ethics*, together with Bernard Callebaut, chair of the Sociology Institute at the University of Sophia in Loppiano (Italy) for the fourth year.

His focus lies in the distinction of the concepts of secularization, secularism and secularity, which are often used in an undifferentiated way. These lectures offer important starting points for understanding current social trends using the case study of DIALOP and provide master's and Phd students with useful epistemological tools.



WAR AND PEACE. DIALOP WORKSHOP WITH 60 YOUNG FOCOLARE AND THE MUSLIM COMMUNITY IN INNSBRUCK AUSTRIA, MAR. 2025

They actually had Ramadan, but the Muslim mothers and fathers cooked lunch for the Christian youth plus dinner also for their fasting children, three days long. Exquisite hospitality, difficult to imitate! Three DIALOP members from Christian and Marxist side could share with the youth their fears, hopes and questions about the difficult issues of peace and war, even in a very protected world like Austria. Many of the muslim youth came from Countries where freedom is undermined. It was the second time that DIALOP was asked for an educational stage in Innsbruck.

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