



EUROPEAN SOCIETY OF WOMEN IN THEOLOGICAL RESEARCH
EUROPÄISCHE GESELLSCHAFT FÜR THEOLOGISCHE FORSCHUNG VON FRAUEN
ASSOCIATION EUROPÉENNE DES FEMMES POUR LA RECHERCHE THÉOLOGIQUE

On behalf of the Dutch section within the ESWTR
we are happy to invite all members to the

10th International Conference

17th–21st of August 2003 – The Netherlands

Theme of the Conference:

Holy Texts: Authority and Language

Heilige Texte: Autorität und Sprache

Textes Sacrés: Autorité et Langue

The 10th International Conference of the ESWTR will be held at the Conference Centre: Kontakt der Kontinenten in Soesterberg, a small village in the heart of the Netherlands, near the city of Utrecht.

Programme:

Sunday

- afternoon** Arrival and registration (14.00 – 17.00)
Meeting of 'Ritual'- women (17.00)
- evening** Presentation of the Conference Theme
Meeting and Informal exchange
Meeting new conference members / Bar open
Ritual

Monday:

- morning** **Ritual**
Theme: ***Holy Texts and Authority***
Lecture: *Prof. dr. Anne-Marie Korte: Recapturing the Sacred. Holy Texts, Authority Recapturing and Feminist Hermeneutics*
Co-papers: *Prof. dr. Eleni Kassalouri; Dr. Anna-Louise Eriksson; Dr. Gyöngyi Varga; Prof. dr. Judith Frishman*
General Discussion
- afternoon** Discussion Groups
- evening** Subject Groups: Poster Sessions
Meeting new conference members / Bar open
Ritual

Tuesday:

- morning** Ritual
Theme: ***Authority and Body Language***
Lecture: *Prof. dr. Adriana Valerio: Texte sacré, langage du corps et autorité dans la prophétie mystique féminine.*
Co-paper *Prof. dr. Lisa Isherwood*
General Discussion
Theme: ***Authority, Gender and Speaking God***
Lecture: *Dr. Ina Praetorius: Sprechen als Gott. Als Frau. Nach der Aufklärung.*
Co-paper *Dr. Brigitte Enzner-Probst*
General Discussion
- afternoon** Mini Lectures
Subject Groups: Paper Sessions
- evening** Preparatory groups (General Meeting; per theme)
Party
Ritual

Wednesday:

- morning** Ritual
General Meeting
- afternoon** Public Lecture: *Dr. Melissa Raphael: Witnesses to Presence: Daring to Read Jewish Women's Holocaust Memoirs as Holy Texts*
Discussion
Conference Dinner
- evening** Ritual

Thursday:

- morning** Ritual
Closing Lectures: *Dr. Andrea Günter, Drs. Monika Walus*
Farewell Ritual
- afternoon** Departure

Conference Languages

English, French, German.

During all lectures, co-papers, closing lectures and the General Meeting, interpreters will be available for translations into the three conference languages.

Subject Groups

Subject groups are established around research areas. The list of subjects-groups mentioned below has grown over the years. This year the subject groups are divided into two sessions:

1. A *Poster Session* during which (junior) researchers can give a short presentation (7 minutes, 1000 words) about their research and
2. A *Paper Session* in which (senior) researches present a longer paper (15 minutes, 2000 words) on their research.

Each subject group is led by the co-ordinator who structures the group(work). The co-ordinator usually contacts the inscribed participants and/or supplies further information

List of Subject Groups:

1. ***Hebrew Bible/Old Testament***
2. ***New Testament***
3. ***Teaching the Bible in a Post-Biblical Context***
4. ***Women and History***
5. ***Systematic Theology***
6. ***Spirituality***
7. ***Ritual/Liturgy***
8. ***Hermeneutics***
9. ***Eco-feminism***
10. ***Pastoral Theology/Practical Theology***
11. ***Religious Education and Socialisation***
12. ***Feminist Ethics***
13. ***Feminist Liberation Theology***
14. ***Comparative Studies in Religion***
15. ***Arts and Literature***
16. ***Philosophy of Religion***
17. ***Psychotherapy and Religion***
18. ***Ecumenical Theology and Women Studies***

Please let us know in which subject group you wish to participate by indicating your first and second choice in the enclosed '**Registration Form**' (p.9).

Call for Papers: Subject Groups

(Junior) researchers are invited to read a short paper (**7 minutes; 1000 words**);(senior) researchers are invited to read a longer paper (**15 minutes; 2000 words**).

Please send us your proposal for a short or a longer paper. Use the **form Poster** or **Paper Session**.

In these sessions no simultaneous translation is available. You are asked to bring along a handout with an abstract of your lecture in as many of the conference languages as possible.

Mini-lectures

As said, issues as the holiness of images, or the ex- and inclusiveness of translations, will probably not be addressed in the key-note lectures. We hope that they will be addressed in the mini-lectures. We therefore strongly invite members of the Society to send a proposal for mini-lectures which addresses the theme of the conference or one of the questions raised above.

Two sessions of mini-lectures have been scheduled. These lectures should not exceed the **20 minutes (2400 words)**. During these sessions there is no simultaneous translation available.

Everyone is invited to participate and/or to give a mini-lecture on, preferably, the theme of the Conference.

Call for Papers: Mini-lectures

All women are invited to send proposals for a mini-lecture (**20 minutes; 2400 words**) on the *theme of the Conference*. Please fill in the enclosed **form 'Mini-lecture'**. We will inform you in good time whether your mini-lecture is accepted or not and when it will take place.

Because translations are not possible during the sessions, you are asked to bring along a handout with an abstract of your lecture in as many of the conference languages as possible.

Morning and Evening Ritual

Morning and evening rituals at the conference should reflect the different traditions and religious backgrounds of participants. Therefore we call upon you to prepare one of the scheduled rituals (morning or evening). If you would like to prepare a ritual, please fill in the **form 'Ritual'**. We will let you know in time, whether and when your ritual will take place.

New members

Special meetings are scheduled for the women participating for the first time. More information will be supplied upon arrival

Conference venue:

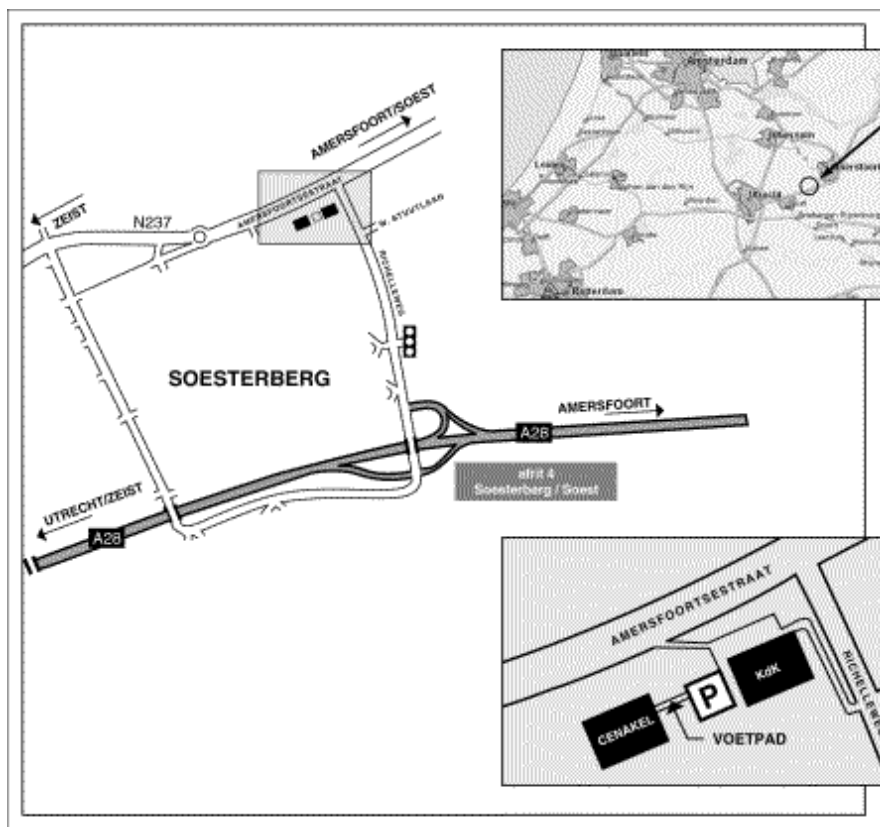
KONTAKT DER KONTINENTEN

Amersfoortsestraat 20

NL – 3769 AS Soesterberg

Tel: +31 346 35 17 55, Fax: +31 346 35 47 35

Internet: <http://www.kdk-nl.org>



Private transport: A28 (Utrecht - Amersfoort), exit 4: Soesterberg/Soest Kontakt der Kontinenten is on the left after some 200 meters, before you come to N237. Ample free parking is available. You can also apply www.locatienet.nl or www.routenet.nl for your personal route.

Public transport: There are buses from Driebergen Station, Amersfoort Central Station and Utrecht Central Station. The most frequent service is from Amersfoort (buses 52 and 56, 4 buses per hour in the daytime, one per hour in the evenings). The best connection from Schiphol Airport is via Amersfoort. Kontakt der Kontinenten can also be reached by *train taxi* from Amersfoort Central Station. A train taxi ticket can only be used in combination with a valid train ticket. At Schiphol Airport train tickets, train taxi tickets and 'strippen-kaarten' for transport by bus, tram and metro, may be purchased in the main hall at the Dutch Railways ticket-windows. Buying a *strippenkaart* in advance is much cheaper than buying one from the bus driver. *Strippenkaarten* come in two quantities, as 15 or 45 strips. A 15-strips card will be sufficient. Bus time tables (in Dutch) may be found at <http://www.kdk-nl.org>.

Train and bustables can be found at www.ovr.nl by clicking on the button 'reisadvies'. Soesterberg is less than ten miles away from the historic cities of Amersfoort and Utrecht. It is situated in the middle of a wooded region with excellent opportunities for walking and hiking. Kontakt der Kontinenten has recently been refurbished. It features a restaurant, twelve conference rooms, two bars, recreational facilities and over 100 bedrooms. The chapel, built in the style of the Amsterdam School in 1933 by the architect A.J. Kropholler, is of special interest. This chapel reminds the visitor of the days before 1961 when Kontakt der Kontinenten was a mission home, then named St. Jan. In 1961 a number of priests founded the Stichting Kontakt der Kontinenten, with a view to furthering international education of adults and young people. Nowadays the aims have been extended considerably. The centre is well-known for its conferences, courses and training in international relations, intercultural communication and management.

Finances

Conference-fees (including lunch, dinner, non-alcoholic drinks with lunch and dinner and during the breaks):

A. For participants with good income and women who are financed by institutions:

payment before 15.03.2003:	250 Euro
payment before 15.04.2003:	285 Euro

B. Reduced Conference-fees:

payment before 15.03.2003:	225 Euro
payment before 15.04.2003:	250 Euro

C. Solidarity fee (in support of women with low income): 285 Euro + ... Euro (each amount is welcome)

Accommodation:

Hotel Accommodation has been booked at the conference Centre "Kontakt der Kontinenten". Please remember that the cost of hotel accommodation is not included in the conference fee.

Single Room per night p.p. 42,50 Euro

Double Room per night p.p. 33,25 Euro

We will do our very best to provide you with the room of your choice but ask for your understanding if this appears to be impossible.

Registration

You can register by filling in the registration form and mailing it, faxing it to +31 30 253 5851 or sending it to the address mentioned on the registration form. The final date of entry is the first of July 2003.

Please register as soon as possible and preferably before the 15th of March 2003! You are registered through sending in your registration form and paying your conference costs before the 15th of April. You will receive a confirmation of your registration by e-mail or post. If you pay with a credit card, you will receive a confirmation as soon as the authorisation is confirmed. There will be a **reduction of the conference costs for those paying before the 15th of March**. You will be registered on a 'first come, first served' basis. In July you will receive a second confirmation of your registration, with additional information.

N.B. If you register by e-mail, please send your photo (see form regarding personal information) by regular mail or as scanned document.

Cancellation

If you need to cancel your registration, please send a written cancellation to Ms. Inge van Gaal, PO box 80125, 3508 TC Utrecht, The Netherlands.

Pre-registration fees are refundable (less a 25% service charge) until 30 April 2003.

Pre-registration fees are partly refundable (less a 75% service charge) until 30 June 2003.

No refunds after 30 June 2003. Refunds must be requested in writing by Ms. Inge van Gaal.

You are advised to take out an insurance policy which covers the costs of cancellation.

In case of cancellation it might be possible to be replaced by another ESWTR-member. Please contact Ms. Inge van Gaal.

Posters/Papers/Mini-lectures/Rituals

When you want to give a paper, a poster, a mini-lecture or prepare a ritual, you have to register before 15 April 2003.

Application for bursaries

Financing the Conference is extremely difficult. We are doing our best to find financial support so that we can award bursaries to women with a small income. If you wish to apply for a bursary, please contact before 30 April 2003 Magda Misset - van de Weg, Purcelldreef 53, NL 5012 AH Tilburg, m.misset-vandeweg@planet.nl.

**Please send the following forms
before the 15th of March 2003
(preferably attached to an email) to:
Ms. Inge van Gaal, FBU-congresbureau
holytexts@fbu.uu.nl**

**PO box 80125, 3508 TC Utrecht, The Netherlands.
Tel: +31 30 253 2728; Fax: +31 30 253 5851**

**Page 10 will be part of the conference-reader. To make copying possible,
please fill it in with typewriter or computer. Thank you very much!**

**N.B. If you send this form by e-mail, please send us your photo by regular mail
or as scanned document!**

**Registration for the 10th Conference of the ESWTR
17th to 21st of August 2003, Soesterberg / The Netherlands
(Kontakt der Kontinenten)**

Name

First name.....

Institution..... Position/Dept.....

E-mail

Street.....

Postal code..... City.....Country.....

Telephone Home Office.....

Fax

This is my first conference: yes/ no

Preferred language

I need translation: from English French German
to English French German

Preferred subject-group: 1st choice

2nd choice

I would like

to give a longer presentation
(Subject Group, please fill in the form Paper Session as well)

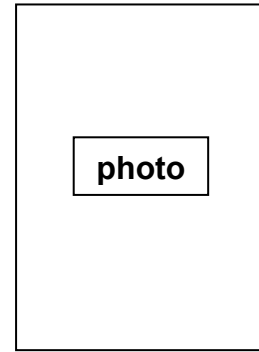
to give a short presentation
(Subject Group; please fill in the form Poster Session as well)

to give a mini-lecture
(please fill in the form Mini-lecture as well)

to prepare a ritual
(please fill in the form Ritual as well)

Name:

Address:



Phone:

Fax:

Email:

Personal introduction:

Current research:

Recent publications:

Accommodation

Name

First name.....

Address

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I will arrive on(date)

I will depart on(date)

I would like to book the following room:

Single room

Double room

I would like to share a room with:.....

Room with special facilities:

Dietary Requirements

Vegetarian

Kosher

Halal

Other.....

Date:

Signature:

Payment

Conference Costs

Please fill in the costs that apply to you registration:

Conference fee Euro

Accommodation

Single room (... x 42,50 Euro per night per person) Euro

Double room (... x 33,25 Euro per night per person) Euro

_____+ **Euro**

Total costs:

I will pay before

15th of March 2003

15th of April 2003

Method of Payment

Payment should be made in advance in Euros. Cheques will not be accepted.

I will pay by:

Bank Transfer

After registration an invoice with all the necessary details about the bank account number will be sent to you together with a letter of confirmation.

Credit card

*Please provide all the information required for credit card authorisation
Proof of payment and a letter of confirmation will be sent once payment is authorised)*

American Express Creditcard number.....

Diners Club CVC code.....

Eurocard/Mastercard Expiry Date.....

Visa Cardholder 's name.....

Cardholders Address.....

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I declare to agree to the registration conditions as mentioned in the letter of invitation. The conference fee will be transferred to the conference account.

Date:

Signature:

Paper Session

Subjectgroup.....

Name

Theme:

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Abstract:

language of the lecture:

English French German

I can bring an abstract in the following languages

English French German

Poster Session

Subjectgroup.....

Name

Theme:

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Abstract:

language of the lecture:

English French German

I can bring an abstract in the following languages

English French German

Mini-lecture

(see p. 5)

Name

Title:.....

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Abstract:

language of the lecture:

English French German

I can bring an abstract in the following languages

English French German

Ritual

Name

I would like to prepare a ritual in the following tradition/with the following religious background.....

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- Morning-ritual
- Evening- ritual

- together with:

- language:.....