



CONGREGATION FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION
EDUCATING TODAY AND TOMORROW
A Renewing Passion
 Rome, 18-21 November 2015

Sessions for ELA

European Association for Education Law and Policy

Program

(Slight amendments may still occur)

Tuesday 17 November 2015

07.30 pm **ELA informal Meeting for the Participants who arrived already on Tuesday**
(Hotel Columbus, Via della Conciliazione, 33, 00193 Roma)

A buffet will be offered

Wednesday 18 November 2015

03.30 pm – **Opening Session - See Conference website**
 06.30 pm <http://www.educatio.va/content/cec/it/eventi/congresso-educare-oggi-e-domani/educating-congress/programma.html>
(Paul VI Audience Hall – Vatican City)

08.30 pm **ELA Gathering :**
(Residence of the Belgian Ambassador to the Holy See, Via Giuseppe de Notaris, 4, 00197 Roma)

Welcome by the Ambassador

Freedom of Education and Right to Education: The Priority of the Next Decades
 Prof. dr. Jan De Groof, Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium) and at Tilburg University (the Netherlands), President ELA

Walking Dinner

Thursday 19 November 2015

09.00 am – **'Separate Sessions' - See Conference website**
 06.00 pm (Castelgandolfo, Centro Mariapoli)

10.00 am	<p>ELA Seminar : <i>(Castelgandolfo, Centro Mariapoli)</i></p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Prof. dr. Luiza Ribolzi, Professor at the University of Genova and Vice President of the Agency for the Assessment of University and Research Institutions (Italy)</p> <p><i>Introduction :</i> Prof. dr. Jan De Groof, Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium) and at Tilburg University (the Netherlands), President ELA</p> <p><i>First Keynote</i></p> <p>Religious Rights in and through Education – Religious Pluralism and Society Prof. dr. John Garvey, President of The Catholic University of America (USA), Former Dean of the Boston College Law School (USA)</p> <p><i>Specific approaches</i></p> <p>Justiciability of International Dimensions of the Right to Education in Russian Courts: Domestic Interpretation of the 4-A Scheme Dr. Maria Smirnova, Federal Centre for Educational Legislation, Moscow (Russia), The University of Manchester (UK)</p> <p>The Wrongs of Religious Rights - Fostering Peace & Justice through Education Mr. Francis Moneke, Director of Human Rights and Empowerment Project (Nigeria)</p> <p><i>Discussion</i> Started by Prof Pablo Meix Cereceda, Professor of Administrative Law at the University of Castilla-La Mancha</p> <p><i>Second Keynote</i></p> <p>Religious Education versus Secularism? The Context of the Private and Public Schools Prof. dr. José Luis Martínez López-Muñiz, Professor at the University of Valladolid (Spain) Prof. dr. Patrick Brennan, Professor of Law at the Villanova University School of Law (USA)</p> <p><i>Specific approaches</i></p> <p>Secularism, the Harm Principle and Religious Freedom within Education Drs. Georgia Du Plessis, Lecturer at University of the Free State (South Africa)</p>
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Religious Instruction in Public Schools

Mr. Masoud Ebrahimnejad, University of Oslo (Norway)

A Balanced Religious Education in Public School. A Possible Way to Build Bridges over Religions and Cultures

Mrs. Ida Bunaes, University of Oslo (Norway)

Discussion

Started by Marta Ponikowska, Latin American Alliance for the Family (ALAF) Poland, Regional Director

Third Keynote**The Issue of Language, Education and Inclusion of Diversity**

Prof. dr. Fernand de Varennes, Dean at the Faculty of Law, Université de Moncton (Canada)

Discussion

Started by Mrs. Ida Bunaes, University of Oslo (Norway)

03.30 pm –
06.00 pm

ELA Seminar :

(Castelgandolfo, Centro Mariapoli)

Chair : Prof. dr. Ingo Richter, Professor at Irmgard Coninx Stiftung (Berlin) and University of Tübingen (Germany)

Keynotes**School Religious Distinctiveness: The Consequences for Parents, Pupils and Teachers**

Prof. dr. Charles Glenn, Professor at Boston University (USA)

A Meta-analysis on the Effects of Catholic Schools on Student Achievement versus Public Schools and Some of the Reasons for the Catholic Advantage

Prof. William Jaynes, Senior Fellow, Witherspoon Institute and Professor, California State University (USA)

Specific approaches – Involvement of Parental and Family Rights

The Heart of the Church: Educating in Christian Virtue

Mrs. Christine de Marcellus Vollmer, Pontifical Council for the Family and the Pontifical Academy for Life (Venezuela)

Homeschooling in Brazil: New Judiciary Discussion and the Tradition

Prof. dr. Rubens Becak, Professor at the University of Sao Paulo (Brazil) with the participation of Luis Felipe Cirino, University of Sao Paulo (Brazil)

Discussion

Started by Rodrigo Queiroz e Melo, Universidade Católica Portuguesa

Specific approaches – Teacher’s Rights

“The teacher acts in a manner which maintains the honour and dignity of the profession”—Teaching in Catholic Schools

Prof. dr. Ihor Kruk, Executive Staff Officer at the Alberta Teachers’ Association (Canada)

Discussion

Started by Dr. Maria Smirnova, Federal Centre for Educational Legislation, Moscow (Russia), The University of Manchester (UK)

Conclusions

by Prof. dr. Jan De Groof, Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium) and at Tilburg University (the Netherlands), President ELA

08.30 pm

ELA Gathering :

(Portuguese Embassy to the Holy See, Villa Lusa, Via S. Valentino, 9, 00197 Roma)

Welcome by the Ambassador

Challenges of the Intercultural Society: Role of Confessional Schools

Prof. dr. Ben Vermeulen, Member of the Council of the State and Professor at the University of Amsterdam (the Netherlands)

Walking Dinner

Friday 20 November 2015

09.00 am – **'Separate Sessions' - See Conference website**
 06.00 pm *(Castelgandolfo, Centro Mariapoli)*

10.00 am **ELA Seminar :**
(Castelgandolfo, Centro Mariapoli)

Chair : Prof dr. Roberto Toniatti, Professor at Trento University (Italy)

First Keynote

The Role of Religion to Shape Intercultural Society – Islamic Education
 Prof. dr. Jaap Dronkers, Chair International Comparative Research on Educational Performance and Social Inequality, Maastricht University (the Netherlands)

Specific approaches

Asia: Regional and National Perspectives
 Prof. dr. Ruhi Paul, Professor of Law at National Law University, Delhi (India)

Publicly Funded Islamic Education in Europe and the United States
 Prof. dr. Jenny Berglund, Professor at Södertörn University, Stockholm (Sweden)

Discussion
 Started by Prof dr. Ingo Richter, Professor at Irmgard Coninx Stiftung and University of Tübingen (Germany)

Specific approaches - Universities

The Right to Higher Education
 Dr. Kamila Guseynova, United Nations FAO

The University as a Community
 Prof. dr. Paul Zoontjens, Tilburg Law School, Department for Public Law, Jurisprudence and Legal History (Netherlands)

Discussion
 Started by Mr. Masoud Ebrahimnejad, University of Oslo (Norway)

Second Keynote

The Role of Catholic Schools (in Australia and New Zealand) in Educating for Human Rights and Social Justice.
 Prof. dr. Sally Varnham, Professor at the University of Technology Sydney (Australia)

Religious Education and Secular State: an Overview in Latin America

Dr. Nina Ranieri, Law School of the University of São Paulo (Brazil), Public Law Department; with the participation of Drs. Angela Limongi, Drs. Danilo Valdir Vieira Rossi, Drs. Eliza Lucena and Drs. Meire Cristina Souza and Drs. Michel Lutaif, Law School of the University of São Paulo (Brazil)

Specific Approaches

Religion in South African Education: Current Debates and Future Possibilities

Prof. Johan Beckmann, Faculty of Education, University of Pretoria (South Africa)

Catholic Schools in an Expanding Landscape of School Choice in One U.S. City

Prof. dr. Cara Candal, Pioneer Institute and Boston University (USA)

Discussion

Started by Francis Moneke, Director of Human Rights and Empowerment Project (Nigeria)

03.00 pm –
04.30 pm

ELA Seminar :

(Castelgandolfo, Centro Mariapoli)

Chair : Prof. dr. Joan Squelch, Professor at the University of Notre Dame (Australia)

Keynotes**Comparative Analysis of Religious Rights in Education and Church/State Relations on Education**

Prof. dr. Merilin Kiviorg, University of Oxford, Wolfson College and Professor at University of Tartu (Estonia)

A Comparative Analyses of Religious Freedom in Education: An American Perspective

Prof. dr. Charles Russo, Professor at the University of Dayton, Ohio (USA)

Specific Approaches

Discussion on the National Agenda on Church/State Relations in Education

Prof. dr. John Panaretos, Athens University of Economics and Business (Greece)

Religious Associations and Public Secondary Schools in Russia. The Legal Basis of Relations

Prof. dr. Artemiy Rozhkov, Vice-Rector of Moscow City University (Russia)

State and Church in Education: Special Attention to the Control and Support – the Hungarian Case

Prof. dr. Balázs Gerencsér, Pazmany Péter Catholic University (Hungary)

Discussion

Started by Drs. Georgia du Plessis, Lecturer at University of the Free State (South Africa)

Conclusions

by Prof. dr. Jan De Groof, Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium) and at Tilburg University (the Netherlands), President ELA

08.30 pm

ELA Gathering:

(Embassy of Taiwan at the Holy See, Via della Conciliazione 4/d, 00193 Roma)

Guest of Honour : Zenon Cardinal Grocholewski, Previous Prefect of the Sacred Congregation for Catholic Education

The Relevancy of Legal and Human Rights Approach in Education

Prof. dr. Pedro Antonio Barbas Homem, Director of the Centro de Estudos Judiciários, Lisbon and Chair and Full Professor of the Faculty of Law of Lisbon University, Former Vice-Rector and Pro-Rector of the University of Lisbon (Portugal)

Walking Dinner

Saturday 21 November 2015

09.00 am – 12.30 pm	Closing Session- See Conference website (<i>Paul VI Audience Hall – Vatican City</i>)
02:00 pm	Reception and Buffet at the Libera Università Maria SS. Assunta (LUMSA University) (<i>Vatican, Borgo Sant'Angelo, 13, 00193 Roma</i>)
03.00 pm – 17.00 pm	<p>ELA Conference at the LUMSA University</p> <p><i>Chair:</i> Prof. dr. Jan De Groof, Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium) and at Tilburg University (the Netherlands), President ELA.</p> <p>(The meeting will also be attended by Prof. dr. Giuseppe Dalla Torre, Rector Emeritus LUMSA University (Italy) and Prof. dr. Paolo Cavana, Professor at LUMSA University)</p> <p><i>Agenda:</i></p> <p>1. Welcome Prof. dr. Francesco Bonini, Rector LUMSA University (Italy) Prof. dr. Jan De Groof, Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges (Belgium) and at Tilburg University (the Netherlands), President ELA</p> <p>2. Conclusions of the Conference ‘Educating Today and Tomorrow : A Renewing Passion, Rome, 18-21 November 2015’. Intervention by Prof. dr. Italo Fiorin, Professor at LUMSA University (Italy)</p> <p>3. The National Agenda on Challenges/Conflicts of Catholic Schools vis-à-vis the State Regional and Comparative Report by : - Guy Selderslagh, Secretary General of the European Committee for Catholic Education and Director of the Study Service of the General Secretariat for Catholic Education (Belgium). - Prof. dr. Sean Sheridan, TOR, President of Franciscan University of Steubenville, Ohio (USA).</p> <p>4. Research Project Concerning the Impact of Constitutional Courts on the National Education Agenda Prof Pablo Meix Cereceda, Professor of Administrative Law at the University of Castilla-La Mancha Drs. Georgia Du Plessis, Lecturer at University of the Free State (South Africa) Intervention by Rapporteurs</p> <p>5. Follow-up of the Comprehensive Analysis of the Status of Non-Governmental Schools (Africa, North-America, South America, Asia, Australia and New Zealand, Europe): Glenn Ch. and De Groof J., <i>Balancing Freedom, Autonomy and Accountability in Education, 4 Volumes, Nijmegen: Wolf Legal Publishers, 2012</i> – Working Group : Methodology and Timing</p> <p>6. Preparation of the ‘ELA 2016 Conference’ in Rome</p> <p>7. Closure</p>

08.30 pm

ELA Informal Gathering

(Residence of the Belgian Ambassador to the State of Italy, Forum Romanum, Via San Teodoro, Rome)

Welcome by the Ambassador

Speech by

Msgr. Vincenzo Zani, His Excellency Archbishop, Secretary of the Congregation for Catholic Education, Guest of Honor

Walking Dinner

Sunday 22 November 2015

	Special Program :
10.30 am	Holy Mass (in English) <i>(Campo Santo Teutonico – just inside the Vatican Gardens)</i>
11:30 am	Exclusive Visit of the Vatican Gardens – Guided Tour