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## Practical Information

### Target Audience

The Symposium is open to all who are interested in this theme.  
The language of the symposium is English.

### Symposium Fees

Registration	before 25/09/2016	after 25/09/2016
- Senior Scholar/Professional:	€120	€150
- Junior Scholar/Student (1):	€60	€75
- KU Leuven member:	free	free

Payment on site upon arrival: €180

(1) Proof of enrolment in a university/school required

It is possible to participate ONLY in the Opening Session with Timothy Radcliffe AND/OR in the Evening Lecture by Cardinal Marx.  
Both are free, but registration is required!

### Registration

Register via our website [www.intams.org](http://www.intams.org).

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### Venue & Arrivals

When? Tuesday 25 October 2016 between 12.00 and 14.00

Where? KU Leuven, Faculty of Theology, **Room 00.20**, Sint-Michielsstraat 4, 3000 Leuven, Belgium.

You will receive all further practical details and materials at the Registration Desk.

### Travel & Accommodation

Participants are required to take care of their own travel arrangements, accommodation and meals.  
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## A Point of No Return? Amoris Laetitia on Discernment and Conscience for Divorced and Remarried Couples

**International Symposium**  
**25-27 October 2016**

Minds-Eye, by Paul Harrington - [www.paulharringtonart.com](http://www.paulharringtonart.com)

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# A Point of No Return? Amoris Laetitia on Discernment and Conscience for Divorced and Remarried Couples

## Theme

In his Post-Synodal Apostolic Exhortation *Amoris Laetitia*, Pope Francis has reminded the Church that it should “make room for the consciences of the faithful, who very often respond as best they can to the Gospel amid their limitations, and are capable of carrying out their own discernment in complex situations” (AL, 35).

Respect for personal conscience and pastoral discernment should also guide the Church’s theological stance and pastoral attitude toward contemporary forms of living together, especially those that do not conform to the ideal of exclusive and lifelong marriage.

The Symposium explores the implications of this vision, with particular regard to those whose first marriage has failed and who have entered a second union.

Is admission to the sacraments of penance and the Eucharist the goal of such a personal and pastoral discernment?

Does *Amoris Laetitia* open up new possibilities in the pastoral care of the divorced and remarried, or is it just a belated legitimization of practices that have long been established in many places?

How does it affect the Church’s understanding of the indissolubility of marriage?

A special focus will be on the reception of the synod process and of *Amoris Laetitia* by marriage and family care services in various local churches throughout Europe.

## Tuesday, 25 October 2016

### OPENING SESSION

14.30-15.00

#### Opening Addresses

Thomas Knieps, INTAMS Chair for the Study of Marriage & Spirituality, KU Leuven  
Mathijs Lamberigts, Dean of the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, KU Leuven

15.00-15.45

#### Making Room for the Conscience of the Faithful

Timothy Radcliffe OP, Former Master of the Dominican Order, Fellow of Blackfriars Hall, the University of Oxford

15.45-16.15

Questions and Plenary

16.15-16.45

Coffee break

16.45-18.30

Parallel Paper Sessions

### EVENING LECTURE

19.30-21.00

#### Introduction

Aldegonde Brenninkmeijer-Werhahn, Director of INTAMS  
Rik Torfs, Rector, KU Leuven

#### Reflections on the Synod Process and Amoris Laetitia

Reinhard Cardinal Marx, Archbishop of Munich and Freising

21.00

Reception

## Wednesday, 26 October 2016

### FIRST SESSION

09.00-09.45

#### Divorce and Remarriage: A Reading of Amoris Laetitia from a Theological-Ethical Perspective

Martin M. Lintner, Philosophical-Theological College Brixen, Italy

09.45-11.00

#### First Inputs from European Marriage & Family Ministry

Elizabeth Davies, Marriage & Family Life Project Officer, Catholic Bishops’ Conference of England & Wales  
Teresa Ventimiglia & Giordano Barioni, National Service for Family Ministry of the Italian Bishops Conference  
Questions and Plenary

11.00-11.30

Coffee Break

11.30-12.15

#### Mitis Iudex Dominus Jesus and Amoris Laetitia on Divorce and Remarriage: Perspectives from Canon Law

Hildegard Warnink, KU Leuven

12.15-13.00

Questions and Plenary

13.00 - 15.00

Break

### SECOND SESSION

15.00-15.45

#### The Indissolubility of Marriage: A Reading of Amoris Laetitia from a Sacramental-Theological Perspective

Peter Hünermann, University of Tübingen

15.45-16.15

Questions and Plenary

16.15-16.45

Coffee Break

16.45-17.30

#### Accompanying Fragility: A Reading of Amoris Laetitia from a Pastoral-Psychological Perspective

Paul Galea, University of Malta

17.30-18.30

#### Second Inputs from European Marriage & Family Ministry

Monique Baujard, Former Director, Family & Society Service of the French Bishops Conference  
Hilde Pex, Coordinator, Interdiocesan Council for Family Ministry, Flanders (Belgium)  
Questions and Plenary

18.30-20.00

Break

### BOOK LAUNCH

20.00-21.00

#### “An Ethics of Mercy: On the Way to Meaningful Living and Loving”

by Roger Burggraeve, KU Leuven  
Introduction by Thomas Knieps, KU Leuven  
Conversation with the author

21.00

Reception

## Thursday, 27 October 2016

### THIRD SESSION

08.30-09.00

Prayer Session

09.15-10.00

#### Accompanying, Discerning and Integrating the Fragility of Couples: Pastors and Theologians at a Crossroads

Arnaud Join-Lambert, Université Catholique de Louvain

10.00-10.45

#### Third Inputs from European Marriage & Family Ministry

Franz Harant, Pastoral Worker for Relationships, Marriage and Family, Diocese of Linz, Austria  
Questions and Plenary

10.45-11.15

Coffee Break

11.15-12.45

**Panel Discussion with all speakers.** Chair: Mark Molden, Chief Executive, Catholic Marriage Care, UK

12.45-13.00

Conclusion



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