Key Speakers

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Practical Information

Colloquium fees
Regular: 50 €
Students: 30 €
KU Leuven members: free
Celebratory diner (optional): to be confirmed

Registration
Please register by filling out the Participants Registration Form (Form can be downloaded from www.intams.org or requested by e-mail at seminar@intams.org)

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Arrivals
Friday 15 November 2013 between 09.00 and 09.30 at the KU Leuven, Faculty of Theology, Sint-Michielsstraat 4, 3000 Leuven, Belgium. You will receive all further practical details and materials at the Registration Desk.

Travel and accommodation
Participants are required to take care of their own travel arrangements, accommodation and meals. Information can be found at www.intams.org.
One of the most unsettling issues in the contemporary church is the unabated discrepancy between the official teaching on matters of sexual and conjugal morality and the way people shape and organize their sexual, marital, and family life. Church officials often address this gap by merely condemning undesirable departures from traditional Christian morality. Theologians may respond by arguing for the relevance of lived experience as a source of moral discernment. Referred to as "everyday life", the value of lived experience has received particular attention in recent research, and raises the question of how it is related to the ecclesial and academic discourse.

If everyday life is private and personal, as it is supposed to be, and thus the product of individual choices, it can be contrasted with all that is related to the social and public. Certainly sexual and domestic arrangements are profoundly shaped by social norms and thus not only about private personal identities. Individuals, however, do negotiate, reinterpret, invert, transgress, and challenge normative practices as much as they appropriate them. The challenge this presents to both church teaching and academic theological discourse has hardly been taken into consideration. In contrast with that of ecclesial and scholarly professionals or experts, the everyday perspective is a "lay" perspective. Thus, the expert perspective provides reflection on the broader, even universal, significance of personal relations while the lay perspective deals with the issues in regard to their personal, even private, lived experience.

The colloquium focuses on the tension between an everyday or lay perspective and the public, both normative and academic, discourse that deals with matters of sexuality and family life. By reviewing some currently contested issues in sexual ethics and marriage theology, it intends to shed new light on the role of the sensus fidelium in Christian morality.

Call for Papers

Both junior and senior scholars are welcome to deliver papers of 20 minutes on topics related to the conference theme. The final deadline for the acceptance of proposals is 15 September 2013. Authors will be notified about the acceptance of their proposal before 30 September 2013. All further information can be downloaded from www.intams.org/events-col13.htm or requested via seminar@intams.org.