



# Christian Internationalisms and Multilateralism

CDHM Workshop

May 29-2026

## PROGRAMME

### *Organizers*

*Sandrine Kott (Geneva Graduate Institute, CDHM)*

*Bernard Keo (Geneva Graduate Institute)*

8:30 welcome and coffees

9:00-10:30 Human Rights

*Chair: Audrey Bonvin (Fribourg)*

*Bastiaan Bouwman (Utrecht University)*

***Declining Faith in Multilateralism: The World Council of Churches, Human Rights, and the United Nations, 1945-1993.***

*Caroline Moine (Université de Versailles Saint Quentin en Yvelines)*

***The World Council of Churches and Latin America.***

*Amélie Barras, (York University)*

***Bridging the sacred and the secular? The human rights work of the Quaker United Nations Office (QUNO).***

10:30-12:00 From Missions to Developpement

*Chair: Bernard Keo, (Geneva Graduate Institute)*

*Miguel Bandeira (University of Coimbra)*

***(Re)Shaping the International: Religious Internationalisms and Colonial Affairs in the Twentieth Century.***

*Michael Philipp Brunner (University Münster)*

***Multilateralism in the Making: The International Missionary Council, 1920s-1940s.***

*Piotr Kosicki (University of Maryland)*

***Christian Democracy, the UN, and Developmentalism across the Global '60s.***



12:00-13:00 lunch break

13-14:00 Economy and Labor

*Chair: Grégoire Mallard (Geneva Graduate Institute)*

*Aurélien Zaragori (Université LyonII)*

***Advocating Christian Principles in International Arenas : The ILO, Christian internationalism and Social Justice" (1920s - 1960s.***

*Sandrine Kott (Graduate Institute CDHM)*

***Faith-based organizations and the international regulation of the economy: from social responsibility to the Global Compact.***

14:00-15h30 Religious networks and multilateral institutions

*Chair : Pierre-Etienne Bourneuf (Geneva Graduate Institute, CDHM)*

*Laura Pettinaroli (Université Lyon II)*

***The Holy See and the crisis of multilateralism: Pope Francis's critical diagnosis and the case of the BRICS (2013–2025).***

*Natalia Núñez Bargueño (KU Leuven)*

***Observers Before the Observer: Catholic Women as Brokers of Vatican–UN Engagement (1945–1964).***

15:30-16:00 coffee break

16:00-17:30 Christian internationalisms and national questions

***Chair: Sandrine Kott, (CDHM)***

*Atwa Jaber (University Basel)*

***After the Nakba: Palestinian Refugees, Christian Agencies, and the Politics of Aid.***

*Ondrej Matejka (University Charles, Prague)*

***“Geneva was our second home“. The role of Czech Protestant theologians in the World Council of Churches between the 1950s and 1980s.***

*Francesca Frassinetti (University Turin)*

***Across the 38th Parallel: The WCC and Korean Christians in the Korean Reunification Process.***