

Christian Internationalisms and Multilateralism

Workshop CDHM/Geneva Graduate Institute May 29-2026

Organizers

Sandrine Kott (CDHM-IHEID)

Bernard Keo (IHEID)

8:30 welcome

9:00-10:30

Human Rights

Bastiaan Bouwman (Utrecht University)

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

Caroline Moine (UVSQ)

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

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.

13:30-14:30

Economy and Labor

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.

14:30-16:00

Religious networks and multilateral institutions

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).

Francesca Frassinetti (University Turin)

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