

Faculty of Theology and Philosophy guest lecture: Professor Didier Pollefeyt, KU Leuven

Nazism as an attack on Monotheism: Ethics and theology after the Holocaust

The Holocaust casts a heavy shadow over the twenty-first century. The Nazi extermination camps radically call into question the very foundations of Christianity, modernity and the postmodern world. Pollefeyt's work challenges and critically reconstructs ethics and theology by bearing witness to the victims, as well as shedding light on the perpetrators and bystanders, thus providing the basis for a renewed Christian understanding of good and evil for our time.

Pollefeyt has developed a comprehensive and interdisciplinary post-Holocaust ethics and theology, charting questions at the heart of a new synthesis: our concepts of God, the human person and the (post)modern world, as well as our understanding of ecology, politics, education, sacred texts, Christology, interreligious dialogue, forgiveness and reconciliation and eschatology.

This lecture will engage with some of these issues as explored in his latest book.



Didier Pollefeyt is a Catholic theologian and full professor of the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven, Belgium.

In the Faculty of Theology and Religious studies, he teaches catechetics, religious pedagogy, post-holocaust theology and Jewish-Christian dialogue. As Holocaust scholar, he works on an ethical and theological analysis of the Holocaust and the development of the foundations of 'ethics and theology after Auschwitz'. As chairman of the *Center for Peace Ethics*, he develops an analysis of the questions of evil, guilt, remembrance, forgiveness and reconciliation.

Didier Pollefeyt has published widely about the ethical and theological problems connected to the encounter of Judaism with Christianity. His latest book is *Ethics and Theology after the Holocaust* (Leuven, Peeters, 2018).

DATE AND TIME

Wednesday, 31 July, 6.30pm to 8.30pm

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VENUE

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