

100 years since the World Conference on Life and Work in Stockholm (1925), on the role of Christianity concerning social and political issues, the Programme Commission of the John Knox International Center (Geneva) organizes a conference on resisting war. A world without war appears to be an utopia; moreover, the ways of waging war are rapidly evolving. How, in the present situation, can we envision resisting war? How can we face the financial and political forces that upend the life of various democratic countries throughout the world and that support violence, the exclusion of minorities, the annexing of territories. Which resources – humanist, political, theological, philosophical and juridical – can be enlisted toward a (necessarily realistic and multi-faceted) resistance? By gathering thinkers and scholars from distinct fields, this conference seeks to better understand various forms of war and resistance to war today.

Free entrance, registration is required (before September 5, 2025)

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Conference venue: John Knox International Center, 27 ch. des Crêts-de-Pregny, 1218 Le Grand-Saconnex

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A Conference of the John Knox International Center
Programme Commission, Geneva

Marking the Centenary of the World Conference
on Life and Work in Stockholm (1925-2025)

RESISTING WAR

FRIDAY 12 SEPTEMBER
10 am - 5:15 pm

John Knox International Center
Chemin des Crêts de Pregny 27
1218 Le Grand-Saconnex

Free entrance
Free contribution to costs
(Suggestion: 20.-)

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PROGRAMME

- 10 am Welcome
- 10:30 am Introduction – Stockholm 1925-2025, for a renewed 'practical Christianity', with **Jan Eckerdal**, **Kenneth Mtata** and **Stephen Brown** – in English)
- 10:45 am **Laure Borgomano** (Lyon): « Responding to new forms of permanent war » (in French; English translation available)
- 11:30 am Discussion
- Noon Meal
- 2 pm **Marco Hofheinz** (Hannover): “Theological resources on a path toward peace” (in English; French translation available)
- 2:45 pm Discussion
- 3:15 pm Break
- 3:45 pm «New faces of war and possible resistance », Roundtable with **Laure Borgomano** (Lyon), **Sara Gehlin** (Stockholm) and **Sévane Garibian** (Geneva). Modération: **Christophe Chalamet** (Geneva)
- 5:15 pm End of the conference
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In partnership with:

- the World Council of Churches (WCC)
- The Institut romand de systématique et d'éthique (IRSE) of the Theological Faculty (University of Geneva)
- the Protestant Church in Switzerland (PCS)
- the Protestant Church of Geneva (EPG)
- the Church of Sweden

SPEAKERS

Laure Borgomano (France) PhD in philosophy (Theological Faculty, Univ. of Geneva) and in film semiology (Univ. of Grenoble Alpes), worked at NATO as part of the French representation and is the author of *La réserve. Pudeur, ressources et résistance par temps de crise* (Labor et Fides, 2025).

Stephen Brown (UK/Switzerland), PhD, is the editor of *The Ecumenical Review* (World Council of Churches/WCC).

Jan Eckerdal (Sweden) is director for theology for the Christian Council in Sweden .

Sévane Garibian (Switzerland), is Law professor at the Univ. of Geneva, specializing in questions of justice in relation to contemporary mass crimes .

Sara Gehlin (Sweden) is a theologian and senior lecturer at University College Stockholm .

Marco Hofheinz (Germany) is professor of theological ethics at the Theological Institute of the University of Hannover. One of his central themes of research is peace .

Kenneth Mtata (Zimbabwe) is a pastor and director of the 'Life, Justice and Peace' program at the World Council of Churches.



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