

Agents of Change

Moral Conversion and Social Transformation

International Virtual Conference (Utrecht, NL)

sponsored by the Franciscan Study Center and the Thomas Institute Utrecht at Tilburg University

Date

Wednesday 29 June 2022, 15.00-21.00 (CET) /
9.00 am – 3.00 pm (EDT)

Thursday 30 June 2022, 15.00-21.00 (CET) /
9.00 am – 3.00 pm (EDT)

Friday 1 July 2022, 15.00-21.00 (CET) /
9.00 am – 3.00 pm (EDT)

Keynote speakers

Fr. David B. Couturier OFM. Cap. (St. Bonaventure University)

Prof. Dr. Angela McKay Knobel (University of Dallas)

Prof. Dr. Brian Treanor (Loyola Marymount University)

Theme

This conference aims to chart the multiform phenomenon of moral conversion in Western society by

- analyzing building blocks, sequences, and variations in ethical instances of profound change of self and identity;
- tracing experiences and events of ethical transformation in various testimonies and fields of human existence; and
- turning the phenomenon of moral conversion into a lens through which to view the dynamics of existential and ethical belief systems.

The conference aims to renew the understanding of the phenomenon by

- studying its impact in the history of Western society; and
- relating it to present discussions on ethical behavior and concern for the common good.



Tilburg School of Catholic Theology

Program - Wednesday 29 June 2022

9.00-9.30 EDT (15.00-15.30 CET)	Henk Witte, Dean of Tilburg School of Catholic Theology, Welcome Address Krijn Pansters, <i>Conversional Ethics: Introduction</i>
Biblical Conversion Chair: Krijn Pansters	
9.30-10.00 EDT (15.30-16.00 CET)	Erik Eynikel, <i>Amos' 1-2 Oracles Against the Nations and the Conversion of Israel</i>
10.00-10.15 EDT (16.00-16.15 CET)	Break
10.15-10.45 EDT (16.15-16.45 CET)	Archibald van Wieringen, <i>The Horse and the Arms Race: Biblical Stories With a Different View of Armaments</i>
10.45-11.15 EDT (16.45-17.15 CET)	Hanna Roose, <i>Looking at Side Figures: Moral Conversion in the New Testament</i>
11.15-11.45 EDT (17.15-17.45 CET)	Break
Franciscan Conversion Chair: Willem Marie Speelman	
11.45-12.15 EDT (17.45-18.15 CET)	Aaron Gies, <i>Et divisit lucem a tenebris: Conversion in Early Franciscan Theology</i>
12.15-12.45 EDT (18.15-18.45 CET)	Luke Togni, <i>Recursive Conversion in the Legenda Maior</i>
12.45-1.15 EDT (18.45-19.15 CET)	Kate E. Bush, <i>Ancillae Domini: Conversion as Service among Poor Clares, c. 1250-1550</i>
1.15-2.00 EDT (19.15-20.00 CET)	Break
KEYNOTE LECTURE Chair: Krijn Pansters	
2.00-3.00 EDT (20.00-21.00 CET)	David B. Couturier, <i>From Vicious to Virtuous Institutions: Social Transformation and the Fraternal Economy</i>

Program - Thursday 30 June 2022

Thomist Conversion Chairs: Henk Schoot / Harm Goris

Session 1

9.00-9.30 EDT
(15.00-15.30 CET)

Peter Samuel Lovas, *Moral Conversion: The Agent and the Consequences of Morality According to Thomas Aquinas*

9.30-10.00 EDT
(15.30-16.00 CET)

Matthew Dugandzic, *Moral Conversion and the Passions in Aquinas*

10.00-10.30 EDT
(16.00-16.30 CET)

Lauren Simms, *Charity Precipitates Change: Aquinas on The Greatest Commandment*

10.30-11.00 EDT
(16.30-17.00 CET)

Break

Session 2

Anton ten Klooster, *Conversion of the Will: Moral Transformation in Thomas Aquinas*

Ryan Michael Miller, *From Religious to Moral Conversion*

Lydia Schumacher, *Moral Conversion and the Virtues in Aquinas*

Dominican Conversion Chair: Patrick Jones

11.00-11.30 EDT
(17.00-17.30 CET)

Giulia Lovison, *Panis supersubstantialis: Conversions in the Vitae Fratrum Ordinis Praedicatorum*

11.30-12.00 EDT
(17.30-18.00 CET)

Conor McDonough, *Sad Kings, Burning Books, and the Devil's Daughters: Dominican Preaching for Moral Conversion in Medieval Limerick*

12.00-12.15 EDT
(18.00-18.15 CET)

Break

Educational Conversion Chairs: Conor McDonough / Kate E. Bush

Session 1

12.15-12.45 EDT
(18.15-18.45 CET)

Juliëtte Deursen-Vreeburg, *Formation and Contemplative Reading of Parables in Religious Education Classrooms*

12.45-1.15 EDT
18.45-19.15 CET)

Ronelle Sonnenberg & Shantelle Weber, *Character Formation and Emerging Adulthood: An Exploration of Moral Conversion Inspired by Christian Faith*

1.15-2.00 EDT
(19.15-20.00 CET)

Break

Session 2

Bert Roebben, *Ambiguities, Identities and Designs of Meaning: Reconfiguring Theological Education as Conversion*

Maike Maria Domsel & Maurice Andree, *Franciscan Spirituality as Guiding Principle for the Formation of Crisis Competence*

KEYNOTE LECTURE Chair: Anton ten Klooster

2.00-3.00 EDT
(20.00-21.00 CET)

Angela McKay Knobel, *Conversion and Coercion*

Program - Friday 1 July 2022

Conversion: History and Theology Chairs: Anton ten Klooster / David B. Couturier

Session 1

9.00-9.30 EDT
(15.00-15.30 CET)

Patrick Jones, *The Church of the Wise and of the Poor: Mendicant Charisms and Civic Virtue in the Thought of Pope Leo XIII*

9.30-10.00 EDT
(15.30-16.00 CET)

Daniel Lightsey, *The Human Thirst to See Heavenly Azure: Vladimir Solovyov and Sergius Bulgakov on Beauty and Conversion*

10.00-10.30 EDT
(16.00-16.30 CET)

Brian Heffernan, *Why Mary Magdalene Had Nothing on Therese of Lisieux: Dutch Discalced Carmelite Nuns and Moral Conversion in the Nineteenth and Twentieth Century*

10.30-11.00 EDT
(16.30-17.00 CET)

Break

Session 2

Mariéle Wulf, *Anima in se curvata: Conversion as the Opening of the Narcissistic Soul*

Mark E. Therrien, *Psalm-Singing and Moral Conversion: Developments from Athanasius to Augustine on the Role of Psalms in Christian Formation*

Willem Marie Speelman, *Moral Conversion and Mystagogy: A Franciscan Reading Through Pope Francis*

Conversion and Media Chair: Brian Heffernan

11.00-11.30 EDT
(17.00-17.30 CET)

Sabrina Corbellini, *Late Medieval Reading as an Agent of Change*

11.30-12.00 EDT
(17.30-18.00 CET)

Frank Bosman, *It's Time for You to Wake Up: Digital Games as Agents of Moral Conversion*

12.00-12.15 EDT
(18.00-18.15 CET)

Break

Ecological Conversion Chair: Lauren Simms

12.15-12.45 EDT
(18.15-18.45 CET)

Jamie Washam, *Ecological Conversion as Liberation*

12.45-1.15 EDT
(18.45-19.15 CET)

Louke van Wensveen, *Liberating Restoration: Ecclesial Bodies as Flywheels of Moral and Social Conversion*

1.15-2.00 EDT
(19.15-20.00 CET)

Break

KEYNOTE LECTURE Chair: Krijn Pansters

2.00-3.00 EDT
(20.00-21.00 CET)

Brian Treanor, *Homo Viator: Pilgrimage and Self-Cultivation*

Moral Conversion and Social Transformation: Conclusion

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Registration

Registration is free

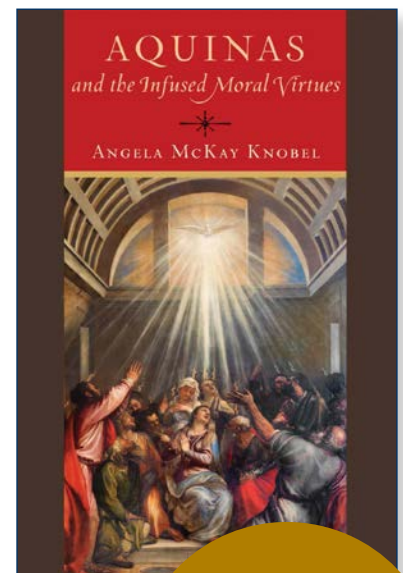
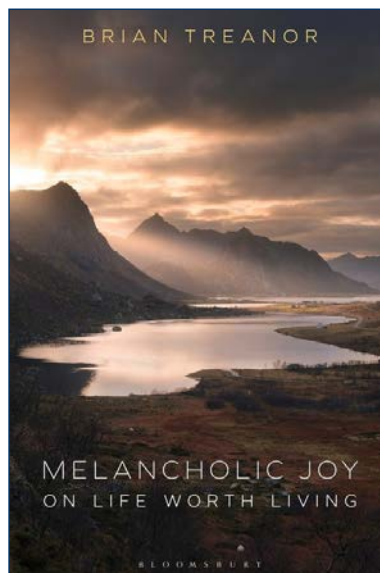
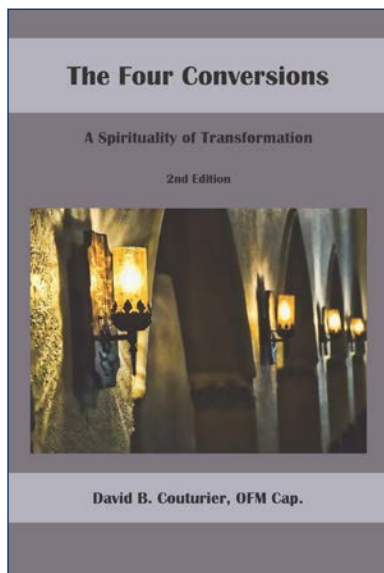
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