

## **Symposium Building Bridges towards a more Humane Society: Celebrating 25 Years of the Bridging Gaps Program**

**Dates:** Friday 16 and Saturday 17 October 2020

**Form:** Zoom conference

### **Friday: Contextual Theology and Biblical Interpretation as Catalysts for Academic Theology**

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Peter-Ben Smit

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| 14.00 – 14.15 | Opening by Prof. Dr. Ruard Ganzevoort, dean of the Faculty of Religion and Theology Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam   |
| 14.15 – 14.45 | <i>“I Won’t Behave Myself. I Won’t Hate Myself.” Harnessing the Multi-Coloured Butterfly in Genesis 37 as an Izitabane Icon</i> – Dr. Charlene van der Walt                |
| 14.45 – 15.15 | First response by Tainah Biela and plenary discussion  |
| 15.15 – 15.30 | Break  |
| 15.30 – 16.00 | <i>“You Always Have the Poor among You”:</i> Biblical Reading and Economics – Dr. Darío Barolín  |
| 16.00 – 16.30 | First response by Charl Fredericks and plenary discussion  |
| 16.30 – 16.45 | Break  |
| 16.45 – 17.15 | <i>“The Reading of Biblical Texts Came Directly into my Life and Strengthened Me”:</i> Theology and the Bible in the Context of Gender Injustice – Mary-Luz Reyes Bejarano |
| 17.15 – 17.45 | First response by Dr. Funlola Oluseyi Olojede and plenary discussion   |
| 17.45 – 18.00 | Concluding reflections by Prof. Dr. Hans de Wit, founder of the Bridging Gaps program  |

### **Saturday: Catalyst for Community: Contextual Theology and the Churches**

Moderator: Kirsten van der Ham

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| 9.00 – 9.15 | Opening by Prof. Dr. Mechteld Jansen, rector of the Protestant Theological University  |
| 9.15 – 9.45 | <i>Standing in the Gap between Church Practices, Theological Reflection and Community Solidarity</i> – Rt. Rev. Manuel Ernesto |

9.45 – 10.15	First response by Ester Damaris Wolla Wunga and plenary discussion
10.15 – 10.30	Break
10.30 – 11.00	<i>The Land Will Mourn and the Fish of the Sea Will Perish: Reading the Scripture in the Context of Environmental Injustice in Lake Poso, Indonesia</i> – Lady Mandalika
11.00 – 11.30	First response by Geke van Vliet and plenary discussion
11.30 – 11.45	Break
11.45 – 12.15	Group discussions in breakout rooms
12.15 – 12.45	Concluding plenary
12.45 – 13.00	Concluding reflections by a representative of Kerk in Actie

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