

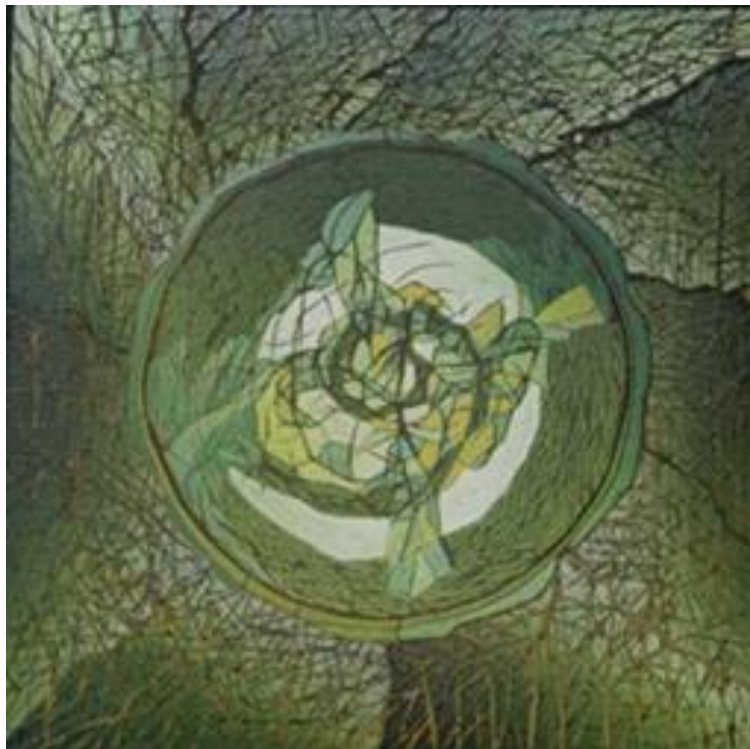
FRANCISCAN CONNECTIONS

“...by rejoicing in the good of others as in our own”

Third Annual *Franciscan Connections* Virtual Conference

Sponsored by The Franciscan Study Center at Tilburg University
And The Franciscan Institute at St. Bonaventure University

Ecological Integrity and Franciscan Thought: Interpretations, Innovations, and Interruptions



Zoom Virtual Conference

Date

Thursday, June 20, 2024, 9.00 am – 14.00 pm (NY time) / 15.00-20.00 (CET time)

Friday, June 21, 2024, 9.00 am – 14.00 pm (NY time) / 15.00-20.00 (CET time)

Theme

This interdisciplinary conference seeks to reflect on Franciscan values that promote sustainable practices. How do these values embody the concern for the well-being of others, caring engagement with humanity and the environment, and pursuit of personal growth and well-being? We want to understand the various interpretations that define and develop ecological crises and conversion. We are looking for the innovations that an integral Franciscan perspective adds to the work of a sustainable environment. Finally, we seek to understand the dynamics that will interrupt failed policies and practices when it comes to the care of our common home. Especially welcome are reflections on the realization of the United Nations' seventeen Sustainability Development Goals from a Franciscan perspective.

Themes to be addressed may include, but are not limited to:

- *Franciscan spirituality and the Sustainability Development Goals*
- *Franciscan engagements with the environment that are innovative and sustainable*
- *Franciscan forms of flourishing and fulfilment*
- *Franciscan environmental reflection, contemplation, and action*
- *Franciscan personal and organizational sustainability*
- *Franciscan interpretations of ecological crisis and conversion*
- *Franciscan practices that interrupt ecological despair and paralysis*

Practical Matters

The editors of *Franciscan Connections* welcome paper proposals submitted in English. Abstracts should be kept as close to 100 words as possible.

Each paper should last 20 minutes, followed by 10 minutes of discussion.

Papers may be published in our *Ecological Integrity and Franciscan Thought* conference volume or on our international Franciscan blog *Franciscan Connections*.

**Paper proposals must be submitted by 15 January 2024 to
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