December 20th, 2022

To: Dr. Amita Valmiki

Ramniranjan Jhunjhunwala College

Re: Certificate of Attendance at the Humboldt Kolleg

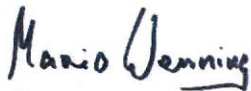**"Environmental Philosophy and Interreligious Dialogue"**

Dear Dr. Amita Valmiki,

I hereby confirm that you have participated at the Humboldt Kolleg "Environmental Philosophy and Interreligious Dialogue" that was held at Loyola University Andalusia in Sevilla from December 15th until December 17th, 2022.

I confirm that you have presented your paper "Ecology from the Perspective of Hinduism." The presentation was very well received and was followed by an in-depth discussion.

Thank you for your participation and significant contributions to making this event a success. Please do not hesitate to contact me in case you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Environmental Philosophy and Interreligious Dialogue

A Humboldt Kolleg
Loyola University Andalusia

Date: December 15-17, 2022

Conference Program

Thursday, 15.12.2022:
Loyola University, Dos Hermanas Campus, Room: B-1.01

9:30 Bus pickup in front of Hotel Hesperia

10:00 Introduction:

-Welcome remarks, Organizing Committee
-Miguel Ángel Medina, Asociación Alexander von Humboldt de España
-Representative from Loyola University Andalusia

I. African Philosophies and Ecotheology

Moderator: Maria Angeles Alaminos Hervas, Loyola University Andalusia

10:30 Kai Horsthemke, University of the Witwatersrand, "Environmental philosophy and African religions"

11:30 Workineh Kelbessa, Oxford University, "Oromo Ecotheology and the Environment"

12:30 Joseph Agbakoba and George O. Abah, University of Nigeria, Nsukka, "Evolvements of African Religious Philosophies and the Challenges of Environmental Sustainability: A Study of the Igbo"

13:30 Poster session & book launch over lunch

Takashi Nukui (Kyoto University), Rebecca van der Post (Concordia University), Philippe Lynes (Durham University)

II.   Japanese Contributions to Environmental Philosophy

Moderator: Raquel Bouso, Pompeo Fabra University, Barcelona

15:30 Hiroshi Abe, Kyoto University, "A Japanese perspective of the mind-body-environment connection"

16:30 Ryosuke Ohashi, German-Japanese Cultural Institute Kyoto, "Tee-ceremony and Christian Mass - Encounter of the tee-masters with Jesuit missionaries in 16th Century"

17:45 Bus Return from Loyola Campus to Hotel Hesperia

Friday, 16.12.2022:
Centro Arrupe, Sevilla

III.   Chinese and Indian Ecology in Dialogue

Moderator: Hans Feger, Free University Berlin

10:00 Zhuofei Wang, Hildesheim University, "Stepping-out-of-Oneself: A Daoist Perspective"

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Amita Valmiki, University of Mumbai, "Ecology from the Perspective of Hinduism"

12:30 Mario Wenning, Loyola University Andalusia, and Jinting Wu, University of Buffalo, "Slow Ontology: What Can the Yoga Movement in India and the Minimalist Movement in the West Teach Us About Social Sustainability?"

13:30 Lunch, TBC

IV. Climate Politics, Science and Temporality
Moderator: Pablo Font, Loyola University Andalusia

15:00 Matthias Fritsch, Concordia University, "Antigone and Climate Politics"

16:00 Dalia Nassar, University of Tübingen and University of Sydney, "Trees, Relations, and Ethics: What Trees can Teach us about Relational Ethics"

17:00 Coffee Break

Moderator: Gonzalo Villagran, Loyola University Andalusia

17:30 Manuel Lopez, Francisco Rivas García, David Becerra, Loyola University Andalusia, "At the Origins of the Universe: a Dialogue between Science and Spiritualities"

18:30 Eduardo Mendieta, Pennsylvania State University, "The Poverty of Time and the Time of Poverty: Against the Coloniality of Progress"

20:00 Conference Dinner at *El Cabildo*

Saturday, 17.12.2022:
Centro Arrupe

V. Christian Spiritualities and Interreligious Dialogue
Moderator: Carlos Sánchez, Loyola University Andalusia

9:00 Ignacio Sepúlveda, Loyola University Andalusia, "Spirituality as a Contribution to the Common Good in Pluralist Societies"

10:00 Raquel Bouso, Pompeu Fabra University, Barcelona, "Resacralization of the Cosmos in a Post-secular Age. Buddhist and Christian Responses"

11:00 Coffee Break

11:30 Juan Antonio Senent, Loyola University Andalusia, "Care for the Common Home and Reconciliation with Creation: Current Contributions to the Socio-environmental Crisis from the Catholic Magisterium and Ignatian Spirituality"

12:30 Information Session on Humboldt Foundation Funding Programs and Conference Closure

3. Language:

Most presentations will be given in English. If your presentation is in Spanish, please prepare a 1-page summary in English.

4. Brief Resume

Please send a brief 1-paragraph resume for the introduction to Lis Beaumont at lbbeaumont@al.uloyola.es.

5. Presentation Duration

All participants will have a maximum of 40 minutes for their presentation to leave sufficient time for Q&A. If you have a power point, please let us know in advance.

6. Dietary Restrictions and Restaurant recommendations

If you have any dietary restrictions, please inform us soon to arrange the joint conference meals accordingly. Recommended restaurant options close to the hotel include: *Jamatelo* is a good tapas restaurant with vegan and gluten-free options; another Spanish restaurant is *La Comilona*, which also serves tapas and has vegetarian options; a restaurant with fish dishes close to the hotel is *MareaViva*; for Italian food, *Burro Canaglia Bar & Resto* is recommendable. If you would like to enjoy Flamenco with drinks, the bar *La Carboneria* provides free shows. We also recommend the Flamenco performances at *Casa de la Memoria* (tickets are available at www.casadelamemoria.es).

7. Sightseeing

The old town of Sevilla is a 20-minute walk from the hotel. There you find the royal palace (Real Alcazar). It is necessary to reserve tickets on the website in advance: https://realalcazarsevilla.cliqueo.es/es/patronato-del-real-alcazar-de-sevilla/visita-real-alcazar-de-sevilla/. Furthermore, the gothic Cathedral with the Giralda Tower, Plaza España, Plaza de Toros and Parque Maria Luisa are nearby.

8. Contact Information

If you need any help during your stay, please feel free to send an Email or call Mario Wenning (+34 645479582) or Lis Beaumont (+31 613353068).

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Information Sheet

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1. Accommodation:

Participants traveling from abroad have a room reservation at "Hotel Hesperia Sevilla"

Hotel Address:
Avenida Eduardo Dato n° 49
41018, Sevilla
Tel.: +34 954 548 300
Email: hhsevilla@hesperia.com

Transportation:
In case you arrive at Seville Airport, we recommend taking the airport bus (EA) or a taxi. The bus stop is located on your right after leaving the terminal. Tickets can be purchased on the bus for 4 EUR per person. Wearing a mask is required. The bus leaves approximately every 15 minutes. Here is the schedule: https://reddelineas.tussam.es/?lang=es#. Get off after approximately 25 minutes at the bus stop Luis de Morales (number 137), from which it is a short walk to the hotel. Alternatively, an airport taxi costs 31 EUR. If you arrive by train, the main station (Santa Justa) is within walking distance from the hotel.

2. Conference Locations

The first day of the conference, Dec. 15, will take place in room B-1.01 at the Loyola University campus in Dos Hermanas outside of Seville. A shuttle bus will pick the participants up in front of Hotel Hesperia at 9:30. Participants can access the campus Wifi network "WifiUloyola" with the user name "mwenning" and the password "LoyOla2022!.".

The second and third days of the conference, Dec. 16-17, will take place at the Centro Arrupe (Av. Eduardo Dato, 20), which is a 5-minute walk from the hotel:

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