Welcome to this edition of the GlobeTheoLib newsletter with news about activities, projects and developments linked to the Global Digital Library on Theology in Ecumenism, launched in September 2011 to provide worldwide access free-of-charge to thousands of full text articles, dissertations and other documents covering theology, ecumenism and religious studies. Direct access to the library is at www.globethics.net/ltl

GlobeTheoLib is a joint project of Globethics.net and the World Council of Churches and a Consortium of more than 20 international ecumenical organizations, libraries and theological associations.

As the world prepares for the United Nations conference on climate change in Paris 2015, read how GlobeTheoLib is hosting a global survey that seeks to map the current situation of training, teaching and research on Ecotheology, Climate Justice and Food Security in theological education, ecumenical formation and Christian leadership development.

This newsletter also includes information on new features in the online libraries, recent conferences and meetings, about resources and downloadable books, as well as news about staff changes and new staff positions at GlobeTheoLib.

**Global Survey on Ecotheology, Climate Justice and Food Security**

A Global Survey on Ecotheology, Climate Justice and Food Security in Theological Education and Christian Leadership Development and hosted by GlobeTheoLib has been launched using an online survey to map the current situation of training, teaching and research on ETCF in theological education, ecumenical formation and Christian leadership development, and resources and examples of good practice on ECTF that are available.

The survey is designed for professors, lecturers and students in theological education institutions of all kinds (theology faculties at public university, church-related theological colleges and seminaries, bible schools, lay academies, and extension or distance-learning courses, etc.). It is also designed for those working for or linked to faith-based organisations, specialised ministries and NGOs that are active on these issues and have resources that could be used in programmes of theological education, formation and leadership development.


The project aims to contribute to mainstreaming ecotheology, climate justice and food security issues (ETCF) as central components in Christian leadership formation in both formal theological education and in non-formal programmes, and to contribute to international networking, exchange and South-South, North-South, and West-East networking between regional hubs of research and education in issues of ETCF issues.

The project is supported by Globethics.net, Bread for the World, the World Council of Churches and the United Evangelical Mission, in cooperation with the Orthodox Academy of Crete and Volos Academy for Theological Studies.
Religions for climate justice

"Religions for Climate Justice", a new publication by Globethics.net produced for the UN Climate Summit in September 2014, collects international and interfaith statements on climate justice produced between 2008 and 2014. Immediately before the UN summit, more than 30 religious and spiritual leaders from across the world gathered in support of a just climate treaty and adopted a declaration on “Climate, Faith and Hope”, the draft of which is included among the texts in the publication. “Religions for Climate Justice” may be downloaded free of charge. Printed copies may also be ordered. More details: http://bit.ly/religions-climatejustice

Staff changes at GlobeTheoLib

Dr Stephen Brown, who has served as Programme Executive for GlobeTheoLib since April 2011, has been appointed a member of the Globethics.net Management Team as Programme Director for Online Libraries and Digital innovation, as of December 2014. He has general responsibility for the Globethics.net libraries and their technical development. As such he will continue to have overall responsibility for GlobeTheoLib, but Globethics.net is currently recruiting a new 50% staff position for GlobeTheoLib. Miriam Townsend from the UK with a law degree and who has completed a masters in law joined the GlobeTheoLib team as Online Libraries Assistant in November 2014 and will continue to serve in this position until the end of April 2015.

Staff positions available at Globethics.net to work with GlobeTheoLib

Globethics.net is recruiting for two 50% staff positions linked to the Global Digital Library on Theology and Ecumenism. The first position, for the Global Digital Library on Theology, will contribute to the further strategic development of GlobeTheoLib through identifying and developing content, working with partners and strengthening partner relationships, and serving as a member of the Globethics.net libraries team. Applicants should have knowledge of theological or religious issues through university studies or their equivalent, and a keen interest in ecumenism, with international experience an asset.

The second position is to develop an Online China Library as a special Online Chinese Christianity Collection within GlobeTheoLib. Applicants should have broad interest in Chinese Christianity and worldwide ecumenism, sensitivity to the diversity of Christian experience in China and other Chinese-speaking communities, with Chinese experience an asset. Both positions are based at the Globethics.net head office in Geneva, within the Ecumenical Centre and near to the UN institutions. It may be possible for suitable applicants to combine both positions. **Closing date for applications is 4 March.** Full details and application requirements are available from the Globethics.net jobs page: http://www.globethics.net/globethicsjobs

South Sudan church launches downloadable Lenten course on reconciliation

The Episcopal Church of South Sudan and Sudan’s diocese of Wau have developed a six-session Lenten course focussing on reconciliation and inviting people to be peace builders. This initiative from the church comes amidst the conflict in South Sudan which has gravely affected all communities since the country’s independence from Sudan in 2011. The course, "Reconcile - Moving Forward in Peace", can be obtained free of charge from the website of the Wau diocese: http://www.wau.anglican.org/index.php?PageID=lentad

New reference guide to Religion and Development

A new reference guide to materials in the Globethics.net libraries on "Religion and Development" is available for download from GlobeTheoLib: http://www.globethics.net/plt/6056844

The reference guide was presented by Globethics.net Executive Director Christoph Stückelberger to an international conference in December 2014 in Berlin, Germany, hosted by Bread for the World and jointly organized with The Lutheran World Federation and ACT Alliance. More information about the conference at: http://www.lutheranworld.org/news/faith-good

Hundreds of thousands of articles now available in GlobeTheoLib without registration

Hundreds of thousands of articles are now available in GlobeTheoLib without needing to register to access them. These are articles that have been "harvested" or imported from among the 65 million documents available in more than 2500 open access repositories worldwide. More than 40000 articles that have been directly uploaded to the Globethics.net libraries are already available without registration or login. Articles from commercially-published journals are as well as some content from partners remain available only to registered and logged-in Globethics.net participants.
New library feature: Share or reference GlobeTheoLib documents

All documents in the Globethics.net library now have a unique Permalink or URL:

This means that when you have used the Globethics.net libraries to research a subject, you can share the link to the document with colleagues or friends, or when writing an academic article you can quote the URL to cite the reference in your footnotes or end notes. You can also easily share the link to the document by email, Twitter, Facebook or Google+ using the dropdown share icon on the article page:

To send the article by email you will need to log in using your Globethics.net username and password, otherwise copy the Permalink to your email program.


GlobeTheoLib Programme Executive Stephen Brown was among the presenters at a gathering in Rome of about 30 mission historians, librarians, archivists and digital content providers exploring the implication of new forms of technology on mission studies to promote more effective ways of international partnership in today’s global society. The meeting, from 19 to 23 October, was organised by the DABOH (Documentation, Archives and Oral History) study group of the International Association for Mission Studies, and hosted by the Pontifical Missionary Library of the Pontifical Urbaniana University. A major focus of the meeting was the role of digital libraries and digitisation in promoting access to resources and sources on mission studies. Other presentations included the digitisation programme of the Catholic University of Paris, Princeton Theological Seminary Library’s digital initiatives programme, the Yale Divinity School Library, and the Hong Kong Baptist University. The programme also included a visit to the Vatican Library to discover more about the DigitaVaticana programme to digitise the Vatican Library manuscripts.
Dr Stephen Brown, Programme Executive, GlobeTheoLib, represented the Globethics.net libraries at a meeting of the Religious Libraries in Dialogue Special Interest Group (RELIINDIAL) of the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). Held at the Catholic University of Paris, 25-26 August 2014, following the IFLA general conference and assembly in Lyon 2014, the conference was intended to demonstrate the role of libraries as places of dialogue between cultures over the centuries. Presentations were offered on libraries - both online and offline - in Switzerland, the Philippines, Morocco, China, the Netherlands, North America, India, Egypt and Italy, as well as the work of IFLA in preservation and conservation. Read more...

To mark the conference, a new book highlights the contribution of libraries, including GlobeTheoLib, to promoting dialogue between cultures and religions. The book, Libraries Serving Dialogue, has been edited by the former librarian of the Catholic University of Paris, Odile Dupont, and published under the auspices of RELINDIAL. The book presents case studies of libraries in various parts of the world promoting dialogue and their role in peacebuilding and interreligious dialogue. A chapter presents GlobeTheoLib. The book is published by Walter de Gruyter in the IFLA Publications Series.

(IFLA Publications; Nr 163) € 89.95 / for USA, Canada, Mexico US$ 126.00

Korean university opens new Global Institute of Theology

Yonsei University’s United Graduate School of Theology in South Korea has inaugurated the Songdo Global Institute of Theology (GIT) as a new theology graduate school hosting foreign students - especially from Africa and Asia - with scholarships fully covered by Korean Christians and accommodation by Yonsei University. The aim of the global institute is to train foreign students to become the future leaders of the global Christian community. About 30 students will be accepted every year. Read more...

New books from Globethics.net

Globethics.net is also a publisher, and among recent publications are the following titles relevant to those interested in theology, religious studies or religious ethics. All titles may be downloaded in PDF format free of charge or print copies can be ordered from the Globethics.net publications page: http://www.globethics.net/publications

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Doctoral theses with a priority for theses from Africa, Asia and Latin America

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Christian Faith and Values: An Introduction for Entrepreneurs in China (2014)
Cui Wantian/Yahya Wijaya/Christoph Stückelberger, China Christian Series 1, ISBN 978-2-940428-86-1
Also available in Chinese: 中国企业家基督教信仰与价值观入门

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