
The relationship between religion and violence seems to be utterly opposed. However, there is a history of evidences showing their coexistence. Although when we talk about religion this does not necessarily imply relating it to violence, it is quite frequent that religion, as a part of the social attachment structure, turns to be a legitimizing instrument for acts or times of violence, or furthermore in some cases it has turned to be violent in itself.

In addition, we observe that the validity for the question of the implications of religiousness, religion and its consequences in all social spheres, far from being decreasing as it was supposed, is considerably increasing. Nowadays, major conflicts are due to religious causes transformed into imposed ideologies, and the occurrence of new or renewed spiritualities grows.

Thus religion, full of meaning for some, and not so much for others, is every day more, a factor of constant tension among perspectives of power, knowledge, spiritualities, ways of understanding and seeing the world, and especially, an influential agent in the ethical decisions of present society.

The relation of ethics, violence and religion is an almost insoluble triad. Religious phenomenon does not exist if it does not contain certain elements violence and ethical defined positions. It is for the mentioned reasons that Globethics.net South America, as an institution promoting the ethical reflection in light of the interreligious and intercultural perspective, together with its partner institutions in the region:

- Grupo de Estudios sobre Religión e Incidencia Pública – GEMRIP, Argentina
- Universidad Bíblica Latinoamericana - UBL, Costa Rica.
- SPT, Servicios Pedagógicos y Teológicos, Argentina.
- CLAI, Ecuador.
- **GIEPRA** – Grupo Interdisciplinario de Estudios sobre el Pluralismo Religioso en Argentina.
- Facultad Latinoamericana de Ciencias Sociales – FLACSO, Argentina
- CREAS, Centro Regional Ecuménico de Asesoría y Servicio, Argentina
- Universidad Metodista de Sao Paulo. – Escuela de postgrados, Brasil
- Universidad Bautista de Cali.
- GlobeTheoLib – Global Theological Library.
Opens the call to the 1st Latin American Essay Competition Globethics.net - Ethics, religion and violence

1. Objective:
   To Motivate, strengthen, visualize and deepen the Latin American reflection over three focal themes and their possible relations:
   a) Ethics
   b) Violence
   c) Religion

   Participants should establish dynamic relations among the three focal themes. The essay must be original, providing evidence of concrete contextual implications of the reflection within the Latin American and/or global scenario.

   Within the ethical area, it should be thought at a general level and/or use and/or individualize the author’s point of view at any field such as bioethics, business ethics, political ethics, economic ethics, and philosophical ethics, among others. The same applies to the violence or religious areas.

   The religion hub may be addressed to sociological, anthropologic, theological, philosophical, historical, or psychological areas among others. Religion may be referred as a whole or in connection to any of the specific existing religions, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Zoroastrianism, African religions, or others. In no case, should the competition be confessional, but plural, although essays may contain that perspective, covering possible areas such as:

   - Bioethics, religious affiliation by force
   - Characteristics and tensions of the relation among politics, religion and violence
   - Examples of cases of religious violence and possible ethical actions within the conflict
   - Specific ethical aspects to consider in the relation violence and religion
   - New spiritualities and ethical principles
   - The structuring religiousness and its conflicting ethical content
   - Islam and its ethics of non-violence
   - Christianity, violence of the effective sacred
   - Buddhism and its ethics against violence in the Latin American context
   - Frontier between religion as violence and religiousness as instrument of violence.
   - Ethical reflections on cases of religion and violence at a regional or local level
   - Educational projects within Ethics and the religious education fields, strategies to face problems of violence

2. Applicants:
   - University and/or graduate students (Pre-grade/Grade, Scholarship and Doctorate)
   - Young professionals living or studying at any of the Latin American countries.
   - Any person interested in sciences of religion, theology, human sciences and ethics.

3. All participants must be registered in Globethics.net - Globethics.net - Click here (free registration). Non-registered participants will not be accepted.

4. Dates:
   - Deadline for articles submission: November 6, 2015.
   - Results of submission: December 15, de 2015.

5. Language:
   - Essays can be presented in Spanish or Portuguese.
6. **Format:**
   - Texts must be structured as an assay in Doc or PDF format. Minimum extension should be of 3.000 words and top extension of 5.000 words, leaving out bibliography, annexes, or tables or images that the article may have.
   - They should make explicit reference to at least three assays from the bibliography base [http://www.globethics.net/es](http://www.globethics.net/es)
   - Both the assay and the “License Letter of Creative Commons 2.5” (annex 1), must be inserted and delivered as only one (1) compressed attachment (Zip o Rar). Non- compressed attachments will not be accepted.
   - Please refer to the other presentation rules (script, bibliography, etc.) in annex 2.
   - **Essay should be send to compereligion2015@gmail.com till 6 of November.**

7. **Awards:**
   - The winning assays will receive a certificate and award in cash:
     - **1st Place (USD 300 in cash/equivalent to the local Money of winner)**
     - **2nd Place (USD 200 in cash/equivalent to the local Money of winner)**
     - **3rd Place (USD 100 in cash/equivalent to the local Money of winner)**
   - Total of 4 winning awards
   - The winning articles will be part of a book to be published by Globethics.net in one of its collections as part of the Latin American reflection. It will be published in Spanish and might be translated into English. Initially, it will be in digital format.
   - All participating essays will be part of the digital Globethics.net collection that will be named with the present call title.

8. **Evaluation Process:**
   The Globethics.net South America regional program, together with its partner institutions, has established an evaluation process for the articles received for consideration. When the article is received, the team of readers/reviewers composed of 1 to 2 persons from each participating institution, will evaluate its academic relevance and the strict control of the established editorial rules. Then, as academic experts in the subjects treated by the articles, they will evaluate their originality, topicality, use of bibliography, clarity in arguments, quality in writing, scientific quality of their article, and the importance and pertinence of the subject. All this will be done on the basis of an international evaluation format provided to each reader/reviewer. On the basis of the final punctuation given to those articles/essays, the general direction of Globethics.net will analyze the results which will lead to the awarded participants.

**Thanks for its diffusion and participation.**

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