The Will to Serve: 
Inspiring Models of Servant Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship
24-26 May 2018
Leuven, Belgium

Invitation to an international academic conference

Inspiring social and economic leaders are able to transform a conflictual human settlement into a collaborative and caring human community. Can we induce from their ‘way of doing things’ a model of civic entrepreneurship and leadership that can inspire people in profit, non-profit and public organizations? To what extent is the will to serve compatible with the will to maximize profit or the will to gain economic, political or religious power? Do different spiritual traditions create different models and examples of servant leadership? This conference is part of the Damien project of the European SPES Institute, a research project that focuses on Spirituality in Action through servant leadership and social entrepreneurship. It also connects to the research into leadership at the Institute of Leadership and Social Ethics.

Place and Date
The conference will take place in the Leuven Center for Christian Studies, Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, St. Jansbergenstreekweg 97 3001 Leuven, Belgium on May 24 (Thursday) and 25 (Friday). On May 26 (Saturday), the conference will be hosted at Damiaan Vandaag, Sint-Antoniusberg 5, 3000 Leuven, Belgium.

Organization and sponsoring
The conference is co-organized by the European SPES Institute (eurospes.org), the Institute of Leadership and Social Ethics (etf-ilse.org) and the Damien Center Leuven (damiaanvandaag.be) and sponsored by the Goldschmeding Foundation (goldschmedingfoundation.org).

Participation Fee
225 Euros for regular participants; 200 Euros for paper presenters; 125 Euros for students; 90 Euros for one-day participants; 45 Euros for participants on Saturday morning. Conference dinner: 65 Euros.

Accommodation
Unfortunately all rooms at the Conference venue of ETF are already fully booked. There are, however, many opportunities to book lodging in Leuven, for example via booking.com.

Registration
Registration is via ILSE’s website or directly through this link. For more information, please contact the conference coordinator, Cees Tulp, at cees.tulp@etf.edu.