

# Interfaith Conference 2018: *Faith in Science?*

Religion and science seem to be strange bedfellows. In a secular context such as the Netherlands, spiritual and academic worlds appear to be strictly separated. However, international students bring their own diverse worldviews with them when they come and study here. Is there a relationship between religion and science? Is science a religion in itself? And does spirituality have a role to play as a binding, motivating factor regarding ethical, gender and environmental issues?

The annual Interfaith Conference invites you to an open-minded interaction with people from different walks of life. The conference is organised by Initiative of Change Netherlands, the International Student Chaplaincy, and Haastu. The conference is hosted by the

Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in The Hague.

Keynote speaker is Professor Cees Dekker (Technical University of Delft). He is a renowned physicist specialized in the field of nanotechnology and is actively involved in the discussion about the relationship between science and religion, a topic on which he co-edited several books.

## Join us!

Register through our online registration form on: [www.iofc.nl/interfaith-conf-2018](http://www.iofc.nl/interfaith-conf-2018).

**November 17, 2018**

**10:00 - 17:00**

The Interfaith Conference 2018 will take place at the Institute of Social Studies in The

Hague. The address is:  
Kortenaerkade 2  
2518 AX The Hague

For more information and the link for registration please visit the webpage of the Interfaith Conference: [www.iofc.nl/interfaith-conf-2018](http://www.iofc.nl/interfaith-conf-2018).



**Building trust across  
the world's divides**

#### Keynote speaker Cees Dekker

Prof. dr. Cees Dekker is a distinguished Professor at the Technical University of Delft. He is known for his research on carbon nanotubes, single-molecule biophysics, and nanobiology. He is an elected member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences. Dekker is a Christian and active in the discussion about the relationship between science and religion, a topic on which he co-edited several books. Dekker advocates that science and religion need not be in opposition to each other.

#### Dialogue Tables

After the plenary session we will continue the conversation on the conference theme in smaller groups in a so-called Dialogue Tables session. Every table has a different thought provoking statement to stimulate the conversation with other participants. During the session you will move from table to table so you will have the opportunity to share your experiences and views and listen to the views of participants in your group.

#### Human Library

In this library, people are the 'living books' that engage visitors with stories and conversations. The 'books' in this conference all have a story to tell about their approaches to bridge the gap between religion and science. During the session there is space to listen, ask questions and start a conversation with the storytellers.

#### Closing ceremony

At the of the day there is a musical performance followed by a closing plenary to wrap up the day.

#### Children programme

For children between 4 and 12 years we offer a special programme during the main sessions. Want to register your children for this programme? Please send an email (include the age of your children) to: [interfaith.conference@iofc.nl](mailto:interfaith.conference@iofc.nl).



#### Registration and contribution

Please register through our online form:

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Contribution is €5 for students and €10 for people with an income. It includes participation in the conference, lunch and tea/coffee. The fee should be paid upon arrival. Travel expenses (train second class within the Netherlands) will be refunded.

For questions please send an email to [interfaith.conference@iofc.nl](mailto:interfaith.conference@iofc.nl).