

Rev. Dr Simone Sinn

Curriculum Vitae

Rev. Dr Simone Sinn started to teach as professor of ecumenical theology in Bossey in summer 2018. She combines her teaching at the Ecumenical Institute with programme executive responsibility of WCC's Faith and Order Commission. Before joining the WCC, she worked for five years as study secretary for public theology and interreligious relations at the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) in Geneva (Switzerland). She initiated and coordinated an international study process on church and religions in the public space. She organised several international theological consultations, and subsequently edited publications in this field. She has collaborated with colleagues to strengthen the interreligious dimension of the churches' humanitarian, development and advocacy work.

Her doctoral research at the Cluster of Excellence on Religion and Politics at the University of Münster (Germany), focused on contemporary challenges of religious pluralism. Taking Indonesia as an example, she examined public discourses on the politics of religion. The discourse analysis as the study's methodological approach identified the interpretative patterns and narratives in Islam and Christianity which have a formative influence on the understanding of religious pluralism. The systematic-theological reflection deals with core questions of political ethics and the theology of religions. It identifies the experience of vulnerability as a central challenge in religious pluralism and provides a theological discussion of human agency.

She studied Protestant theology in Bethel, Heidelberg and Tübingen, with a focus on studies in diakonia in Heidelberg and took the Master program in Ecumenical Studies at the Irish School of Ecumenics (ISE) in Dublin. She wrote her Master thesis in Dublin on "The Church as Participatory Community. On the Interrelationship of Hermeneutics, Ecclesiology and Ethics", and her final thesis in Tübingen in the area of theological ethics on the concept of responsibility. During her studies she received a scholarship from the Studienstiftung des Deutschen Volkes, and the German Academic Exchange Service. She was ordained in Ulm in 2006 (Evangelische Landeskirche in Württemberg, Germany). She did a Certificate of Advanced Studies in Civilian Peacebuilding at the University in Basel in collaboration with Swisspeace.

She has been involved in ecumenical and interreligious networks on local and international levels and has come to know the richness as well as the complexities of these relations. She is co-founder of OCCURSO, an interreligious initiative in Freising, near Munich, Germany, and, as a representative of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Geneva, member of the Plateforme Interreligieuse de Genève. On behalf of LWF, she has been a member of the Advisory Board of the *King Abdullah Bin Abdulaziz International Centre for Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue* (KAICIID) in Vienna, Austria. Furthermore, she has been a member of the steering committee of the Center for Christian-Muslim Encounter at the Deutscher Evangelischer Kirchentag. She is a member of the European Society for Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies (ESITIS), the Societas Oecumenica and the German Society for Mission Studies.

Publications

Monographs

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The Church as Participatory Community. On the Interrelationship of Hermeneutics, Ecclesiology and Ethics, Dublin: Columba Press 2002

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