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Curriculum Vitae

Amélé Adamavi-Aho Ekué serves at the Ecumenical Institute Bossey as professor of Ecumenical Ethics since the autumn semester 2007. In 2014 she was assigned to complement her service at the institute by taking on the function of a programme executive for Ecumenical Theological Education of the World Council of Churches. She is originating from Togo and is a member of the Lutheran Church.

Amélé is a theologian trained in universities in Germany and Great Britain, who earned a doctorate in theology conferred by the University of Hamburg. Her research interests include intercultural theology with field research experiences in West Africa. Her area of specialisation in ethics comprises peace ethics with particular attention to religion and violence, as well as ethics of migration with special consideration for ethical and theological articulations in migrant-led churches. She also majored in Oriental and African Studies. Prior to the appointment to her current position at the Ecumenical Institute Bossey, she served as head of studies at the Academy of Missions and subsequently as senior lecturer at the department for Missiology, Ecumenics and Religious Studies of the Faculty of Protestant Theology of the University of Hamburg.

Amélé is a member of several learned bodies and commissions, among which are the European Society of Women in Theological Research (ESWTR) and the International Association for Mission Studies (IAMS). She contributes to the academic community in three languages.

Selected publications

- “Mothers for All: The Missionary Impact on Models of Femininity and Maternity in West Africa”, in: Christine Lienemann-Perrin, Atola Longkumer and Afrie Songco Joye (Eds): *Putting Names with Faces. Women’s Impact in Mission History*. Nashville: Abingdon Press, 2012: 99-122.
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