

*The Department is planning towards the following think tanks / public conferences in 2014 and 2015:*

- The Role of Religion in the Formation of Ethical Leadership (think tank ) - 2 December 2014
- Summerschool with Humboldt University, "Religion and the limits of civil society" - 24-26 February 2015
- Ecclesiology and Ethics: The State of Ecumenical Theology in Africa (three day international conference) - 3-5 June 2015

*The Department hosted the following think tanks / public conferences in 2013:*

- The Ecumenical movement and the Pentecostal movement (public one day conference) – 30 May 2014
- South African Perspectives on Notions and forms of ecumenicity – 22 February 2013
- The Quest for Identity in (so-called) Mainline Churches in South Africa – 24 May 2013
- Land, Liturgy and Life – Annual meeting of the Theological Society of South Africa –19-21 June 2013
- Non-Government Organisations and Faith Based Organisations as dynamos of social transformation – 2 August 2013
- Citizens of Subjects? The role of religion in the formation of responsible citizenship – 30 August 2013

Publications from each of these conferences will be forthcoming.

*The most recent monographs and edited volumes published by members of the department include the following:*

Conradie, EM, Bergmann, S, Deane-Drummond C & Edwards, D (eds) 2014. *Christian Faith and the Earth: Current Paths*

*and Emerging Horizons in Ecotheology*. London: T&T Clark. 261 pp.

Christianity has often been accused for being complicit in ecological destruction. In response, Christian ecotheology offers both a Christian critique of environmental destruction and an ecological critique of Christianity. It thus encourages an ecological reformation of the Christian tradition for the sake of the whole earth.

Conradie, EM & Klaasen, J (eds) 2014. *The quest for identity in so-called mainline churches*. Stellenbosch: SUN Press. 117 pp.

This edited volume follows upon a think tank hosted at UWC in May 2013.

Agyarko, Robert O 2013. *Idolatry or Inculturation? Christian participation in Akan libation rituals*. Wellington: Bible Media.

This is a revised version of a Masters thesis that explores, as indicated in the sub-title, the question whether it is appropriate for Christians to participate in libation rituals amongst the Akan in Ghana.

Conradie, EM 2013. *Saving the Earth? The legacy of reformed views on "re-creation"*. Studies in Religion and the Environment Vol. 8. Berlin: LIT Verlag. 377 pp.

This monograph explores the concept of “re-creation” in the reformed tradition of Swiss, Dutch and German origin and the reception of this tradition in the South African context. The question is whether this term can do justice to both God’s work of creation and salvation in the context of ecological destruction – as reflected in the title “Saving the Earth”.

Conradie, EM (ed) 2013. *Reconciliation as a Guiding Vision for South Africa?* Stellenbosch: SUN Press. 116pp.

This edited volume follows upon a think tank hosted at UWC in October 2012. It includes a position paper offering conceptual analysis and theological reflection on reconciliation and 7 responses to the theme.

Conradie, EM (ed) 2013. *South African Perspectives on Notions and forms of ecumenicity.* Stellenbosch: SUN Press. 184pp.

This edited volume follows upon a think tank hosted at UWC in February 2013. It includes a position paper in which no less than 23 notions of ecumenicity are discussed, together with various responses to the theme.