

**Call for Papers**  
**International Interdisciplinary Conference**  
**‘Religion and the Contemporary Politics of Sexuality and Filiation’**

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6th-7th November 2015 – Catholic University of Lille

Organised by the Centre for the Ethics of the Family and the Contemporary Subject and the European Network of Family Institutes

The extension of the political dimensions of intimacy in the contemporary world includes sexual and gender politics, family policy structured by the paradigm of the autonomous subject and a new politics of the body in relation to birth, illness and death. These new political spaces exist in tension with traditional models according to which religious authorities understood themselves as having authority in the sphere of personal intimacy. The conference aims to identify the ways in which religions – in particular Catholicism – deal with these new societal dispositions and to clarify how they might be understood as being in dissonance with other social actors. A further interest is the identification of what is at stake – in psychosocial terms – in the tension between traditional religious authority and recent political and ethical norms. The plurality of disciplinary approaches will be used to shed light on how religious authorities and other social movements interact to shape the new politics of intimacy.

Conference themes: the conference revolves around the three following themes: (i) the study of the questioning of religion by new social and familial realities; (ii) social problems and religious responses: the evolution of doctrinal discourses and institutional directives; (iii) actors and institutions: personal strategies in the context of institutional arguments and doctrines.

The Centre for the Ethics of the Family and the Contemporary Subject – part of the Ethics department in the Catholic University of Lille – is a member of the European Network of Family Institutes whose main aim is to promote academic study dedicated to the family and to organise

conferences and workshops. It is in the context of this network that the 'Religion and the Contemporary Politics of Sexuality and Filiation' conference will take place in November 2015.

Paper submission and deadlines: proposals for papers should be sent in PDF format, approximately 2000 characters. They should include, in the following order: name, institutional affiliation, title of the paper, summary and key-words. These are to be sent to the following e-mail address **before June 21, 2015:** [colloque.iefsc@gmail.com](mailto:colloque.iefsc@gmail.com)

Papers will be accepted either for plenary conferences or for workshops, according to the committee's decision. Special attention will be paid to proposals from doctoral students.

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