

1. What do you consider to be the most important contribution that your religion has made/ is making/ can make to the common good in a pluralist society?

One of the most important contributions is the reproduction of empathy in society. The great commitment of church congregations in receiving refugees in Germany is a concrete expression of it.

2. What are your major fields of research that are connected to public theology / public religion?

The public role of religion in pluralistic societies, publically discussed political themes with ethical background dimensions such as social justice, ecological reorientation of the global economy, overcoming violence, bioethics at the beginning and at the end of life.

3. What aspects are important to you about the intersection between public theology / public religion and education?

“Bilinguality”, that is a theological profile accompanied by a language of public discourse which makes theological findings plausible or the wider public. An appropriate relationship between theological ethical fundamental commitments and an open discourse on the best ways to put them into practice.

4. Which of your recent publications would you recommend as pre-conference reading for participants of the Nuremberg Forum?

Public Theology and Politics in: *International Journal of Public Theology* 6 (2012), 237-291
Poverty, Wealth and Ecology. A Theological Perspective, in: L. Hansen/N. Koopman/R. Vosloo (eds.), *Living Theology. Essays presented to Dirk J. Smit on his sixtieth birthday*, Stellenbosch 2011, 585-600



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