

Responses to *Fratelli Tutti* from different religious traditions

9th International Bioethics, Multiculturalism and Religion Workshop

METHODOLOGY

Speakers from each of the traditions will write a 10-page paper before the event due 1 month before the workshop so that other speakers will have time to read each other's paper before the workshop. See paper guideline below.

The language of the workshop is English. Participants of the workshop include:

- a) Experts from the various religions who have written and submitted the papers. They are expected to have read the other papers before attending the workshop. During each workshop session, they will give a 30-minute summary of their papers followed by an ample period of conversation, discussion, clarification, and questions from other authors.
- b) Academics interested in the workshop may also participate in the sessions, after approval by the organizing committee (send requests to agarcia@unescochair.org). They can raise questions only after the group above has completed its discussions.

At the end of the workshop, speakers may decide to fine-tune their papers, which eventually will be published in the form of a book.

Paper guidelines

Recognized thought leaders from diverse religions and cultures will be invited to analyze, write a paper and discuss about these bioethical questions and their anthropological implications:

1. using their religious and/or cultural authoritative texts and belief sources
2. organized around the workshop's leading questions
3. if applicable, within the global bioethics paradigm of human rights and duties, articulated by the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (1948) and the UNESCO Declaration on Bioethics and Human Rights (2005).
4. engaging questions concerning potential bridge concepts as well as 'problematic' dissimilarities with suggestions on how they might be managed to keep the conversation focused with the aim of fostering convergence and cooperation

Some leading questions on the paper and discussion:

- 1) From your tradition, what are the areas of agreements and disagreement with the analysis of the current situation of the world in *Fratelli Tutti*?
- 2) In what way is the call for openness, fraternity, and dialogue compatible with your religious traditions, and what are the obstacles to them.
- 3) Chapter 8 speaks of the possible roles of religion in this task of human fraternity. How would your tradition respond to these proposals?