

# The Will to Serve: Inspiring Models of Servant Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship

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Invitation to an international academic conference

Inspiring social and economic leaders are able to transform a conflictual human settlement into a collaborative and caring human community. Can we induce from their 'way of doing things' a model of civic entrepreneurship and leadership that can inspire people in profit, non-profit and public organizations? To what extent is the will to serve compatible with the will to maximize profit or the will to gain economic, political or religious power? Do different spiritual traditions create different models and examples of servant leadership? This conference is part of the *Damien project* of the European SPES Institute, a research project that focuses on Spirituality in Action through servant leadership and social entrepreneurship. It also connects to the research into leadership at the Institute of Leadership and Social Ethics.

## Place and Date

The conference will take place in the Leuven Center for Christian Studies, Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, St. Jansbergsesteenweg 97 3001 Leuven, Belgium on May 24 (Thursday) and 25 (Friday). On May 26 (Saturday), the conference will be hosted at Damiaan Vandaag, Sint-Antoniusberg 5, 3000 Leuven, Belgium.

## Keynote speakers



Patrick Nullens, *The Will to Serve as a Spiritual and Anthropological Foundation for Leadership*  
President of the Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, Leuven; co-founder of ILSE.



Laszlo Zsolnai, *Serving Future Generations*  
President of the European SPES Institute and Director of the Business Ethics Center, Corvinus University, Budapest



Inge Nuyten, *Servant Leadership: Current Theory and Practice*  
Researcher on servant-leadership at the Erasmus University Rotterdam; co-founder of Redpoint Company



Bart Weetjens, *How to Become a Social Entrepreneur?*  
Ashoka fellow, social entrepreneur and Zen priest



Sharda Nandram, *An Integrative Paradigm for Social Entrepreneurship*  
Associate Professor at Nyenrode Business University; co-founder of Praan Solutions



Richard J. Major, *Business, servant leadership and virtue ethics. The practice of managerial exemplarity*  
Groupe IGS, Paris; Exemplarity consulting



Johan Verstraeten, *Father Damien as an Icon of Servant Leadership and Social Entrepreneurship*  
Prof. moral theology, KU Leuven



Chris Doude van Troostwijk, *Albert Schweitzer's Philosophy of the Will to Serve*  
Luxembourg School of Religion & Society and Free University of Amsterdam

## Organization and sponsoring

The conference is co-organized by the European SPES Institute ([eurospes.org](http://eurospes.org)), the Institute of Leadership and Social Ethics ([etf-ilse.org](http://etf-ilse.org)) and the Damien Center Leuven ([damiaanvandaag.be](http://damiaanvandaag.be)) and sponsored by the Goldschmeding Foundation ([goldschmedingfoundation.org](http://goldschmedingfoundation.org))

## Participation Fee

225 Euros for regular participants; 200 Euros for paper presenters; 125 Euros for students; 90 Euros for one-day participants; 45 Euros for participants on Saturday morning.  
Conference dinner: 65 Euros.

## Accommodation

Unfortunately all rooms at the Conference venue of ETF are already fully booked. There are, however, many opportunities to book lodging in Leuven, for example via [booking.com](http://booking.com).

## Registration

Registration is via ILSE's [website](http://website) or directly through this [link](http://link).  
For more information, please contact the conference coordinator, Cees Tulp, at [cees.tulp@etf.edu](mailto:cees.tulp@etf.edu).