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The cohort of 40+ international students started on June 15. Lee McCoy, GMU's Registrar, states, "We have students from three continents, men and women, ranging in age from 20s to 60s! A very diverse group!" Half of the students in the new cohort of the Religion and Science program are receiving financial support from GMU Board of Trustees members. These new students are located in Africa and India and have important pastoral roles in their countries. The GMU Kenyan Fund is also providing

scholarships for students.

The Harmony Foundation in Kenya is funding scholarships for several Muslim students in the Religion and Science program and is also supporting the participation of Professor Reginald Nalugala of Tangaza University as a member of the GMU delegation at the Parliament of the World's Religions.

Father Augustine Pamplany of the Science and Religion Institute in India will also join GMU at the Parliament of Religions.

Religion and Science Program is Open to US Students until September 1, 2021

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2023 Parliament of the World's Religions



The [program](#) at the 2023 [Parliament of the World's Religions](#) brings together faith and religious leaders, academics, industry experts, institutions and grassroots organizers committed to interfaith dialogue and action.

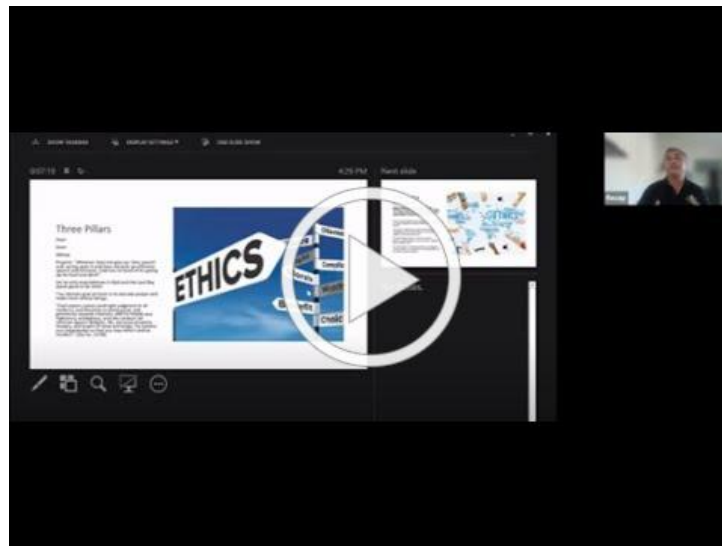
GMU will chair a panel presentation on "[Interfaith and Multicultural Perspectives on Religion and Science: Global Climate Crisis](#)" on August 14 from 5:30 - 7 PM in Room E253a as part of the Science and Religion track. President Grudzen and Marita Grudzen will be joined by Dr. Reginald Nalugala, of Tangaza University, Kenya, and Fr. Augustine Pamplany, Director of the [Institute of Science and Religion](#) in Kerala, India.

GMU will also co-sponsor [Booth 306 Level 3](#) with [Harmony Institute of Kenya](#) during the Parliament highlighting the online university's commitment to interfaith dialogue, equality, diversity, and inclusion.

President Grudzen will host a dinner in Chicago on August 13 for GMU board members, faculty, students, and supporters who are attending the PoWR. Please let us know if you are going to the PoWR and would like to join the dinner.

Join GMU at the Parliament of the World's Religions in Chicago.

Hans Kung and the Global Ethic



President Gerald Grudzen hosted a Zoom interfaith event on **Wednesday, June 21, 2023, at 4 PM Pacific Time** recognizing the contribution of Hans Kung to the Global Ethic movement of the Parliament of the World's Religions.

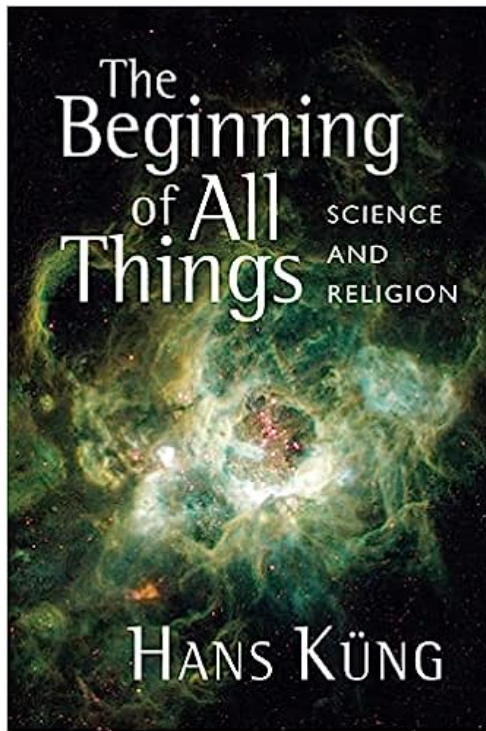
Kung played a key role in the restarting of the Parliament in 1993 and GMU will have a delegation of 12 at the upcoming Parliament in August of 2023.

Pacifica Institute in California promoted the event with GMU. Doctor Recep Dogan, an Islamic theologian, was a member of a panel along with Doctor Sterling Harwood, GMU faculty member and author of books on ethics. Doctor Harwood and President Grudzen met with Hans Kung at a week-long

seminar on global ethical issues at [Santa Clara University in 2005](#).

The presentation was free and open to all. You can view it here or on the [GMU YouTube Channel](#).

Hans Kung and *The Beginning of All Things: Science and Religion*



As a follow-up to the June 21 presentation and as a lead-up to the Parliament of the World's Religions, President Grudzen will be offering a second presentation on Hans Kung on **Wednesday, July 26, 2023, at 4 PM PDST on Zoom**. The focus will be on Kung's consideration of the compatibility of religion and science. Kung wrote the book for the 2004 Parliament of the World's Religions in Barcelona, Spain.

Once again, the event is free and open to all but you must register to receive instructions on how to join the Zoom meeting.

[Register for the July 26 Presentation on Hans Kung and Religion and Science.](#)

Access the book for free on the [Internet Archive, Free Public Library](#)

Background articles:

[Liberal theologian makes peace with science](#)

[Hans Küng, celebrated and controversial Swiss theologian, has died](#)

[Read Present's Grudzen's paper](#) on the connection between Ecology and Ethics as developed by the Parliament of World Religions with its Declaration of a Global Ethic. The paper also includes reflections on the role of Pope Francis' environmental encyclical letter, Laudato Si.



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President Grudzen's presentation on Religion and Science has been accepted by the International Council for Open and Distance Education (ICDE) for its conference in Costa Rica in November 2023.

Peace Studies



Dr. Sudarshan Kapoor, Professor Emeritus of Social Work Education & Peace Studies at CSU Fresno, CA, will conduct a 4-week series on "Mahatma Gandhi and Building a Just Peace" on Zoom beginning **Monday, October 2, 2023**, to coincide with Mahatma Gandhi's Birthday and the International Day of Non-Violence. The cost is \$100 for the entire series plus \$25 application fee. You can also join individual Zoom sessions for \$25 each. [Learn more.](#)

"Life is not a contest or a conquest. It is a struggle and a quest to find the best in each and every one of us."

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President Gerald Grudzen will interview Dr. Kapoor in September 2023. Stay tuned for updates.

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~Judy Clarence, M.L.I.S., GMU Librarian

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