Wednesday, 16 July 2008, 20:00-21:30
Sint-Michielskerk, Peace Church, Leuven,
Book Launch

**Globalization and Environmental Challenges**

About the book: **Globalization and Environmental Challenges** pose new security dangers and concerns. In this book 92 authors assess the global reconceptualization of security triggered by the end of the Cold War, globalization and global environmental change in the early 21st century. 75 chapters address the theoretical, philosophical, ethical and religious and spatial context of security; discuss the relationship between security, peace, development and environment; review the reconceptualization of security in philosophy, international law, economics and political science and for the political, military, economic, social and environmental security dimension and the adaptation of the institutional security concepts of the UN, EU and NATO; analyze the reconceptualization of regional security and draw conclusions for future research and action.


**Moderator and the Speakers**

**Hans Günter Brauch**, PD (Adj. Prof.) at the Free University of Berlin, chairman of AFES-PRESS, fellow at UNU-EHS in Bonn and editor of this series; he publishes on security and environment issues.

**Úrsula Oswald Spring**, Professor at National University, Mexico; UNU-EHS chair on social vulnerability; she writes on sustainability, development, gender, disaster, poverty and collaborates with peasants.

**Kevin Clements**, Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and Foundation Director of the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland, Australia.

**Naresh Dadhich**, Professor of Political Science at the University of Rajasthan, Jaipur, since October 2006 he is Vice Chancellor of Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University at Kota (Rajasthan).

**Frederik Arends**, teacher of Latin and ancient Greek; Ph.D. from Leiden University (1988); member of the International Plato Society; publishes on ancient Greek political philosophy.

**Jacob Emmanuel Mabe**, Dr.Dr., since 2004 associate professor for philosophy at the Technical University Berlin and visiting scholar at the French centre of the free University Berlin.
Time Schedule

20.00-20.10  Kevin Clements: Introduction and moderation


20.25-20.40  Ursula Oswald Spring. Oriental and indigenous thinking on Peace in Latin America

20.40-20.55  Naresh Dadhich: Thinking on Security in Hinduism

20.55-21.10  Frederik Arends; From Homer to Hobbes and Beyond - Aspects of Security in the European Tradition


21.25-21.30  Kevin Clements: Conclusions:

Biographies of the Speakers

Kevin P Clements (New Zealand): is Professor of Peace and Conflict Studies and Foundation Director of the Australian Centre for Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of Queensland, Australia. He was Secretary General of International Alert (1999-2003) when he was on the Board of the European Centre for Conflict Prevention and past President of the European Peace Building Liaison Office in Brussels. From 1994-2000 he was the Vernon and Minnie Lynch Chair of Conflict Resolution at the Institute for Conflict Analysis and Resolution at George Mason University (Virginia, USA) he directed from 1994-1999. Prior he was director of the Quaker United Nations Office in Geneva, head of the Peace Research Centre at the Australian National University in Canberra, a senior lecturer in Sociology and Co-ordinator of Peace Studies at Canterbury University, Christchurch New Zealand, lecturer in Sociology at Hong Kong University, and a post doctoral fellow at Oxford University. His career has been a combination of academic analysis and practice in the areas of peace-building and conflict transformation. He has been an advisor to the New Zealand, Australian, British, Swedish and Dutch governments on conflict prevention, peace, defence and security issues. He was a member of the New Zealand Government’s Defence Committee of Enquiry in 1985. From 1994-1998 he was President of the International Peace Research Association (IPRA), and from 1995-2000 he was President of the IPRA Foundation and from 1995-2000 he was Secretary General of the Asia Pacific Peace Research Association (APPRA). He has been a consultant to non governmental and intergovernmental organizations on disarmament, arms control, conflict resolution, development and regional security issues. He has written or edited 6 books and over 150 chapters and articles on conflict transformation, peace-building, preventive diplomacy and development.

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Sint-Michielskerk, Leuven is a baroque church. It was established during the years 1650-1671. The Sint-Michielskerk, Leuven was established by Father William of Hesius. The Sint-Michielskerk in Leuven was constructed in white sandstone and dark brown ferrous.

The Sint-Michielskerk, Leuven was built as a monastery originally but it was converted to a parish church in the year 1778. Gradually it became a parish church. However, the Sint-Michielskerk, Leuven suffered a lot of damage in the year 1944 from World War II. The damage was in the western part of the building. There are a number of art treasures that beautified the interior of the church. There are 2 paintings of Erasmus Quellin and a rococo pulpit within the church. All these are famous collectibles of the Sint-Michielskerk, Leuven. The rococo pulpit came from St. Goedele in Brussels and was built from 1765 to 1767.