

WHAT TO LOOK  
FORWARD TO IN 2020  
AT  
ST AUGUSTINE  
COLLEGE



**LEADERS IN ETHICAL EDUCATION**

**FOUR DISTINGUISHED  
CATHOLIC  
PROFESSORS**

Professor Jan JANS

Prof Fr Grégory WOIMBEE

Prof Fr Bryan MASSINGALE

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**CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT**

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**THE "TRINITY"**





## Prof Jan JANS

# Short Course | Foundations of Ethics

During the St Augustine Autumn School, to be held between 30 March and 3 April, Prof Jan JANS will, once again, be presenting a short course on 'Foundations of Ethics'.

The course provides an overview of the nature of ethics and of important approaches to ethics, notably the analytical approach, the phenomenological approach, virtue ethics, natural law ethics and ethics based on human nature.

### WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN HUMAN ACTS AND MORAL VIRTUE?

### WHAT IS THE PRESENT STATE OF MORAL PHILOSOPHY?

Some of the central questions that will be examined include: What does it mean to be human? What is the good life? Is there a human nature? What is the relationship between human acts and moral virtue? What is the approach of utilitarianism / emotivism to morality? What is Kant's moral teaching? What is the present state of moral philosophy?

The course will also examine the nature of moral norms/rules and their application to particular circumstances (i.e. the so-called 'situation ethics').

## ABOUT PROF JANS

Prof JANS, a regular visitor to St Augustine, is an internationally renowned ethicist who is currently the Secretary of the Research Ethics and Data Management Committee in the School of Humanities at the University of Tilburg, Netherlands.

A Belgian by birth, Prof JANS studied theology at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven. After obtaining the degree of Doctor in Sacred Theology (STD/PhD) in 1990, he was from 1991 until 2005 assistant professor of moral theology at Tilburg Faculty of Theology (the Netherlands), and since 2006 associate professor of ethics at Tilburg University, School of Humanities. From 1993 until 2007, he lectured at 'Bovendonk' (Dutch seminary for late vocations) and from 1994 until 2003 he was professor at the 'Theology for Ministry Summer Institute' of the American College at Leuven.

Since 2001/2002 Prof JANS has been a visiting professor at St Augustine. When in South Africa, he is often invited to deliver lectures at other local universities. Apart from his annual visits to South Africa, Prof JANS regularly delivers lectures and courses at universities around the world.



## Prof Fr Grégory WOIMBEE

### Short Course | Catholic Social Thought

Between 30 March and 3 April, St Augustine will welcome, for the first time, Prof Fr Grégory WOIMBEE, who will present a short course on 'Catholic Social Thought'.

Often referred to as the Church's 'best kept secret', Catholic Social Thought is a central element of our Christian faith; it is linked to the spiritual and mystical destination of human existence, and is based on the divine universal plan of salvation, the beauty and goodness of all creation, the gift of life and the absolute dignity of the human person.

The course aims to outline how the care for others is not only a Gospel imperative, but also a *modus operandi* for building a society and bonding people together (inside a family, inside a workplace, inside a country, between states and all kind of communities).

Catholic social thought has developed directly through 'the battlefield of life' and the human historical consciousness as innovative solutions; it has to be taken as a tool for times and spaces we live in today as a renewed path of hope. As a resource from a long intellectual and religious tradition, this course does not only want to inform, it seeks to inspire.

There is no need to be a theologian, even a Christian, to be interested by it and to take theoretical and practical benefit of it. *Ex corde Ecclesiae*, it is for all, serving our common concern for a life together and a life for each other, and building a common ground for listening and action, for conversation and conversion.

**CATHOLIC SOCIAL THOUGHT IS A  
CENTRAL ELEMENT OF OUR  
CHRISTIAN FAITH**

## ABOUT PROF WOIMBEE

Prof Fr WOIMBEE is a French diocesan priest. After a period as Archpriest of the St John Cathedral of Perpignan (2009-2015), he was appointed Vice-Rector of the Catholic University of Toulouse (Ecclesiastical Faculties, Research and International Relations).

Prof Fr WOIMBEE holds a PhD in History (Paris Sorbonne), a STD (Gregorian University Rome) and a JCL (Catholic University of Toulouse); he is a former postdoctoral fellow of Boston College, and is currently Ordinarius Professor of Theology. His fields of research are in systematics and apologetics (Faith and reason, culture, theology of politics, migrations, social credibility of the Church).

Prof Fr WOIMBEE is also an executive member of the International Federation of Catholic Universities (IFCU).





## Prof Fr Bryan MASSINGALE

### Short Course | Human Sexuality

During the St Augustine Winter School, 29 June to 3 July, Prof Fr Bryan MASSINGALE will present a short course on human sexuality.

The purpose of the course is to develop a deeper understanding of human sexuality, both as a biological and cultural reality. The course will explore the links between human sexuality and human dignity and proceed to explore how these are affected by the reality of gender relations as well as HIV and AIDS.

Finally, there will be an attempt to draw out critical issues in sexuality education that not only affirm human dignity, but also encourage self-care.

**EXPLORE THE LINKS BETWEEN  
HUMAN SEXUALITY AND HUMAN  
DIGNITY**

Prof Fr MASSINGALE is a noted authority on issues of social and racial justice and is an active participant in a network of Catholic thought leaders striving for fuller inclusion of LGBT persons in society and the faith community.

**DEVELOP A DEEPER  
UNDERSTANDING OF HUMAN  
SEXUALITY, BOTH  
AS A BIOLOGICAL AND CULTURAL  
REALITY**

Apart from receiving four honorary doctorates, Prof Fr MASSINGALE's efforts have been recognised through the award of numerous prizes. Most recently, in 2017 he received the Pope John XXIII Award from the Association of US Catholic Priests 'for his tireless efforts to create a world where the dignity of each person is respected and protected.'

## ABOUT PROF MASSINGALE

No stranger to South Africa, Prof Fr MASSINGALE is an American diocesan priest. He is the James and Nancy Buckman Professor of Theological and Social Ethics at Fordham University in New York. Prior to his appointment at Fordham, he was Professor of Theology at Marquette University.

Prof Fr MASSINGALE is a leader in the field of theological ethics. He is a past Convener of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium and a former president of the Catholic Theological Society of America.

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Society of Christian Ethics and serves on the editorial board of Theological Studies, one of the premier Catholic journals of theology. He has also served on the editorial boards of the Journal of Moral Theology and the Journal of the Society of Christian Ethics.

He is a current member and past coordinator of the North American Regional Committee of the 'Catholic Theological Ethics in the World Church' project.



## Prof Fr Nicholas LOMBARDO OP

### Short Course | the "Trinity"

Also during the Winter School, Prof Fr Nicholas LOMBARDO OP, will present a short course on the 'Trinity'. The aim of the course is to provide a comprehensive overview of the distinctiveness of the Christian understanding of God.

Participants will explore how the doctrine of the Trinity developed out of the Jewish concept of God and was then elaborated upon in order to protect the Christian understanding in the broader cultural milieu of the Mediterranean area and beyond.

Participants will also be introduced to how theologians have worked on the doctrine to deal with new issues; the current resurgence in Trinitarian theology will also be examined.

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## ABOUT PROF LOMBARDO OP

Prof Fr LOMBARDO, a Dominican priest, is an Associate Professor of Historical and Systematic Theology at the Catholic University of America (CUA). He received his PhD from the University of Cambridge in 2010 and joined CUA in the fall of 2011. He has spent time as a visiting fellow at the University of Fribourg (2010-11) and Durham University (2014), and has taught as a visiting professor at Peking University (2016-17) and the Chinese University of Hong Kong (2019).

Prof Fr LOMBARDO's research has addressed topics such as Thomas Aquinas's philosophy and theology of the emotions; theology of redemption; creation, evolution, and human origins; theological anthropology; and boredom and modern culture.

