Consultancy for an inter-faith textbook project on integral ecology

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Location: Anywhere
Category: Consultancy
Fee: 1190 GBP
Estimated number of days: 12 days

In June 2022, the Laudato Si’ Research Institute, Campion Hall, University of Oxford, and the Research Programme on Religious Communities and Sustainable Development, Faculty of Theology, Humboldt University Berlin, received a grant from the Oxford Berlin partnership scheme to organize a workshop on Christian-Muslim dialogue on ecology and socio-environmental justice. One of the major outcomes of the workshop has been the decision to collaborate towards a textbook on ecology from an inter-religious perspective. The textbook will include: 1) a thematic part, which would explore common theological themes like ‘ecological conversion’, ‘plenitude or fullness of life’, ‘unity of all creation’, ‘moderation’ or ‘virtues’; 2) an empirical part, which would explore how these themes are lived out by faith communities in practice, and the relationship between theological reflection and socio-ecological action.

A consultant is needed to undertake preparatory work for this textbook. The work consists of four parts:

1. To produce a literature review of existing teaching material and resources in English on ecology from an inter-religious perspective, including online and print resources (approximately 7,000 words).
2. To produce an overview of inter-faith courses in English on ecology worldwide, and courses within the different branches of the Christian and Muslim traditions (approximately 4,000 words).
3. To draft a concept note on the basis of the literature review, outlining the major themes and questions the textbook is to address (approximately 3,000 words) To identify relevant contributors/chapter authors for the textbook to a maximum of 20.

Deadline for the report, consisting of the above four parts: 15th January 2023.

Background of the consultant
Masters or PhD level in Theology, Religious Studies, or related fields with a strong ecological focus.
Preference will be given to someone undertaking doctoral studies in Berlin or Oxford.

Application deadline: 30th September 2022

To apply, please send a cover letter and a CV to Juliane Stork at: juliane.stork@hu-berlin.de