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Religion, Ethics and Politics - God and the Use of Power...

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***Would Jesus run for parliament or lead a protest?
Religion and State – abuse of power or Kingdom of Heaven?
Religion – means of liberation or oppression?
Can a small group of people change the world?
When do we stop talking the talk and start walking the walk?***

If you feel that it is a political action to be both Christian and a student - this conference is for you! By viewing today's society through various theological and political lenses, we will be able to explore our relationship to God and power. We will discuss contemporary issues in both Europe and in the world, such as religion and state, ethics and politics, liberation theology, migration and gender to understand the relationship between Power, Religion and Political Society. Creating community, brainstorming and playing together will give us the opportunity to explore our views, cultures and borders and grow into action for a more Just future. Berlin, a city entrenched in history, will give an interesting backdrop to the visible and invisible marks of the interplay of politics, theology and social justice.

We invite you to come to Berlin, with your passion, your questions and your enthusiasm to change the world!

The theme will be addressed through

- Lectures
 - o Experts and participants will provide insight into the intricacies of Power, Religion, and Ethics and lead discussions, concrete brainstorming and question-answer sessions.
 - o The wide variety of cultures, denominations, and faith perspectives will be represented to give a broad overview to the topic from multiple angles.
- Group and Panel Discussions
 - o Hearing from participants from around the world and within Europe will provide inspiration for working back home as well as create a fertile space for lively exchanges.
- Workshops
 - o Will give the opportunity for participants to use their own expertise and build leadership skills by learning from each other.
 - o Provide a chance to engage creatively with the topic and enhance insight into various sub-themes.
- Excursions
 - o A chance to explore the richness of the capital of Germany and the exciting culture of Berlin.

- Evening Activities
 - A refreshing chance to continue dialogue through the hours.
- What else?
 - Friends for life and a life-transforming journey with WSCF-E!

Organizers:

The World Student Christian Federation (WSCF) is an ecumenical student organization founded in 1895. It has regional offices on six continents; the headquarters of the Europe region is located in Budapest. Today, the Europe region has 26 member movements across the continent. WSCF is committed to dialogue, ecumenism, social justice and peace, providing a forum of Christian witness and ecumenical dialogue for students. We strive towards unity in diversity across the boundaries of denomination, nation, culture and gender. WSCF Europe activities include ecumenical and leadership training, as well as training in different interest areas such as theology, gender, culture and higher education, and solidarity.

Evangelische StudentInnengemeinde in der Bundesrepublik Deutschland (ESG), the German Student Christian Movement will host the event.

Participants:

We expect about 45 people to join together as students, ecumenical guests and representatives of other faith-based organizations from across Europe. We encourage each movement to send two participants (or more upon invitation). If you are interested in this conference, or have any questions, please write for more information to berlin.theology@googlemail.com.