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**Call for Papers for a book publication on:**

# **Church, Freedom and Responsibility**

## **Devolved governance in Kenya: example for Africa?**

Commemorating 40 years of the first pilgrimage of St John Paul II to Kenya.

### **About the publication**

Tangaza University College, School of Theology (Kenya) in collaboration with The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin (Poland) and The Centre for the Thought of John Paul II (Poland) is planning a publication titled *Church, Freedom and Responsibility Devolved governance in Kenya: example for Africa?* that will commemorate 40 years of the first pilgrimage of St. John Paul II to Kenya (in 1980). During his visit St. Pope John Paul II raised several issues related to justice, social teaching of the Church and human dignity. The constitutional reforms that created a devolved government in Kenya in 2010 were in many ways a reflection of Pope John Paul II social teaching throughout his pontificate. The publication aims to evaluate the Kenyan devolution reforms 10 years after, as well as discuss theology of freedom and responsibility that was a paramount theme of St. John Paul II message. While putting together the legacy of the four Apostolic Visits to Kenya, the publication intends to commemorate the first visit of St. John Paul II in Kenya. It will also emphasize the responsible governance that played an important role in the Popes' teaching with a focus on the devolved government system as established in Kenya in 2010. This theme was at the core of John Paul II teaching. Africa as a continent is still struggling with the colonial legacy that left several countries with inefficient governance models. Kenya, unlike other countries in the region, introduced brave constitutional reforms in 2010 that created regional governments (devolved government) alongside the national government. The idea of devolved government proves to be the best way to increase efficiency in governance and helps implement the principles of justice, rule of law and human rights. Since it is 10 years of Constitutional reforms that introduced the devolved government, the publication will look at the achievements and challenges related to devolved governance in Kenya and worldwide. The conference also intends to discuss the teaching of John Paul II around freedom and responsibility that relates to self-governance.

**Prospective contributors are invited to submit their contributions in one of the following themes:**

**Theme One**

Person and responsibility in the teaching of John Paul II regarding (on) Africa

**Theme Two**

History of the Church in Kenya from the perspective of building citizen participation and responsibility for the local community

**Theme three**

Africa and devolution, democracy and responsibility in governance: a historical and contemporary perspective

**Theme Four**

Devolution, citizen participation and power-sharing model in Kenya in the context of the Catholic Social Teaching

**Submission process**

Academics, PHD students, practitioners, and all interested parties from a field of Theology, Philosophy, Social Sciences, Governance, Law and Economy are invited to submit chapters that will be a part of the publication. The prospective contributors are requested to submit abstracts first, that will be peer-reviewed and selected for final publication.

**Language of the publication**

English

**Important Dates**

30.05.2020 – Abstracts submission deadline

7.06.2020 – Approval of proposals

31.08.2020 – Chapters submission for peer-review and edition

30.10.2020 – Final chapter submission

**Instructions for Submission of abstracts**

Authors are requested to submit a soft copy of their abstracts on or before 30. 05 .2020. The abstracts should be between 250-400 words. In addition to abstracts, each author is requested to submit a short CV and bibliography (max 10 publications).

**Please submit your abstracts to: Marzena Zielonka, email: [editor.zielonka@gmail.com](mailto:editor.zielonka@gmail.com)**