

*1. What do you consider to be the most important contribution that your religion has made/is making/ can make to the common good in a pluralist society?*

In terms of theology of economic and political life in a national and global setting, Catholic Social Teaching (CST) has been immensely influential in Catholic communities and beyond. At the very heart of its principles is the concept of the common good. The CST and its emphasis on the common good have significantly shaped the political and economic aspects of the theologies of public life of Catholics and other Christians. The idea of the common good or the good society has been discussed widely among Christian communities.



*2. What are your major fields of research that are connected to public theology / public religion?*

Liberation theologies, political theology, eco-theology, political sciences, social ethics, cultural studies, education, and civil societies. See my publication, *Theology in the Public Sphere* (SCM, 2011).

*3. What aspects are important to you about the intersection between public theology / public religion and education?*

The public relevance of scriptural wisdom; the provision of scriptural wisdom for Christian engagement in public life and education; and the vital role of praxis in doing public theology and education.

*4. Which of your recent publications would you recommend as pre-conference reading for participants of the Nuremberg Forum?*

*Theology in the Public Sphere* (SCM, 2011) and *In Search of Identity: Debates on Religious Conversion in India* (OUP, 2005). Please see also the articles in the *International Journal of Public Theology*.