

Laudation by Chrys Kiyala

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Sehr geehrte Gäste, geschätzte Kollegen, Preisträger, meine Damen und Herren, Guten Morgen

It is my great honour to participate in this grandiose event of the 3rd International Science prize that lauds outstanding works of scholars globally on the Theme: "Impacts of Wars and Global Environmental Change and Climate Change on Food Insecurity, Hunger and Migration" — an Award of the Third International Science Prize 2025 of the HGBS.

We find ourselves in a tipping point of human history post the Industrial Revolution, beginning in the 18th century, during which we saw a large-scale fossil fuel use that is contributing to anthropogenic climate along with increased carbon dioxide emissions and the resurgence of vile wars in Africa, in Europe and conflagration of the Middle East where Israel unleashed assault on Gaza is a clear demonstration of humans' brutality on other humans and their natural environment. While science is crystal clear that human activities continue the cause global warming, at the same time, we are confronted with climate change denialism orchestrated by a capitalist mindset that prioritised economic profits at the expense of humanity's well-being, biodiversity and ecosystems' survival.

The event we celebrate today contrasts and opposes that mindset and makes our voice lauder in the fight to keep global temperature below 1°C of the Holocene; that is consistency with sustainable development goals 13-16 in favour of environmental protection. This calls for human's conscientious and responsible stewardship of our planet, the Earth; it echoes the vision of the Holy Father Pope Francis in Laudato Si Encyclical letter on "CARE FOR OUR COMMON HOME". We will have no peace, and no life if we destroy this home that houses humanity, biodiversity and ecosystems.

Congratulations to all the six laureates of the 2025 and 3rd ISP for Peace and ecology, particularly the two science prizes winners, notably Dr. Angela Jill Lederach, who is being honoured for her book, *Feel the Grass Grow: Ecologies of Slow Peace*, and to Dr. Matthew G. Gillett, who is award-winner for his monograph, entitled *Prosecution of Environmental Harm before the International Criminal Court*, published by Cambridge University Press in 2022.

Finally, we commend all The HGBF for P&E in the Anthropocene, all the jurors of the 2015 ISP, all stakeholders who have so eloquently demonstrated our collective yearning for integrity of creation (one of the four-characteristic dimensions of the "Steiner Missionare" [Divine Word Missionaries]).

Congratulations to Dr Hans and our host here and today.

Merci beaucoup

Thank you so very Much

Danke schön"