



**Ecumenical School on
Governance, Economics and Management for an Economy of
Life (GEM School)
18-29 August 2025, Seoul, South Korea (TBC)**

Provisional Programme

18 August, Monday	Aim: to introduce and learn from participants' regional contexts, individual backgrounds and socio-economic concerns; and to present basic elements of the New International Financial and Economic Architecture (NIFEA) process and expectations from GEM School
08h30-09h00	Opening worship
09h00-10h30	Panel presentation and discussion: Introduction to the NIFEA process, GEM School, and project expectations
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Plenary presentation and discussion: Regional contexts, competencies and transformative expectations of participants
12h30-14h00	Lunch break
14h00-15h30	Plenary presentation and discussion: Regional contexts, competencies and transformative expectations of participants
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h30	Plenary presentation and discussion: Regional contexts, competencies and transformative expectations of participants
19 August, Tuesday	Aim: to develop the relationship between theology and economics; and to provide a critical understanding of economics, markets and international trade and finance
08h45-09h00	Morning devotion
09h00-10h30	Bible study: Biblical understandings of economics
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Keynotes: Inequality – Bridging Economics and Theology



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12h30-14h00	Lunch
14h00-16h00	Lecture and discussion: (A critical) introduction to economics, markets, international trade and finance
16h00-16h30	Break
16h30-17h30	Group discussion or exercise: Impacts of inequality
20 August, Wednesday	Aim: to explore alternative schools of economic thought
08h45-09h00	Morning devotion
09h00-10h30	Bible study: Eco-feminist economics
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Panel and discussion: An introduction to ecological economics and feminist economics
12h30-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h30	Group discussion or exercise: Eco-feminist analyses and approaches
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h30	Group exercise and plenary presentation: Identifying possible project themes
21 August, Thursday	Aim: to build an understanding of the workings and impacts of global capitalism, neo-liberalism and economic globalisation; and to present the NIFEA process
08h45-09h00	Morning devotion
09h00-10h30	Bible study: Labour, capital and technology
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Lecture and discussion: An introduction to international finance, tax and debt
12h30-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h30	Panel presentation and discussion: Ecumenical Action Plan on a New International Financial and Economic Architecture (NIFEA)



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15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h30	Group discussion or exercise: Sharing project ideas
22 August, Friday	Aim: to identify cornerstones of financial and economic transformation and entry points for advocacy
08h45-09h00	Morning devotion
09h00-10h30	Bible study: Economy of Life: Jubilee and ZacTax
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Panel presentation and discussion: Global economic governance for justice, democracy, and sustainability
12h30-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h30	Panel presentation and discussion: Debt and tax justice
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-18h00	Group exercise: Advocacy tools for economic justice
23 August, Saturday	Aim: to develop strategic projects for an Economy of Life
08h45-09h00	Morning devotion
09h00-10h30	Group exercise: Project development
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Group exercise: Project development
12h30-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h30	Group exercise: Project development (including strategy plan and budget)
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h30	Group exercise: Project development (including strategy plan and budget)
24 August, Sunday	Rest day
25 August, Monday	Aim: to share and present projects for an Economy of Life
08h45-09h00	Morning devotion



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09h00-10h30	Group exercise: Project finalisation
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Group exercise: Project finalisation
12h30-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h30	Plenary presentation and discussion: GEM School 2025 projects
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h30	Plenary presentation and discussion: GEM School 2025 projects
17h30-18h30	Break
18h30-21h00	“Graduation” ceremony and dinner
26 August, Tuesday	Aim: to evaluate GEM School 2025 and draw up recommendations for further improvement and follow-up
10h45-11h00	Morning devotion
11h00-11h30	Individual evaluation of GEM School 2025
11h30-12h30	Plenary discussion: Conclusions and follow up to GEM School 2025
27 August, Wednesday	Aim: to engage in an ecumenical consultation on the 4 th Industrial Revolution (4IR) and to lay out the theological grounds for churches’ engagement in, mission and witness for economic justice in the context of 4IR
08h30-09h00	Opening worship
09h00-09h30	Orientation and introductions
09h30-10h30	Opening panel: Reflections on “Economic justice in a time of 4IR”
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Panel presentation and discussion: Interfaith perspectives on “Economic justice in a time of 4IR”
12h30-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h30	Panel presentation and discussion: The 4IR and the world of work – case studies and lived experiences
15h30-16h00	Break



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16h00-17h30	Panel presentation and discussion: The 4IR and global finance – case studies and lived experiences
28 August, Thursday	Aim: to get acquainted with and to learn from the socio-economic context of the hosting country and the work of hosting churches for economic justice (with a focus on the 4IR)
09h00-17h00	Immersion programme
29 August, Friday	Aim: to engage in an ecumenical consultation on the 4IR
09h00-10h30	Panel presentation and discussion: Equity, democracy and sustainability in the 4IR and the role of churches
10h30-11h00	Break
11h00-12h30	Group discussion and work: Advocacy plan for equity, democracy and sustainability in the 4IR
12h30-14h00	Lunch
14h00-15h30	Presentation and plenary discussion: Advocacy plan for equity, democracy and sustainability in the 4IR
15h30-16h00	Break
16h00-17h30	Presentation and plenary discussion: Draft theological communique on equity, democracy and sustainability in the 4IR
17h30-18h00	Closing worship



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