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**The Process of Maturing:
Human Childhood and Adulthood in a Theological Perspective**

Prague, 2-5 September 2021

In Cooperation with Carmelite Monastery Hradčany and Jabok College

THURSDAY 2 SEPTEMBER

16.00 - 16.45 Registration and coffee (Pavel Pola, Lenka Filová, Hana Benešová)

17.00 Opening session: Welcome, introduction of the participants,

17.00 Ivana Noble: Introduction

17.30-19.00 SESSION I: MOVING BETWEEN CHILDHOOD TO ADULTHOOD IN THE ABRAHAMIC RELIGIONS (Tim Noble moderates)

LECTURE 1 "When Israel was a child..." Childhood and Adulthood in the Jewish Tradition: Aspects and Considerations (Aleš Weiss)

LECTURE 2 Childhood and Adulthood: Christian Scriptural and Patristic Images (Václav Ježek)

LECTURE 3 The Transition between Childhood and Adulthood in the legal, the ritual and the mystical tradition of Islam (Amina Nawaz and Mujadad Zaman)

19.30 Prayer in the chapel (Pavel Pola)

FRIDAY 3 SEPTEMBER

8.00 - 8.45 Fortna opens, possibility of a coffee

9.00 Prayer (Jana Hoffmanová)

9.30 - 11.00 SESSION II: THEOLOGICAL REFLECTIONS ON THE PHYSICAL AND THE SYMBOLIC REALITY OF CHILDHOOD (Ivana Noble moderates)

LECTURE 4 The Physical and the Symbolic Reality of Human Birth in Christian Liturgical Tradition (Olga Lossky)

LECTURE 5: The Impact of Disability: Theological Reflections (Petre Maican) online

LECTURE 6: The Impact of Abuse: Theological Reflections (Marek Drábek - Petr Jandejsek (to speak about social and sexual abuse)

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 12.30 SESSION III: BEING YOUNG (Pavol Bargár moderates)

LECTURE 7: Theological Impact of the Youth Movements in the 20th Century Theology (Viorel Coman)

LECTURE 8: Theology of, for, and with Youth Today (František Štěch)

12.30 Lunch together at Fortna

14.00 – 15.00 SESSION IV: MATURITY: THE EXISTENTIAL AND THE ONTOLOGICAL DISCOURSES
IN A CONVERSATION (Katerina Kočandrlé Bauer moderates)

LECTURE 9: Friendship and Its Formative Role: A Theological Reflection (Athanasios Papathanasiou)

LECTURE 10: Maturity as Emancipation of the Subject and the Question of Freedom during the Covid Pandemic (Michael Kirwan and Tim Noble)

15.00 Coffee break

15.30 - 17.00 SMALL GROUPS I (each speaker - 20 min +10 min discussion)

A – Michaela Kusnieriková moderates

- Motherhood as a way towards maturity
Barbora Šmejdivá and Hana Benešová
- Spiritual and ethical aspects of encountering death and dying in the experiences of people from helping professions at the height of the Covid crisis
Daniela Brůhová

B – Pieter De Vitte moderates

- Human, all too Human. Should we ask “what would Jesus do” after reading the Infancy Gospel of Thomas?
David Cielontko
- Human nature: fixed or open for development?
Felipe Dittrich
- Active or passive freedom?
Matej Kováčik

SATURDAY 4 SEPTEMBER

8.00 - 8.45 Fortna opens, possibility of a coffee

9.00 Morning prayer (Kateřina: Jesus Prayer)

9.30 – 13.00 Growing up in the City: A Theological Study Trip (František Štěch, Daniela Brůhová, Maťo Kováčik, Felipe Dittrich and Pavel Pola)

13.00 Reflection on the Walk in the City

14.00 lunch together at Fortna

15.00-16.00 SESSION IV: MATURITY AND PARENTHOOD (Petr Jandejsek moderates)

LECTURE 11: Maturity and Fruitfulness in 21st Century Religious Culture (Pavol Bargár)

LECTURE 12: Physical and Spiritual Parenthood: A Theological Reflection (Kateřina Kočandrlé Bauer)

16.30 – 17.15 Panel conversation organised by Katerina Kočandrlé Bauer (Athanasios Papathanasiou, Pavel Pola, Pieter De Vitte, Tabita Landová, Ivana Noble)

17.15 Coffee break

17.45 – 19.15 SMALL GROUPS II (each speaker - 20 min +10 min discussion)

A- Viorel Coman moderates

- The Brotherhood of the Cross. Educating Youth within Legionary Movement in Romania
Bogdan Hulea
- Human growth and forgiveness
Marieke Maes
- Confession of sins and its role in spiritual maturation of the individual.
Jana Hofmanová

B- Athanasios Papathanasiou moderates

- "Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves" (Proverbs 31, 8-9). Child friendly churches according to World Council of Churches. Safe space for children
Martina Kopecká
- Growth in Compassion. The Enlightened Educational Dream of a Brave New Criminal Justice System
Pieter De Witte
- Dark Night as a Way to Spiritual Maturity: The Case of Thérèse of Lisieux
Pavel Pola

C - ONLINE: František Štěch moderates

- Becoming self. The Role of Activity in "Self" understanding
Gilija Žukauskienė
- "The Issue of Children's Salvation: Comparing Views Held by Catholics and Baptists".
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SUNDAY 5 SEPTEMBER

9.00 Liturgy with the Fortna community

10.15 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 SESSION V: THE END AND THE NEW BEGINNING (ONLINE) (Zdenko Širka moderates)

LECTURE 13: Illness and Death: A Theological Reflection (Ian Randall)

LECTURE 14: By Such Order and Rhythms: Growth into Maturity in Christ (John Behr)

12.00-13.00 BOOK PRESENTATION: Pavel Hošek moderates, Ivana Noble, Zdenko Širka and others followed by a final discussion (moderated by Ivana Noble)

13.00 Lunch together at Fortna