

University Centre of Excellence: Theological Anthropology in Ecumenical Perspective

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International Scientific Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Conference

Anthropology of Hope

Fortna

Sunday 28 – Wednesday 31 May 2023

How do we keep going in hard situations, personal, social, ecclesial, political? And in what direction should we go? How do we sustain a sense of meaning, of life-giving bonds with others, a sense of truth and of an inner peace, of duty and responsibility? Where do we search for inspiration and where do we recharge our energy? The conference will explore the theme of hope from the perspective of theological anthropology. It will investigate how narratives of hope were framed and successfully shared in past crises, where they have been helpful in the times of Covid, of war, or in the deepening ecological crisis. It will ask what role in the communication of hope is ascribed to transformative processes and what to the desired destinations. It will also consider in which sense hope represents a danger to dominant ideologies, and where abuse of hope has been taking place in the past and today. The main programme of the conference will also include short paper sessions in the sections (see call for papers), and a guided pilgrimage through the Jewish Town.

MAIN PROGRAMME

Sunday 28 May

16:00 – 16:45 Arrivals and Registration

17:00 Ecumenical Liturgy for Pentecost in Fortna (Ivana presiding, and someone else preaching)

18:00 Introduction to Theme: Why Hope as Theological Anthropological Category?

(Ivana, Kateřina, Tim)

19:00 Evening Meal Fortna

Monday 29 May

9:00 Morning Prayer

9:30 – 11:00 Anthropology of Hope amid the crisis of the Twenty-First Century

Pantelis Kalaizidis: War and Hope: An Orthodox Theological Reading

Peter DeMey: The Clerical Abuse Crisis during the Pontificate of Pope Francis: How can the Church contribute to restoring Hope and Human Dignity with the Victims?

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30 Hope and Discernment

Robert Svatoň: Hope and Ignatian Discernment

Myriam Wiljens: Hope and Discernment - Current WCC Document

12:35 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 Short Papers I

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee

16:30 – 18:00 Hope and Memory

Sara Gehlin: Hope and Imagination: Theological Aspirations for Overcoming Violence

Petr Jandejsek: From Dangerous Memory to Dangerous Hope

Free Evening

Tuesday 30 May

9:00 Morning Prayer

9:30 – 10:30 Hope and Truth

Aristotle Papanikolaou: Hope and Truth-Telling

Respondents: Gregory Ryan, Pavol Bargár

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee

11:00 – 12:30 Short Papers II

13:00 Lunch

14:00 Departure to Jewish Quarter

A pilgrimage organised by František Štěch and his colleague followed by a round table.

Free Evening

Wednesday 31 May

9:00 Morning Prayer

9:30 – 11:00 **Hope for the Earth**

Anne Marie Reijnen: Hope for the Earth: Ecological Anthropology

Viorel Coman: Personalism that Involves the Nature in the Romanian Thought of the Twentieth Century

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee

11:30 – 12:30 Final Discussion (Moderates Ivana)

12:45 Lunch

Papers in the sections will contribute to the following areas:

The short papers should address one of the following themes:

- Sources and inspirations of thinking about hope in anthropology (theological, philosophical, spiritual, cultural)
- The quest for hope in hopeless situations: examples and analysis (political and contextual theology and existential examples)
- How to make hope real? Reflections and analysis focussed on successful educational programmes, pastoral activities and spiritual practices