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Ecumenical Institute

Ecumenical Institute in cooperation with the Institute of Ecumenical Studies Prague kindly invites all colleagues, students, and the larger public to the theological seminar

Jesus in an interreligious perspective

April 28-29, 2023, start on Friday at 5 pm. in Large Lecture Hall, 1st floor (Černá 9, Praha 1)

The figure of Jesus is central to the Christian understanding of God. Other religious traditions, especially the Abrahamic ones, whose voices the seminary wants to make space for, also relate to him and interpret his meaning in different ways. We start from the premise that mutually enriching understanding occurs in conversation with people and texts. On the central theme of Christian faith, the seminar aims to open up possibilities for encounter and dialogue with theologians coming from different religious traditions.

Keynote speakers:

- Prof. Martien Brinkman, Professor (ret.) of Ecumenical/Intercultural Theology, Vrije Universiteit, the Netherlands
- Prof. Lejla Demiri, Chair of Islamic Doctrine, Center for Islamic Theology, University of Tübingen, Germany
- Dr. Marcie Lenk, Lecturer in patristics, Jewish and Christian texts, Jerusalem, Israel

The seminar will be held mainly in English, some papers will be available in Czech translation. Saturday's parallel workshops will also be in Czech.

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Program:

Friday 28 April

- 17.00 opening, introduction of the topic: **Petr Jandejsek, Mikuláš Vymětal**
welcome of the main guests: **Marcie Lenk, Lejla Demiri, Martien Brinkman**
- 17.30 **Martien Brinkman**: "Where is Jesus at home?" (online lecture)
- 18.10 responses to the lecture by **Lejla Demiri** and **Marcie Lenk**
- 18.30 discussion
- 19.15 multireligious moment of spiritual reflection: chaired by **Jana Hofmanová**, the student chaplain
- 20.00 dinner in the style of "bring and share"

Saturday 29 April

- 9.00 morning spiritual reflection
- 9.10 **Marcie Lenk**: "Embrace and Disgrace: Israeli Jews' Ambivalence to the Figure of Jesus"
- 9.50 discussion
- 10.10 **Lejla Demiri**: "Jesus: Saint and Prophet of Islam"
- 10.50 discussion
- 11.10 tea/coffee break
- 11.30 scriptural reasoning: **Lejla Demiri, Marcie Lenk, and Pavol Bargár**
- 12.30 lunch
- 13.30 parallel workshops: first round
- 14.30 tea/coffee break
- 15.00 parallel workshops: second round

Parallel workshops: **Lejla Demiri**: Islamic reading of Jesus (in English), **Marcie Lenk**: Talmudic Legends of Jesus (in English), **Mikuláš Vymětal**: Jesus in Israeli Art (in Czech), **Lukáš Klíma**: David Flusser's concept of Jesus (in Czech)

16.00 final reflections

16.30 closing of the seminar