

Programme

Friday, 8th November

17:00	Arrivals and Registration
18:00	Evening Meal
19:00	Greetings and Opening
19:30	Introductions
20:00	Keynote address: Prof. Larentzakis
21:30-late	Reception ("talks, wine and cheese")

Saturday, 9th November

08:00	Morning Prayer
08:30	Breakfast
09:15	Keynote address: Prof. Noble
10:45	Coffee Break
11:00	1 st Parallel Papers
12:15	Lunch
14:30	2 nd Parallel Papers
15:30	Coffee Break
15:45	3 rd Parallel Papers
16:45	Coffee Break
17:00	Free time / Reflection time
18:00	Evening Meal
19:30	ERF Meeting
21:00-late	Reception ("talks, wine and cheese")

Sunday 10th November

08:00	Breakfast
09:00	Walk to Church together
10:00	Church service and discussion
11:30	Ecumenical News
12:00	Lunch followed by Departure

Further information at: www.aofef-erf.org

See you soon in Hamburg,

Claudia Hoffmann (Switzerland)

Joshua T. Searle (Ukraine)

Florian Tuder (Austria)

Irena Zeltner-Pavlovic (Germany)

Ecumenical Research Forum

The Ecumenical Research Forum (ERF) was founded 1988 in Germany as the Arbeitsgemeinschaft Ökumenische Forschung (AÖF). It is an open forum for all engaged in academic ecumenical research. The ERF aims at facilitating encounter and exchange of ideas and information over current research projects relating to ecumenism, missiological studies and challenges the churches are facing in the contemporary world. Since 2000 ERF has been a member of the Societas Oecumenica, the European association for ecumenical research. ERF's main activities are the Annual Meetings, which are organised by an international continuation committee. Participation in the Annual Meetings is open to all interested in exchanging ideas, discussing research projects and networking.

Prof. Konrad Raiser, one of the co-founders of ERF, has described the meetings as "place of refuelling" for the ecumenically minded.

Previously, papers delivered at the Annual Meetings have often been collected and published.

The latest AÖF-ERF publication is: Asmus, Sören / Mähling, Patrik / Paschen, Simon / Strümpfel, Annegreth / Tuder, Florian (Ed.): *Lernen für das Leben. Perspektiven ökumenischen Lernens und ökumenischer Bildung* (BÖR 88), Frankfurt am Main 2010.

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A Forum for Ecumenical and Academic Exchange

Special 25th Anniversary Meeting

THEME:

'The Contribution of Ecumenism to Theological Education'

8th-10th November 2013

Academy of Mission at the University of Hamburg

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The Contribution of Ecumenism to Theological Education

With keynote addresses from:

Prof. DDr. Grigorios Larentzakis (Graz/Chania)
Prof. Dr. Ivana Noble (Prague)

This conference has arisen out of the concern that the emergence of two distinct spheres of 'academic theology' and 'the faith community' has become a major impediment to the mission of the church in the world today. Addressing this rift, we can begin to ask the following specific questions in relation to the ecumenical contribution to theological education:

- How can theological education contribute to the formation of a holistic and integrated ecumenical consciousness that will promote unity in a way that goes beyond formal agreements at ecumenical consultations?

- Which theological models will open up our theological discourse and facilitate genuine ecumenical encounters between those from different church traditions?

- How can ecumenical education be applied to facilitate the emergence of authentic grass-roots ecumenical initiatives?

- What practical steps can we take, as students and teachers, to facilitate genuine ecumenical formation – both within our seminaries and universities and within our own denominations and traditions?

- How can ecumenical approaches to theological education enable us to witness authentically, not only to those outside of our particular church traditions, but also to those who have no connection with the church?

Keynote Speakers

Prof. Dr. Grigorios Larentzakis (*Greek Orthodox*) taught theology for over 40 years at several faculties in Austria. He was the initiator of the 'Graz Process' and is considered to be one of the leading experts on theological education in ecumenical contexts throughout Europe.

Prof. Dr. Ivana Noble (*Hussite*) is an Associate Professor at the Ecumenical Institute of the Protestant Theological Faculty in Charles University and a Senior Research Fellow at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague and a Priest in the Hussite Church. She has been engaged in ecumenical theology since her studies at the WCC Ecumenical Institute in Bossey, Switzerland, in 1989. She served as President of *Societas Oecumenica*, and is author of several books and articles on ecumenical theology.

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The participants have a chance to present and discuss their research projects in small groups.

Papers do not need to relate to the main theme of the meeting. Presenting in a small group can be especially beneficial for those who are in the first phases of their doctoral research. You do not need to have final definitive results of your research to present!

The emphasis in the paper sessions is on the discussion. These sessions will be conducted both in English and in German. Translation is provided, if needed. You can also participate without giving a presentation.

The Annual Meeting also offers the possibility of discussing the main theme in smaller groups, to share information about coming events of interest and discuss the future work of ERF. Please bring with you flyers, posters and other information you would like to share!

In addition to the academic programme we will have the opportunity to pray together, to meet informally during the evenings and to make an excursion to a local church.

Location

Academy of Mission at the University of Hamburg,
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www.missionsakademie.de

Registration

You can register online at www.aoef-erf.org

The participant fee is 60 € (student fee: 40 €), including all accommodation and meals.