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specialisation :

relation of theology and culture, intercultural theology,
theological anthropology, misiology, interfaith relations



Education and qualification

- 2024: habilitation
- 2009–2011: St Edmund's College, The University of Cambridge (M.St. in Jewish-Christian relations)
- 2005–2009: Protestant Theological Faculty, Charles University, Prague (Ph.D., thesis: "Myths of Modern People")
- 2000–2005: Evangelical Lutheran Theological Faculty, Comenius University, Bratislava (Master's degree [Mgr.] in Evangelical Lutheran Theology)

Long-term study and research stays abroad

- 2013: Global Ecumenical Theological Institute (GETI) of the World Council of Churches, Seoul and Busan, South Korea (student participant)
- 2013: Summer Tutorial Program, Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL (research program)
- 2007–2008: Karls Universität, Heidelberg (2 semesters; Erasmus)

Grants and projects

- Research grant project "The Misuse of Religion in Post-Communist Countries and Building Resilience" (2022-2025); team member (projekt leader: Prof. PhDr. Tomáš Halík, Th.D.)
- Research project supported by the John Templeton Foundation no. 61385 "Faith and Beliefs of 'Nonbelievers'" (2019–2024); core team member, project manager (project leader: Prof. Tomáš Halík)
- Research project, Charles University Research Center program no. 204052 "Theological Anthropology in Ecumenical Perspective" (2018–2023); team member (project leader: Prof. Ivana Noble)
- Research project supported by the Czech Science Foundation no. 17-00987S "Transformations of Tradition: Implications for Contemporary Ecumenical Theology" (2017–2019); team member (project leader: Dr Zdenko Š Širka)
- Research project supported by the John Templeton Foundation no. 58599 "The Future of Religious Faith from Central Eastern European Perspective" (2017); core team member, Slovak research team coordinator (project leader: Prof. Tomáš Halík)
- Research project supported by the Czech Science Foundation no. P401/14-22950P "Myth as a Means of Expression of Narrative Theology" (2014–2016); project leader

Membership in professional societies

- International Association for Mission Studies
- Central and Eastern European Association for Mission Studies

Membership in journal editorial boards

- Acta Missiologiae
- Acta Missiologica
- Dingir
- Exchange
- Křesťanská revue
- Revue Společnosti křesťanů a Židů

Service in professional societies and organizations

- Central and Eastern European Association for Mission Studies, vice-president
- International Council of Christians and Jews, second vice-president (2017–2021), executive board member (2014–2017, 2021–2024)
- Společnost křesťanů a Židů, executive board member

Other activities

- 2018–: Ph.D. program supervisor, Oxford Centre for Mission Studies (accredited by Middlesex University)
- 2017: Global Ecumenical Theological Institute – Europe (GETI'17), organization committee and faculty member
- 2011–2013: M.Th. in Missiology, tutor in a MA program in theology (accredited by the University of South Africa)
- Peer-reviewer for various journals and publishers
- Evangelical Church of Czech Brethren, lay preacher

Select Bibliography

Publishing and other professional activities registered in [database OBD](#) .

Full bibliography [here](#) .

Books:

- Pavol Bargár. *Embodied Existence: Our Common Life in God*. Eugene, OR: Cascade Books, 2023. Pp. 182. ISBN: 978-1-6667-4408-8.
- Pavol Bargár. *Narrative, Myth, Transformation: Reflecting Theologically on Contemporary Culture*. Jihlava: Mlýn, 2016. Pp. 196. ISBN 9-788086-498607

Edited volumes:

- Pavol Bargár, ed. *The Bible, Christianity, and Culture: Essays in Honor of Professor Petr Pokorný*. Prague: Karolinum Press, 2023. Pp. 375. ISBN: 978-80-246-5407-2.
- Zuzana Jurechová and Pavol Bargár, eds. *Crisis Situations in the Czecho-Slovak Context after 1989*. Prague: CECMS 2011, ISBN 978-80-903986-5-8.
- Zuzana Jurechová a Pavol Bargár, eds. *Krizové situace v česko-slovenském kontextu po roce 1989*. Praha: SCMS 2011, ISBN 978-80-903986-4-1.

Peer-reviewed articles and chapters:

- "Nigerian Initiated Pentecostal/Charismatic Churches in the Czech Republic: Active Missionary Force or a Cultural Ghetto?," *Exchange – Journal of Contemporary Christianities in Context* 43, no. 1 (2014): 48–67. Reprint: in Martha Frederiks and Dorottya Nagy (eds.), *Religion, Migration, and Identity: Methodological and Theological Explorations* (Leiden and Boston, MA: Brill, 2016), 79–96.
- "Mission in New Contexts: Post-Communist Europe in Dialogue with Together towards Life," *The Ecumenical Review* 66, no. 1 (March 2014): 72–81.
- "Niebuhr's Typology Reconsidered: Reading Christ and Culture through the Lenses of the Praxis Matrix," *Communio Viatorum* 56, no. 3 (2014): 294–316.
- "'Blessed Are You Who Are Poor:' The Poor in Together towards Life, The Cape Town Commitment, and Evangelii Gaudium," *International Review of Mission* 104, no. 2 (November 2015): 242–254.
- "Mission in the Czech Republic: An Ecumenical Perspective," In Corneliu Constantineanu, Marcel V. Măcelaru, Anne-Marie Kool, and Mihai Himcinschi (eds.), *Mission in Central and Eastern Europe: Realities, Perspectives, Trends* (Oxford: Regnum Books International, 2016), 270–291.
- "The Current Discourse on Refugees in Europe in Light of the Sacred: A Czech Case. A Cultural Sociological Approach in Dialogue with a Missiological Perspective," *Acta Missiologiae* 5 (2017): 15–24.
- "Pondering 'The Mission of the Orthodox Church in Today's World:' A Protestant Missiological Reflection," *International Review of Mission* 106, no. 2 (December 2017): 389–399.
- "'Break On Through To The Other Side:' The Symbols of Creation and Resurrection/Salvation in Jim Morrison. Theological Explorations," *Testimonia Theologica* 11, no. 2 (2017): 136–148.
- "Narrativity as a Locus Hermeneuticus for Ecumenical Theology: Culture, Koinonia and Transformation," *Transformation* 35, no. 1 (2018): 30–43.
- "David Bowie's and David Ford's Ideas on Salvation," *Communio Viatorum* 59, no. 3 (2017): 329–348.
- "Church, Society, and Earth in The Church and Together towards Life: A Reflection from a Post-communist Context," *The Ecumenical Review* 70, no. 3 (2018): 443–454.

- "Ekonomika života: Ekumenický koncept zo stredoeurópskej perspektívy," *Teologická reflexe* 24, no. 2 (2018): 189–202.
- "The Reformation from the Perspective of World Christianity," *AUC Theologica* 8, no. 2 (2018): 67–89.
- "'I Felt It... It Was Perfect:' Apollo, Dionysus, Christ, and Black Swan," *Communio Viatorum* 60, no. 3 (2018): 313–333.
- "The Role of the Imagination in Theology," In *Poetry and Theology*, ed. Maroš Nicák (Jihlava: Mlýn, 2018), 213–229.
- "Mission amidst Ideologies: Ideology and Hegemony in The Cape Town Commitment, Together towards Life, Evangelii Gaudium, and Mission of the Orthodox Church in Today's World," *Exchange – Journal of Contemporary Christianities in Context* 48, no. 2 (2019): 85–104.
- "Destructive Pursuits of Holiness in Darren Aronofsky's *Mother!*," *Acta Missiologica* 13, no. 1 (2019): 70–76.
- "Christian Identity in a Pluralistic Society: Culture, Power, Witness," In *Identitäre Versuchungen: Identitätsverhandlungen zwischen Emanzipation und Herrschaft*, ed. Judith Gruber, Sebastian Pittl, Stefan Silber, and Christian Tauchner, *Concordia Reihe Monographien – Band 73* (Aachen: Verlag Mainz, 2019), 265–274.
- "Learning about Spirituality Together with 'Seekers:' Reading Together towards Life in the Czech Postsecular Context," *International Review of Mission* 108, no. 2 (2019): 326–336.
- "Človek na ceste za Pravdou: teologická antropológia Milana Balabána," *Teologická reflexe* 25, no. 1 (2019): 58–72.
- "'Together Towards a Banquet:' The Feast as Promise and Resistance in Together towards Life and Contemporary Theological Discourse," *International Review of Mission* 109, no. 1 (May 2020): 99–111.
- "Relating to Others: The Coronavirus, the Imagined Body, and Enfleshment," *Communio Viatorum* 62, no. 1 (2020): 46–66.
- "The Modern, the Postmodern, and... the Metamodern? Reflections on a Transforming Sensibility from the Perspective of Theological Anthropology," *Transformation* 38, no. 1 (2021): 3–15.
- (together with Pavel Hošek) "Lidé žijící v příbězích," In *Kdo je člověk? Teologická antropologie ekumenicky*, ed. Ivana Noble a Zdenko Širka (Praha: Karolinum, 2021), 71–88.
- "The Phenomenon of 'F-Word Pseudoreligion' as a Challenge in Mission in Central and Eastern Europe," *Acta Missiologica* 9 (2021): 37–50.
- "'Imagine!': Culture, Theology, and the Power of Imagination," *Communio Viatorum* 63, no. 2 (2021): 164–77.
- "Toward Comm/unity amid Brokenness: Christian Mission as (a Pursuit of) Relational Anthropology," *International Review of Mission* 110, no. 2 (Nov 2021): 231–45.
- "Pursuing Shalom in the City: A Theological Reflection on the Beautiful and the Good in Urban Settings," *Acta Missiologica* 16, no. 1 (May 2022): 236–49.
- "Christian Mission and Communism: A Protestant Perspective from Former Czechoslovakia." In *The Oxford Handbook of Mission Studies*, ed. Kirsteen Kim, Knud Jørgensen, and Alison Fitchett-Climenhaga (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2022), 365–82.
- "And Beauty Will Make You Free: On the Transformative Power of Beauty." *AUC Theologica* 12, no. 2 (2022): 41–56.
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