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Ivana Noble is Professor of Ecumenical Theology at the Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University in Prague, where she is currently Director of the Ecumenical Institute. She is a priest in the Czechoslovak Hussite Church and a former president of Societas Oecumenica. For five years, she was in charge of a research project investigating Orthodox Theology in the West, and currently she leads Charles University Centre of Excellence on Theological Anthropology in Ecumenical Perspective. She has the following research interest: Ecumenical Theology, Orthodox Theology and Spirituality, Theological Anthropology, Christian Spirituality, Hermeneutics, Phenomenology, Poststructuralism, Theology and Culture, Theology and the Arts.

- Head of the Ecumenical Institute
- Head of the Commission for the Doctoral Studies Practical Theology, Ecumenical Theology and Theological Ethics
- Member of the faculty and of the university Scientific Councils

Studies and Qualifications

- 2014 - Professor in Ecumenical Theology: Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University.
- 2005 - Habilitation in Systematic Theology: Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University in Prague. (Habilitation work: *Theology as an Interpretation of Religious Experience*).
- 1992–99 - PhD in Systematic Theology: Heythrop College, University of London. (Thesis: *Accounts of Hope: a Problem of Method in Postmodern Apologia*. Supervisor: Dr. F.J. Laishley SJ).

- 1989–91 - Master's in Theology (with distinction): Hussite Theological Faculty of Charles University in Prague. (Master's dissertation: *The Relationship between Natural and Revealed Theology in Paul Tillich* – in Czech).
- 1988–89 - Certificate in Ecumenical Theology: The Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches in Bossey, Switzerland
- 1986–88 - Bachelor's in Theology: Jan Hus Czechoslovak Theological Faculty in Prague. (Bachelor's dissertation: *Christian Church Relations with the Jews during World War II* – in Czech).

Employment in Academic Institutions

- Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University in Prague, 1999-present, currently Professor, Director of the Ecumenical Institute.
- International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague (Senior Research Fellow, part-time, 2004–14).
- Institute of Ecumenical Studies in Prague, director, 1995–2001.
- Hussite Theological Faculty of Charles University in Prague, lecturer, 1993–94.

Awards and Fellowships

- Selected among winners of The Competition of High Quality Monographs of Charles University, Prague, 2016 with a book NOBLE, Ivana, NOBLE, Tim, BAUEROVÁ, Kateřina, and PARUSHEV, Parush. *Wrestling with the Mind of the Fathers*. (Yonkers, NY: St Vladimir's Seminary Press, 2015).
- Selected among winners of The Competition of High Quality Monographs of Charles University, Prague, 2012 with a book: Noble, Ivana. *Theological Interpretation of Culture in Post-Communist Context: Central and East European Search for Roots*. (Farnham: Ashgate, 2010).
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Visiting Research Fellow, 2008, three months.
- International Baptist Theological Study Centre Amsterdam, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam, Senior Research Fellow, 2014-present.

Main Research Projects and Grants

- Charles University Centre of Excellency: Theological Anthropology in Ecumenical Perspective (UNCE n. 204052, a joined project of the Protestant and the Catholic faculties, 2018-2023), principal investigator.
- Charles University Grant: Theology as a Way of Interpreting History, Traditions and Contemporary Society (PROGRES Q01], 2017-, researcher
- EEA and Norway Grants: „The Churches' Response of Welcome to the Migrant Other“ (NF-CZ07-ICP-4-334-2016), 2016, researcher.
- Charles University Grant: Theology as a way of Interpreting History and Culture (PRVOUK P01], 2012-2016, researcher.
- Grant Agency of the Czech Republic: “Symbolic Mediation of Wholeness in Western Orthodoxy” (GAČR P401/11/1688), 2011 – 2015, principal investigator.
- Czech Ministry of Education: “The Hermeneutics of the Christian Tradition, in Particular its Czech and Protestant Forms, in the Cultural History of Europe” (MSM0021620802), 2005-2011.
- Grant Agency of the Czech Republic, “Relationship between Hermeneutics of Suspicion and the Apophatic Way” (GAČR 401/01/D118), 2000-2002, principal investigator.
- Fond of Development of Czech Universities, “Liturgy” (FRVŠ 1702/01, F5), 2000-2001, project director.

Postdoctoral Fellows, Supervision of PhD Students and Other Teaching Activities

- Garant of the International post-doctoral fellowship in Charles University in Prague: “Specific Forms of Theological Epistemology in Christian History”, Nevena Dimitrova, PhD., 2012 – 2014.
- 7 successful PhDs (supervised under Charles University, University of Wales and and the Vrije Universiteit of Amsterdam). One of my former students works as a Director of the Institute of Ecumenical Studies in Prague, three others teach in the field in the universities in Britain and Czech Republic.
- Currently I am the main supervisor of 7 PhDs and a co-supervisor of 2, from USA, Canada, Romania, Russia, Spain, Lithuania, Slovakia and Czech Republic
- List of courses recently taught at Charles University: Introduction to Theology; Hermeneutics of Scripture and Tradition; Theological Anthropology; Eschatology; Theological Interpretation of Culture; Symbol and Sacrament; Orthodox Theology of the 20th Century, Theology as an Interpretation of Religious Experience.
- Teaching abroad: VU Amsterdam, research doctoral seminar (annually – ten days); Erasmus exchanges (Belgium, Britain, Romania, Bulgaria)

Responsibilities, Commissions of Trust

- Evaluator of National accreditation commission in Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies, 2017-present.
- Academy of Finland: Research Council for Culture and Society, Member of a Commission for Theology and Religious Studies, 2017-present.

- Analogia: The Pentousia Journal for Theological Studies, member of the advisory board, 2017-present.
- Charles University, member of the evaluation commission for scientific programmes PRIMUS, PROGRES, UNCE, 2016-present.
- The Louvain Centre for Eastern and Oriental Christianity, Leuven, International Advisory Board member, 2015-present.
- Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO), Bruxelles, panel member of CULT 4: Theology and Religion Sciences, 2015-2020.
- French Institute for Research in Social Sciences (CEFRES), Prague, member of the Executive Committee, 2015-present.
- Member of University Scientific Councils, Charles University, Prague, 2006-present, University of South Bohemia, 2012-2016; Protestant Theological Faculty Scientific Council, 2006-present.
- Commission for the Development of Scientific Fields at Charles University, head of the section Philosophy – Theology – Law, 2012-present;
- Grant Agency of the Charles University, member of the evaluating commission for Philosophy – Theology – Law, 2002-08.
- Editorial Boards: *Communio Viatorum*, co-editor, 2001-present; *Acta Universitatis Carolinae Theologica*, 2011-present; *Církevní dějiny* [Church History], 2009-present; *Teologie a Společnost* [Theology and Society], 2003-06; *Getsemany*, 1991–99.
- External Examiner, Irish School of Ecumenics, 2006-08.
- Founding member and the first Vice-President of the Academic Senate of the Charles University, 1990-91.
- Founding member of the Academic Senate of the Hussite Theological Faculty of Charles University, 1990-91.

Membership of Scientific Societies

- Societas Oecumenica: European Academic Association for Ecumenical Theology 2001-present, President, 2006–2008; Member of Executive Committee and Main Organiser of the biennial meeting held in Prague in 2006, 2004–2006; Secretary 2002–2004.
- European Academy of Religion, 2017, 2019.
- Spiritual Directors Europe, 2006-2017.
- American Academy of Religion, 2003-04, 2016.
- “Stolní společnost” (“Table Society”), a European-funded interdisciplinary group of academics, diplomats, politicians, etc., meeting monthly to discuss European issues, a founding member, 2013-present.

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Books:

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- NOBLE, Ivana, ŠIRKA, Zdenko et al., *Kdo je člověk? Teologická antropologie ekumenicky.* {Who are People? Theological Anthropology Ecumenically} Praha: Karolinum, 2021, p. 344 [ISBN: 978-80-246-4779-1 (print)]
- NOBLE, Ivana. *Essays in Ecumenical Theology I: Aims, Methods, Themes, and Contexts.* Leiden – Boston: BRILL, 2019, viii + 286 pp. [ISBN: 978–90–04-38108-7]
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- NOBLE, Ivana, NOBLE, Tim, BAUEROVÁ, Kateřina a PARUSHEV, Parush. *Mnohohlas pravoslavné teologie ve 20. století na Západě* {The Many Voices of the the Century Orthodox Theology in the West}. Brno: CDK, 2015, p. 295. [ISBN: 978–80–7325-403-2].
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- NOBLE, Ivana. *Theological Interpretation of Culture in Post-Communist Context: Central and East European Search for Roots.* Farnham – Burlington: Ashgate, 2010, s. 220 [ISBN: 9781409400073 (hbk)].
- NOBLE, Ivana. *Tracking God: An Ecumenical Fundamental Theology.* Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2010, s. 261. [ISBN: 13: 978-1-60608-700-8].

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Main peer-reviewed articles and chapters:

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