

4th Biennial Conference for Research in Diaconia and Christian Social Practice Hidden Europe: The Challenge to Diaconia and Christian Social Practice

The Call for Papers

The organisers call for papers for the conference (Sept. 27-29, 2012 in Prague) which relate to the broad themes outlined in the invitation to the conference. The conference will be organised into a number of thematic 'channels' and participants may choose from these according to their interests.

Additional term for submitting paper proposals - by May 1st

The regular term for submitting paper proposals expires on March 31 (as given below). We thank to all who have sent their proposals so far.

The committee decided to offer an additional term for submitting proposals as there are still some time capacities available for presenting papers.

You can send your proposals as soon as possible - the end of April is the ultimate deadline. By May 1 the program of the conference will be finalized.

Proposed channels are:

- A Changing concepts of citizenship** and Diaconal responses — issues of compassion & justice
- B Hidden Europe** as a challenge to the theology of Diaconia
- C Impact of market concepts, competition and outsourcing** on Diaconal structures and methods as well as on understandings of the person and human dignity
- D Developing Christian social practice in Eastern Europe and the Balkan region**
- E International Diaconia**, including south — north and east — south relationships
- F Community, conviviality and Christian social practice** — methods for a diverse European space
- G Hidden Europe - elderly people** active aging, demographic change and diaconal responses
- H New critical understandings of Diaconia** emerging from critical Biblical and historical study

NOTE: Papers on other themes may also be submitted and the organisers will consider if they can be included in an 'open space' workshop.

Short Papers

There will also be a space for the presentation of short papers (max 10 minutes) on a wide range of topics from young researchers or from those just starting a research project.

Paper proposals: Those wishing to present a paper or a short paper should send their proposal (maximum 400 words) to Prof. Jindrich Halama (Email: halama@etf.cuni.cz) **by March 31, 2012.** Please, indicate which channel you would like to present it in.

Acceptance: The authors of papers and short papers will be informed about the acceptance of their paper by **April 30, 2012.**

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Submitting and presenting the papers

Full papers should be submitted electronically **by July 15, 2012**. The length of the papers should not exceed 5 000 words.

All the conference papers will be made accessible on-line for the participants before the conference. At the conference there will be 30 minutes for presenting each paper (15 min. presentation + 15 min. discussion).

Find more information about the conference on the conference web site:

<http://web.etf.cuni.cz/ETFENG-38.html>