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"FINDING RESILIENCE AND FAITH IN FRACTURED DEVELOPMENTS"

*HOW DO WE UNDERSTAND FRACTURED DEVELOPMENT, FRAGILITY AND
RESILIENCE IN RELATION TO THE UNDERSTANDING OF YOUTH, YOUTH MINISTRY
AND FAITH?*

PROGRAM

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| Wednesday 23rd April 2025 | DAY 1 | |
| 12:00-15:00 | Conference registration & Little refreshments Location: <i>Protestant Theological Faculty, Charles University, Černá 9, Prague 1, 1st floor</i> | |
| 15:00-15:15 | Welcoming / Introduction František Štěch (chair local committee), Jos de Kock (chair academic committee) | |
| 15:15-16:30 | Keynote Tabita Landová Trust, Play, and Peak Experiences: Building Youth Resilience in Fractured Times Chair: Jos de Kock Respondent: Helen Blier | |
| 16:30-16:45 | Short break (coffee & tea) | |
| | Parallel session 1 | Parallel session 2 |
| 16:45 – 17:45 | Michael Droege <i>Church as Secure Attachment Base in an Insecure World</i> Chair: Ronelle Sonnenberg Respondent: Daniel Puia-Dumitrescu | Berit Weigand Berg <i>Are We Church Enough?</i> Chair: Christian Noval Respondent: Sabrina Müller |
| 17:45-18:30 | Evening prayer Location: <i>Underground chapel Protestant Theological Faculty, Charles University, Černá 9, Prague 1</i> | |
| 18:30-19:30 | Dinner Location: <i>Protestant Theological Faculty, Charles University, Černá 9, Prague 1, 1st floor</i> | |
| | Free evening | |

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| Thursday 24th April 2025 | DAY 2 | |
| 8:30-9:00 | Morning prayer Location: Underground chapel <i>Protestant Theological Faculty, Charles University, Černá 9, Prague 1</i> | |
| | Parallel session 1 | Parallel session 2 |
| 9:00 – 10:00 | Shantelle Weber <i>The necessity of intergenerational dialogue on social justice within the South African church</i> Chair: Jos de Kock Respondent: Ronelle Sonnenberg | Andreas Bjørntvedt and Bård Hallesby Norheim <i>Having Children Intensifies Faith</i> Chair: Becca Dean Respondent: Scott Paget |
| 10:00-10:15 | Short break (coffee & tea) | |
| | Parallel session 1 | Parallel session 2 |
| 10:15-11:15 | Ron Becker <i>Emerging Childist Criticism and the Resilience of Youth</i> Chair: Amy Casteel Respondent: Anthony Mifsud | Jouko Porkka <i>Can non-binary youth find church connection?</i> Chair: Bert Roebben Respondent: Berit Weigand |
| 11:15-11:45 | Long break (coffee & tea) | |
| | Parallel session 1 | Parallel session 2 |
| 11:45-12:45 | Peter Frühmorgen <i>Youth Ministry and ‘People at the Margins’ – A decisive statement from Pastoral Theology</i> Chair: Berit Weigand Respondent: Bård Hallesby Norheim | Scott Paget <i>Overwhelmings, persistence and resistance: a geography of youth work</i> Chair: Jos de Kock Respondent: Monique van Dijk |
| 12:45-14:15 | Lunch break Location: <i>Protestant Theological Faculty, Charles University, Černá 9, Prague 1, 1st floor</i> | |
| 15:00-17:00 | Field Visit Centre for the Care of the Soul Daniela Brůhová, Pavel Pola, Veronika Matějková Location: <i>Campus Hybernská, Hybernská 4, Prague 1</i> | |

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| 18:00 – 19:00 | Guided tour to the Břevnov monastic Brewery of St. Adalbert Location: <i>Markétská 28/1, Prague 6 – Břevnov</i> |
| 19:30 – 22:00 | Common dinner served in the Strahov Monastery Brewery of St. Norbert in the neighborhood of the Prague castle Location: <i>Strahovské nádvoří 301, Prague 1</i> |

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| Friday 25. April 2025 | DAY 3 | |
| 8:30-9:00 | Morning prayer Location: Underground chapel <i>Protestant Theological Faculty, Charles University, Černá 9, Prague 1</i> | |
| 9:00-10:15 | Keynote Sabrina Müller On the Digital Road to Emmaus. Storytelling, Influencing and Discernment in Youth Ministry Chair: Becca Dean Respondent: Elizabeth Corrie | |
| 10:15-10:45 | Long break (coffee & tea) | |
| 10:45 – 12:15 | Plenary discussion with an introductory panel Digital Formation of Youth Panellists: Sabrina Müller, Bert Roebben, Jos de Kock, Helen Blier Chair: František Štěch | |
| 12:15-13:30 | Lunch break Location: <i>Protestant Theological Faculty, Charles University, Černá 9, Prague 1, 1st floor</i> | |
| 13:30-14:45 | Meeting of the research interest group Digital Formation of Youth (voluntary) | |
| 14:45-15:15 | Long break (coffee & tea) | |
| | Parallel Session 1 | Parallel Session 2 |
| 15:15-16:15 | JoAnn Long <i>Promoting Positive Mental Health Among Adolescents Through Theological Embodiment</i> Chair: Daniel Puia-Dumitrescu Respondent: Bert Roebben | Sean Smith <i>Throughout All Generations: Creating Generational Connections and Immersive Youth Ministry Environments to Foster Resilient Faith Amongst Generation Z</i> Chair: Christian Noval Respondent: Ron Becker |
| 16:15-16:30 | Short break (coffee & tea) | |

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| 16:30-17:45 | <p>Working/Reflective session Monique van Dijk</p> <p>The story of my life; narrating and integration the broken pieces</p> <p>Chair: Amy Casteel</p> |
| | <p>Free evening</p> <p>(exploring culinary secrets of Prague in spontaneous groups)</p> |

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| Saturday 26th April 2025 | DAY 4 | |
| 9:00-9:30 | Morning prayer Location: Underground chapel <i>Protestant Theological Faculty, Charles University, Černá 9, Prague 1</i> | |
| | Parallel session 1 | Parallel session 2 |
| 9:30-10:30 | Anthony Mifsud <i>'The doughnut model', a model of youth ministry for Catholic Action Youth Groups</i> Chair: Becca Dean Respondent: Patrik Höring | Laura Kallatsa <i>Transmission of Religions in the Interfaith Families in Finland</i> Chair: Amy Casteel Respondent: Jouko Porkka |
| 10:30-10:45 | Short break (coffee & tea) | |
| 10:45-11:45 | IASYM European Group meeting Berit Weigand Berg, Christian Noval, František Štěch | |
| 11:45-12:00 | Conference Closing Word František Štěch (chair local committee) | |