

Second Announcement

3rd European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health

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General Information

The 3rd European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health will focus on **spiritual care**. The keynote speakers approach the topic from their specific professional background, aiming to enhance the interdisciplinary dialogue between medicine, neuroscience and theology. The **Bern Lecture** is offered by Prof. Eckhard Frick, Professor for Spiritual Care at Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich. Symposia covering a broad

range of topics invite discussion. Free communications allow research groups to present their research projects either orally or as posters. The best presentation given by a young researcher will be honoured by the **Young Researchers Award**.

The conference aims to strengthen the network among researchers in the field and to promote scientific projects. A public lecture will be given by Prof. Traugott Roser.

Keynote Speakers & Main Topics

- Bonaguidi Franco, Dr. phil.
Institute of Clinical Physiology of the CNR, Pisa/Italy
Role of Religion in Patients undergoing Liver Transplantation
- Danbolt Lars, Dr. theol., Adj. Prof.
Norwegian School of Theology, Head of Center for Psychology of Religion, Oslo/Norway
Disasters, Ritual and Mental Health
- Furness Sheila, Senior Lecturer/MA
Social Work Programme Director, Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Bradford, UK
Impact and Significance of Religion and Belief in Social Work
- Frick Eckhard, Prof. Dr. med.
Professorship of Spiritual Care, University of Munich, Germany
Spiritual Care – How Does it Work?
- Granqvist Pehr, Assoc. Prof.
Department of Psychology, Stockholm University, Sweden
Attachment, Spirituality and Mental Health
- Hefti René, Dr. med., Lecturer
Medical Faculty, University of Bern, Switzerland
Cardiovascular Medicine and Spirituality – State of the Art and Consequences for Care?
- Koenig Harold, Prof. Dr. med.
Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC/USA
Spiritual Care in the United States - Research, Understanding and Practice
- McSherry Wilfred, Prof.
Faculty of Health, Staffordshire University, UK
Definition of Spirituality in the Context of Elderly Care
- Verhagen Peter, MD
Dutch Foundation for Psychiatry and Religion, Netherlands
Spiritual Care in Psychiatry-Future Perspectives
- Watts Fraser, Prof., Director
Psychology and Religion Research Group, Cambridge, UK
Cognitive Processes and Religion: A Two-Systems Approach

Public Lecture

- Roser Traugott, Prof. Dr. theol.
Professorship of Spiritual Care, Munich, Germany
Spiritual Care - Modewort, Trend oder echte Notwendigkeit? (in german language)

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Symposia Friday, May 18th; 14.00–15.30

Symposium for Nursing Professionals in German language (F1), Chair: Urs Ellenberger

- **Grundlage von Spiritualität in der Pflege aus der Sicht eines Pflegeexperten**, Stephan Wolf
- **Spiritualität in der Pflege – eine empirische Erhebung unter Pflegenden an 3 Schweizer Kliniken**, Christoph von Dach M.Sc.
- **Spirituelle pflegerische Interventionen in einer christlichen Klinik für Psychosomatik und Psychiatrie - Praktische Darstellung der spirituellen Begleitung anhand einer Fallstudie**, Riitta Bislimi, Pflegeexpertin

Assessment of Competency in Spiritual Care Provision (F2), Chair: Peter La Cour

- **Understanding the Need of Spiritual Care in Health Care Trainees**, Donia Baldacchino
- **Competences in Spiritual Care**, Josephine Attard

Spiritual Needs (F3), Chair: Arndt Büssing

- **Spiritual Needs: Concepts and Findings in Patients with Chronic Pain Conditions and Cancer**, Arndt Büssing
- **Spiritual Needs of Patients in Psychiatry and Psychotherapy and their Utilization of Spirituality/Religiosity to Cope**, Franz Reiser
- **Spiritual Needs of Elderly in Retirement Homes and their Associations with Quality of Life**, Nora-Beata Erichsen

Spirituality: Definitions and Concepts in Historical and Philosoph. Perspective (F4), Chair: Kevin Ladd

- **Historical Background on the Concept of Spirituality - from Origins in Classical Theology to Contemporary Thought**, Niels Christian Hvidt
- **Spirituality between Conventional Religiosity and Secular-Existential Concern**, Herman Westerwink

Symposia Saturday, May 19th; 14.00–15.30

Spiritual Care in Psychiatry (S1), Chair: Eckhard Frick

- **An Evidence-Based Overview on Spirituality Research in Psychiatry**, Raphael Bonelli
- **God's Image, Attachment's Figures and Psychosis**, Philippe Huguelet
- **Addressing the Spiritual Needs of Patients with Chronic Psychiatric Disorders**, Sylvia Mohr

Spirituality: Definitions and Concepts in Empirical Data (S2, will take place 13.00 - 14.30 !), Chair: Niels Christian Hvidt

- **Present Perception of Spirituality - an Empirical Danish Investigation**, Peter La Cour
- **Spirituality and Religion – Convergences and Divergences in Beliefs, Practices, and Experiences. Analyses on the Basis of the Worldwide Religion Monitor**, C. Klein & S. Huber

Spiritual Care - Practical Aspects (S3) Chair: Donia Baldacchino

- **Gestalt Therapy and Spirituality**, Theresa Bugeja
- **Critical Thoughts on the Role of Prayer in Spiritual Care**, Kevin Ladd
- **Prayer and Pain: The Mediating Role of Positive Re-Appraisal**, Jessie Dezutter

Spirituality and Coping with Disease or Severe Life Conditions (S4), Chair: René Hefti

- **Nature as the Most Important Coping Strategy with Cancer: A Swedish Survey**, Fereshteh Ahmadi
- **The Role of Spirituality and Religion among People Living with HIV/AIDS: Preliminary Results from Nigeria**, Alex Asakitikpi
- **Spiritual Support in Patients with Severely Changed States of Consciousness – Experiences and Perspectives**, P. Mösli & I. Zürcher