

# THE 4TH CONFERENCE OF THE NORDIC NETWORK FOR THEOLOGY AND PRACTICE

## Theology in and as Practice

8–10 March 2023, University of Helsinki, City Centre Campus

The conference will be held at the Language Center of the University of Helsinki, Finland. (Fabianinkatu 26, Helsinki).

## PROGRAMME

### Wednesday 8th of March

#### 12:00-14:00 Registration

#### 14.00-14.15 Welcoming words

Prof. Auli Vähäkangas & Prof. Kati Tervo-Niemelä

#### 14.15-15.30 Keynote 1

Prof. Henk de Roest

Practices of Collaborative Theologizing in Response to the Transcendent.

An Interdisciplinary Approach

Chair: Prof. Kati Tervo-Niemelä

#### 15.30-16.00 Coffee

#### 16.00-17.30 Paper session 1

| Exploring and Experimenting Methodologies 1(2)  | Theologies in/of Care 1(2)  | Nature, Body and spirituality 1(2)   |
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| <b>Room 403</b>   | <b>Room 405</b>   | <b>Room 406</b>  |
| <b>Chair:</b> Cecilia Nahnfeld  | <b>Chair:</b> Suvi Saarelainen  | <b>Chair:</b> Kati Tervo-Niemelä   |
| <b>Postfoundationalist Theology as Paradigm for Practice</b><br>Julian Muller<br>University of Pretoria | <b>Five essential principles of post-trauma care and their theological implications for practice</b><br>Brian Cambra<br>Baylor University, United States of America | <b>Sometimes gardening is just gardening: Materializing embodied practices and lived experiences in the study of religion</b><br>Anna Sofia Salonen<br>University of Eastern Finland |
| <b>Creativity and theology</b><br>Dorte Kappelgaard<br>MF Norwegian School of Theology                  | <b>Dealing with Life's Meaning in Pastoral Care – Meaning in Life and Pastoral Care</b><br>Isto Peltomäki<br>University of Eastern Finland                          | <b>Herbal medicine, climate change and Vimbuza performers in Rumphu, Malawi</b><br>Chrispine Nthezemu Kamanga<br>Stellenbosch University   |

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| <b>A practice approach to theology</b><br>Martina Björkander<br>Åbo Akademi University | <b>The conversation between chaplain and patient - themes and context</b><br>Karsten Thomsen<br>Southern Danish University | <b>Views of Nature among Decision-Makers in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland</b><br>Hilla Inkilä<br>University of Eastern Finland |
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**18.00-19.30** Reception of University of Helsinki with wine and bites  
Dean Antti Räsänen, Faculty of Theology, University of Helsinki

## Thursday 9th of March

### 9.00-10.30 Paper sessions 2

| Exploring and Experimenting Methodologies 2(2)  | Theologies in/of Care 2(2)  | Nature, Body and spirituality 2(2)   |
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| Room 403  | Room 405  | Room 406   |
| Chair: Kristine Helboe Johansen<br><br><b>Co-research Methodology for Grassroot Theologizing in Finnish Bible Studies and -Courses</b><br>Mika Vähäkangas<br>Åbo Akademi University<br><br><b>The theological Bible: Mark 10:13–16 as a baptismal text</b><br>Ingunn Aadland<br>MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society<br><br><b>Mixed-methods research in studying the experience of meaning in life in older adults</b><br>Jonna Ojalampi<br>University of Eastern Finland | Chair: Auli Vähäkangas<br><br><b>Practices of existential care in nursing homes</b><br>Suvi-Maria Saarelainen<br>University of Eastern Finland<br><br><b>Theology as a component in General Practice - a new collaboration between doctors and priests</b><br>Karsten Thomsen<br>Southern Danish University<br><br><b>“A retreat center, life schooling, scholarships, and exercise” Ways to empower clients of diaconia.</b><br>Lise-Lotte Hellöre<br>Åbo Akademi University | Chair: Anna Salonen<br><br><b>Theologizing Nature and Humanity</b><br>Kati Tervo-Niemelä<br>University of Eastern Finland<br><br><b>Is Eco-Islam Theology or Philosophy?</b><br>Laura Wickström<br>Åbo Akademi<br><br><b>What Counts as Theology in Lived Religion? A question discussed against the backdrop of a study of lived religion in long distance running</b><br>Kristin Graff-Kallevåg<br>MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society |

### 10.30-11.00 Coffee

### 11.00-12.15 Keynote 2

ThD Riikka Myllys & Project Researcher Marjukka Laiho:  
Beyond the 'Lived' in Religion and Theology:  
Agency and Power in Transforming Research Practices  
Chair: Prof. Cecilia Nahnfeldt

### 12.15-13.45 Lunch break

### 13.45-15.15 Paper sessions 3

| Spatial and Critical Approaches to Theology 1(2)   | Theologies in/of Liturgy and Beyond 1(2)   | Changes in/and Religious Institutions 1(2)   |
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| Chair: Maija Penttilä  | Chair: Johan Bastubacka  | Chair: Elisabeth Tveito Johnsen  |
| <p><b>Spatial practice – critical theology? Practice theory and theology’s critical task</b><br/>Ulla Schmidt &amp; Kirstine Helboe Johansen<br/>Aarhus University</p> <p><b>Believe in/at the place!</b><br/>Carsten Schuerhoff<br/>KIFO Institute for Church, Religion, and Worldview Research</p> <p><b>The lived political theology of Christian anarchists in the 21st century</b><br/>Nuusa Niskala<br/>University of Helsinki</p> | <p><b>From Cradle to Grave: Alternative Danish Preaching</b><br/>Rasmus Jonstrup<br/>MF Norwegian School of Theology</p> <p><b>Changes in liturgical life and liturgical theology during the pandemic in the Lutheran churches in Nordic countries and Germany</b><br/>Sini Hulmi<br/>University of Helsinki</p> <p><b>The bases of Theology of Music behind the present official Service Book of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland</b><br/>Anna Pulli Huomo<br/>Sibeliusakatemia</p> | <p><b>The people’s church in demographic change: A locus for studying ecclesiology in/as practice</b><br/>Laura Petersen<br/>Department of Theology, Institute of Culture and Society, ARTS, Aarhus University</p> <p><b>Hidden Theology, Vouching for Faith</b><br/>Nina Haglund<br/>Åbo Akademi University</p> <p><b>Finnish Confirmation Training in Religious Biographies</b><br/>Heidi Toivanen<br/>University of Eastern Finland</p> |

### 15.15-15.45 Coffee

### 15.45-17.15 Paper sessions 4

| Spatial and Critical Approaches to Theology 2(2)   | Theologies in/of Liturgy and Beyond 2(2)  | Changes in/and Religious Institutions 2(2)   |
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| Chair: Birgitte Lerheim  | Chair: Ulla Schmidt   | Chair: Fredrik Saxegaard   |
| <p><b>“Living Theology” – Everyday Life among International Pentecostals in Stockholm</b><br/>Katarina Westerlund<br/>Department of Theology, Uppsala University</p> <p><b>Methodological and theoretical choices when studying asylum seeker’s conversion to Christianity</b><br/>Ilona Blumgrund<br/>Åbo Akademi</p> <p><b>Studying practices and theologies under war</b><br/>Maija Penttilä<br/>University of Helsinki</p> | <p><b>Theology as practise in the Divine Liturgy. The role and mission of the participants.</b><br/>Christos Vattis<br/>University del Vatican<br/>Sant'Anselmo, Rome, Italy</p> <p><b>Theological agency in confirmation liturgies</b><br/>Karin Rubenson<br/>Lund university/Church of Sweden &amp; MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society</p> <p><b>And the Greatest of These is Hope: Gen Z Doing Cosmopolitan Theology</b><br/>Marjukka Laiho<br/>University of Eastern Finland</p> | <p><b>Lived institution as lived religion - Practical Theological aspects on the study of Eastern Orthodoxy</b><br/>Johan Bastubacka<br/>University of Helsinki</p> <p><b>Burned out by the pandemic? Clergy leaving ministry</b><br/>Kati Tervo-Niemelä<br/>University of Eastern Finland</p> <p><b>Diaconia from a Minority Perspective</b><br/>Annette Leis-Peters<br/>VID Specialized University</p> |

19.00 Conference dinner (Hotel Arthur, Vuorikatu 19, Helsinki)

## Friday 10th of March

### 9.00-11.00 Paper sessions 5

| Gendered Research(er) and Reflexivity  | Trauma, Suffering, and Death   | Theological Agents and Religious Socialization  |
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| Room 403   | Room 405   | Room 406  |
| <p>Chair: Marjukka Laiho</p> <p><b>The Hormonal Theological Researcher</b><br/>Sara Högberg<br/>Åbo Akademi University</p> <p><b>Autoethnography as method for practical theology - Female leaders in Norwegian Free-Churches</b><br/>Hilde Marie Movafagh &amp; Linn Sæbø Rystad<br/>MF Norwegian School of Theology</p> <p><b>Giving voice to silent actors or deconstructing privilege? The role of autoethnography in practical theology research</b><br/>Cecilia Nahnfeldt<br/>Åbo Akademi University</p> <p><b>Missionary Women and the Indigenous Women's Resistance: A Case Study on the Pangcah in Taiwan</b><br/>Chung-Chih Hong<br/>McGill University</p> | <p>Chair: Isto Peltomäki</p> <p><b>Overgenerational traumas and religious practice in family biographies</b><br/>Laura Kallatsa, Jenni Spännäri, Kati Tervo-Niemelä &amp; Heidi Toivanen</p> <p><b>Exploring Theology in the Context of Suffering: Empirical Perspectives of Female Survivors of Intimate Partner Violence</b><br/>Elorm Ama Stiles-Ocran &amp; Annette Rose Leis-Peters<br/>VID Specialized University, Oslo</p> <p><b>Funerals and the church of Norway</b><br/>Fredrik Saxegaard<br/>MF Norwegian School of Theology</p> <p><b>Lived deathscapes in two urban cemeteries in Helsinki</b><br/>Auli Vähäkangas<br/>University of Helsinki / University of Eastern Finland</p> | <p>Chair: Jonna Ojalampi</p> <p><b>Interfaith education, problems, challenges and directions</b><br/>Roggenkamp Antje<br/>Seminar für Praktische Theologie und Religionspädagogik, Münster</p> <p><b>Media as theological agents. Id al-fitr and Christmas as public celebrations</b><br/>Elisabeth Tveito Johnsen<br/>Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo</p> <p><b>Approaching everyday theologies of Godparenthood in Norway</b><br/>Birgitte Lerheim<br/>Faculty of Theology, University of Oslo</p> <p><b>Religious agency in Finnish families</b><br/>Heidi Toivanen &amp; Laura Kallatsa<br/>University of Eastern Finland</p> |

### 11.00-11.15 Coffee

### 11.15-12.30 Keynote 3

Prof. Tone Stangeland Kaufman:

Presence, Manifest Absence, and Otherness.

What's at Stake in Nordic Practical Theological Research

Chair: Prof. Auli Vähäkangas

### 12.30-12.45 Closing session

Prof. Auli Vähäkangas & Prof. Kati Tervo-Niemelä