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 spiritualen 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 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: 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
- Adressing the Spiritual Needs of Patients with Chronic Psychiatric Disorders, Sylvia Mohr

**Spiritual Needs of Patients with Chronic Pain Conditions and Cancer, Arndt Büssing**
- 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. Mössli & I. Zürcher

**Spiritual Care - Practical Aspects (S3)**
- 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**
- Competences in Spiritual Care, Josephine Attard