

CONFIRMATION WORK IN ECUMENICAL AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 3rd May

- 14.00 **Welcome**
Friedrich Schweitzer
University of Tübingen/Germany
Birgit Sandler-Koschel
EKD, Hannover/Germany
- 14.30 **Research on Confirmation Work and its Meaning for the Practice**
Friedrich Schweitzer
- 15.30 **Coffee Break**
- 16.00 **Does Confirmation Work Matter?**
Kati Niemelä
University of Helsinki/Finland
- 17.00 **The Studies on Confirmation Work: A Perspective from General Research on Youth Work**
Wibke Riekman
Fresenius University Hamburg/Germany
- 18.30 **Dinner**
- 19.30 **Statements from the Churches**
Landesbischof Prof. Dr. Heinrich Bedford-Strohm
Chair of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany
Prof. Dr. Michael Weinrich,
Community of Protestant Churches in Europe (CPCE)

Thursday, 4th May

- 8.45 **Morning Prayer**
Birgit Sandler-Koschel
- 9.15 **Results from the US-Project on Confirmation Work**
Richard R. Osmer
Princeton Theological Seminary/USA
- 10.30 **First Round of Workshops**
- 12.00 **Lunchtime and Break**
- 14.00 **Second Round of Workshops**

Topics of the Workshops

Adolescents' Religious Attitudes and their Relationship to the Church

Ida Marie Høeg Norway
Dagmar Lagger Austria
Kati Niemelä Finland

Voluntary Work

Jouko Porkka Finland
Friedrich Schweitzer Germany
Henrik Simojoki Germany

Confirmation Work and Congregations

Katherine Douglass USA
Richard R. Osmer USA

Adolescents' Experience of Worship Services

Ida Marie Høeg Norway
Muriel Koch Switzerland
Bernd Krupka Norway

Workers' Perspectives

Leise Christensen Denmark
Georg Hardecker Germany
Thomas Schlag Switzerland

Confirmation Work and Youth Work

Thomas Böhme Germany
Wolfgang Ilg Germany

Experiences in Central-Eastern Countries

Balázs Siba Hungary
Eźbieta Byrtek Poland

Confirmation Work in Germany

Thomas Ebinger Germany
Herbert Kolb Germany

A New Self-Evaluation Tool for Confirmation Work

Wolfgang Ilg Germany
Jouko Porkka Finland

Swedish Young Leaders

Andreas Sandberg Sweden

Confirmation Work in the United Methodist Church

Achim Härtner Germany
Tobias Beißwenger Germany
Kate Obermueller-Unruh USA

- 16.00 **Camps in Confirmation Work: The Finnish Experience**
Jouko Porkka
Diakonia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki/Finland
- 17.15 **Guided Tour: Reformation History in Erfurt**
- 19.30 **Reception by the Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland (EKD) in Cooperation with the Evangelische Kirche in Mitteldeutschland (EKM) Words of Welcome and Perspectives from the local Church**
OKR Dr. Birgit Sandler-Koschel EKD, Hannover
OKR Martina Klein EKM, Erfurt

Friday, 5th May

- 8.45 **Morning Prayer**
Finnish Team
- 9.15 **Confirmation Work and the Future of the Church**
Thomas Schlag
University of Zürich/Switzerland
- 10.30 **Panel: Looking Back – Looking Ahead: Reflections on International Research on Confirmation Work**
Leise Christensen Denmark
Achim Härtner Germany
Bernd Krupka Norway
Dagmar Lagger Austria
Richard Osmer USA
Henrik Simojoki Germany
Moderator: Peter Schreiner
Comenius-Institute, Münster/Germany
- 12.30 **Lunch and End of the Conference**

The year 2017 is not only of special importance for Protestantism in general but also for confirmation work. A major international research project carried out in nine European countries will make available its final results. A parallel project on confirmation work in the United States of America will also present results from their research.

The Erfurt international and ecumenical conference brings together researchers and representatives from the field of confirmation work from the different countries. Results and new insights will be presented and discussed and practical consequences will be developed in dialogue between theory and practice, academic research and church leadership, practitioners and other specialists.

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International research on confirmation work



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Registration and Contact

The *registration form and detailed information* you find on www.confirmation-research.eu

Conference Costs:
140€ + Lodging (approx. 140€-200€, depending on your choice)

Contact and information:
info@confirmation-research.eu

Venue and Booking Accomodation

The conference will take place in the *Augustinerkloster*, Augustinerstraße 10 in Erfurt.

You can choose between different hotels in the local area, which you have to contact yourself, e.g.,

<i>Hotel Augustinerkloster</i> 0049/(0)361/57660-0 www.augustinerkloster.de	<i>Hotel Krämerbrücke</i> 0049 (0) 361 / 674 00 www.ibbhotelerfurt.com
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Details on the hotels and information for the booking procedure can be found on www.confirmation-research.eu

Travel

Major Airports: *Berlin, Frankfurt and Leipzig*
Then by Train to Erfurt:

From *Berlin* by ICE in appr. 2,5 hours.

From *Frankfurt* by ICE in appr. 2,5 hours.

From *Leipzig* by ICE in appr. 1 hour.

From *Erfurt Hauptbahnhof* to the *Augustinerkloster* by *Taxi* (appr. 10 €)

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