

Creation – Transformation – Theology

International Congress of the European Society for Catholic Theology

Osnabrück University

25 – 28 August 2021

Call for Papers – Call for Best Practice Projects – Call for Posters



From 25 to 28 August 2021, the next Congress of the European Society for Catholic Theology (ESCT) will take place in Osnabrück (Germany) on the topic “Creation – Transformation – Theology”.

The Congress is going to provide a platform for theological and interdisciplinary reflection on questions of ecology, creation and transformation as well as for a creative advancement of the same. Philosophical, systematic-theological, biblical and cosmological perspectives will come into play as well as ethical and practical questions with regards to socio-political realities.

The aim is to bring perspectives from the various theological disciplines together and develop a new, innovative and practice-oriented theology of creation and ethics of sustainability. Thereby, the Congress is also meant to contribute to a “transformation” of Catholic theology in a global perspective – in the sense of a performative and liberating theology. The dialogue between science and practice plays a central role in this endeavour.

The relevance of theology’s contribution to addressing the current transformation processes will be explored and theological research from across Europe will be brought together with regards to the Congress theme.

The present Covid-19 pandemic sheds light on the limitations of contemporary models of society in an eminent way. In the face of apocalyptic crisis scenarios, it is important to disclose and reflect on religious depths and motivational forces within the quest for a good life for all that is embedded in the planetary boundaries.

In addition to keynote presentations on central aspects of the Congress topic, the programme will also include “Parallel Sections” for presentations and workshops. Two Calls invite researchers and practitioners to present theological, RE- or church-related research or practice projects in the subject area of creation – sustainability – transformation. Emerging scholars and young academics are included in this invitation. They also have the opportunity to participate in a Call for Posters to present their research projects.

Call for Papers

You are doing research from a theological, RE- or related perspective in the subject area of creation – sustainability – transformation and would like to present your work at the Congress of the European Society for Catholic Theology? Or are you interested in preparing a respective topic for a presentation or some joint work with the Congress participants?

Then please send us an abstract of your planned paper or a sketch of your workshop idea. We welcome both classic presentations with subsequent discussion as well as interactive formats in which the presentation of content is combined with active participation of the audience. We particularly encourage you to apply with topics and projects with practical relevance or a practice-oriented focus.

Presentations should not exceed 20 minutes. Including discussion time and/or interactive elements, a total of 30 minutes is available to you at the Congress.

Please send your proposal (max. 800 words, as PDF) by **30 June 2021** to:

wwwctt21@uos.de.

Please state your name and academic degree, the institution and city you are working at or are affiliated with, and whether you are an established or young/emerging scholar.

We are looking forward to your contribution and will give you feedback on whether your proposal has been accepted by the end of July 2021.

Call for Best Practice Projects

You are working or are involved in a church-, civil society-, school-, or university-related practical project in which responsibility for creation and stewardship are put into action or made tangible? You would like to present this as a best practice example and/or give Congress participants the opportunity to get to know and try out the methods/strategies you are using in your work?

Then please describe your practice project and the planned presentation or workshop unit in a short abstract (naming methods if applicable). At the Congress, you will have 30 minutes at your disposal, only half of which should be used as your own speaking time.

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We are keen on reading your abstract and will give you feedback on whether your proposal has been accepted by the end of July 2021.

Call for Posters

Both the Call for Papers and Call for Best Practice Projects are addressed equally to established and emerging scholars. This Call for Posters is an additional offer especially for emerging scholars and young academics:

Would you like to present your research on the Congress theme or a different current research project in the form of a poster? Then you are invited to apply for the poster exhibition, which will be on display during the Congress.

Please send us an abstract (max. 400 words, as PDF) in which you briefly outline the research project.

You can send in your poster proposal until **30 June 2021** to:

wwwctt21@uos.de.

Please state your name and academic degree
as well as the institution and city you are working at or are affiliated with.

We look forward to your contribution and will let you know by the end of July 2021 whether your poster becomes part of the exhibition. We will then inform you of the necessary dimensions so that you can produce a poster of the appropriate size. There will be fixed times during the Congress at which you should ideally be standing next to your poster and be available for questions and suggestions from other participants.

In charge of Congress preparations and calls:

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