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# Programme

WEDNESDAY, 25 AUGUST – **Workshop for Emerging Scholars**

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- From 13:00 · **Congress registration**
- 13:30 – 15:30 · Room 11/115, 11/212, 11/215  
**Workshop for Emerging Scholars**

SESSION I: Emerging as a Scholar  
On Networking and Academic Writing  
Open to emerging scholars

- 15:30 – 16:00 · Tea/Coffee Break
- 16:00 – 17:30 · Room 11/115, 11/212, 11/215  
**Workshop for Emerging Scholars**

SESSION II: The Future of Theology in Europe  
Professors in Conversation with Emerging Scholars  
**Prof. Dr. Marie-Jo Thiel**, University of Strasbourg, France  
**Prof. Dr. Gusztáv Kovács**, Episcopal Theological College of Pécs, Hungary

- 17:30 – 18:30 · Congress registration
- 18:30 – 20:30 · **Grand Opening Ceremony**

### Opening Addresses

**Prof. Dr. Margit Eckholt**, University of Osnabrück, Germany, ESCT Vice-President

**Prof. Dr. Miloš Lichner**, Trnava University, Bratislava, Slovakia, ESCT President

### Greetings

**Prof. Dr. Susanne Menzel-Riedl**, President of the University of Osnabrück, Germany

**Bischof Dr. Franz-Josef Bode**, Bishop of Osnabrück, Germany

**Bischof Dr. Franz-Josef Overbeck**, Bishop of Essen, Germany, Vice-President of the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Union (COMECE)

**Prof. Dr. Georg Steins**, Director of the Institute for Catholic Theology, University of Osnabrück, Germany

### Opening Panel

Facilitators: **Prof. Dr. Marie-Jo Thiel**, University of Strasbourg, France and **Prof. Dr. Miloš Lichner**, Trnava University, Bratislava, Slovakia

### The Political, Social and Religious Implications of Current Ecological Challenges

**Prof. em. Dr. Ernst Ulrich von Weizsäcker**, Emeritus Professor of Biology and Environmental Science, Emmendingen, Germany

**Bischof Dr. Franz-Josef Overbeck**, Bishop of Essen, Germany

**Prof. Dr. Susanne Menzel-Riedl**, President of the University of Osnabrück, Germany

**Prof. Dr. Birgit Weiler**, Pontifical Catholic University, Lima, Peru

### Conclusion

**Prof. Dr. Margit Eckholt**, University of Osnabrück, Germany

- 20:30 – 21:30 · Dinner buffet

## THURSDAY, 26 AUGUST

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- 08:00 – 08:15 - Room 11/115, 11/211, 11/215  
Morning Prayer in three languages

### Philosophical Perspectives

Facilitator: **Prof. Dr. Margit Eckholt**, University of Osnabrück, Germany

- 08:30 – 09:30 - **Ecological change and Christian cosmology**  
**Prof. em. Dr. Bruno Latour**, Institut d'études politiques de Paris, Frankreich

- 09:30 – 10:30 - **Corona pandemic hypotheses – Philosophical Remarks**  
**Prof. Dr. Christian Thies**, University of Passau, Germany

- 10:30 – 11:00 - Tea/Coffee Break

### Approaches from Creation Theology

Facilitator: **Prof. Dr. Maureen Junker-Kenny**, Trinity College, Dublin, Ireland

- 11:00 – 12:00 - **New Paradigms in Times of ›Planetary Boundaries‹ and ›Great Transformation‹ – Science and Ecology in Dialogue with Theology**  
**Prof. Dr. Isabel Varanda**, Catholic University, Braga, Portugal

- 12:00 – 13:00 - **Care for Creation and *Metanoia* from the Lenses of Eco-feminist Theology**  
**Prof. Dr. Nadja Furlan Štante**, Science and Research Centre (ZSR) Koper, Slovenia

- 13:00 – 14:15 - Lunch buffet

● 14:15 – 16:15 · **Parallel Sections**

● 17:00 · **Pontifical Mass**

Celebrant: **Bischof Dr. Franz-Josef Bode**, Bishop of Osnabrück

Music: Youth Choir under the direction of Clemens Breitschaft

● 18:30 · Dinner buffet

**Ecological theology in liberation theological perspectives**

Facilitator: **Prof. Dr. Martin Kirschner**, Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany

● 20:30 · **Transforming Theologies of Creation – Suggestions from a Liberation Theology Perspective**

**Prof. Dr. Luiz Carlos Susin**, Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul, Porto Alegre, Brazil

## FRIDAY, 27 AUGUST

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- 08:00 – 08:15 - Room 11/115, 11/211, 11/215  
Morning Prayer in three languages

### Creation and Transformation: Biblical Foundations

Facilitator: **Prof. Dr. Dominik Opatrný**, Palacký University Olomouc, Czech Republic

- 08:30 – 09:30 · **Creation and Transformation in the Old Testament: A Cultural Memory and Ecological Hermeneutics Perspectives**

**Prof. Dr. Otilia Lukács**, Episcopal Theological College of Pécs, Hungary

- 09:30 – 10:30 · **Creation and Transformation in the New Testament: Paradise begins to shine again. The Heavenly Jerusalem (Rev 21,1-22,5) as prophetic utopia of transformation**

**Prof. Dr. Margareta Gruber**, PTHV Catholic University of Vallendar, Germany

- 10:30 – 11:00 · Tea/Coffee Break

### Ecological Theology: Systematic Theological Perspectives

Facilitator: **Prof. Dr. Karl-Heinz Ruhstorfer**, University of Freiburg, Germany

- 11:00 – 12:00 · **Cosmic Body of Christ – a Creation Theological and Christological Concept Critically Reflected Upon**

**Prof. Dr. Saskia Wendel**, University of Cologne, Germany

- 12:00 – 13:00 · **Deep Incarnation and Cosmic Wisdom in the Shadow of the Anthropocene**

**Prof. Dr. Celia Deane-Drummond**, University of Oxford, Great Britain

- 13:00 – 14:15 · Lunch buffet

- 14:15 – 15:00 · **Meeting of ESCT Regional Sections**

- 15:00 – 15:15 · Tea/Coffee Break

- /● 15:15 – 16:30 · **Parallel Sections**

- 16:30 – 16:45 · Tea/Coffee Break

- /● 16:45 – 18:15 · **Parallel Sections**

- 18:15 – 19:30 · Dinner buffet

- 20:00 · **Concert and ESCT Book Prize Ceremony**

**Prof. Dr. Marie-Jo Thiel**, University of Strasbourg, France  
Music: **Christian Joppich**, St. Johann

## SATURDAY, 28. AUGUST

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- 08:00 – 08:15 · Room 11/115, 11/211, 11/215  
Morning Prayer in three languages

### Creation and Transformation: Ethical and Practical Dimensions

Facilitator: **Prof. Dr. Gerhard Kruij**, University of Mainz, Germany

- 08:30 – 10:30 · **Closing panel on the topic:**  
**Theological Ethics and Creation Spirituality in Dialogue with Concepts of Sustainability Education and Sustainable Transformation**  
**Prof. Dr. Markus Vogt**, University of Munich, Germany  
**Prof. Dr. İbrahim Özdemir**, Üsküdar University, Istanbul, Turkey  
**PD Dr. Brigitte Enzner-Probst**, feminist theologian and retired evangelical pastor, Rimsting, Germany  
**Lic. theol. Mattias Kiefer M.A.**, Environmental Officer of the Archdiocese of Munich and Freising, Germany

- 10:30 – 11:00 · Tea/Coffee Break

### Conclusion

Facilitators: **Prof. Dr. Gerhard Kruij**, University of Mainz, Germany and **Prof. Dr. Margit Eckholt**, University of Osnabrück, Germany

- 11:00 – 12:00 · **Final discussion**
- 12:15 – 13:15 · **General Assembly of ESCT Members**
- 12:15 – 14:00 · Lunch buffet
- 14:00 – 15:00 · **Meeting of the ESCT Curatorium**

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