



# International Symposium On Practical Theology

**May 24th, 2023  
Budapest, Hungary**

To mark the consultation of the *International Research Team on Confirmation* that takes place in Budapest, 22-24 May, 2023, an academic symposium is to be conducted on 24th May, 2023 for practical theologians interested in exchanging research ideas and establishing contacts with fellow academic professionals.

The symposium offers a special opportunity to learn about the ongoing international confirmation research and the *2023 Year of Confirmation and Commitment* program of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary.

Distinguished members of the research group, along with representatives of the field of Practical Theology from Hungary, will also highlight various areas of research they are currently engaged in. Members of the symposium will be invited to share in discussions about relevant topics and develop possible future cooperation.

You are kindly invited and warmly welcome to participate in this symposium on the afternoon of 24th May, Wednesday, 2023 in the Church Hall of the Central Office of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Hungary.

**WORKING LANGUAGE**      English

**VENUE**                      Lutheran Church, Central Office – Budapest 1085  
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# PROGRAM



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| 14.00                    | Words of welcome  | <b>Dr. Tamás Fabiny</b><br>Presiding Bishop of the Lutheran Church in Hungary  |
| 14.15                    | Introduction of guests and program  | <b>Dr. Ágnes Pángyánszky</b> , Lutheran Theological University<br><b>Prof. Dr. Balázs Siba</b> , Károli Gáspár Reformed University                               |
| 14.30                    | Introduction to confirmation research   | <b>Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ilg - Ms. Manuela Hees</b>   |
| <b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b>     |   |  |
| 15.00                    | <b>Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ilg</b><br>Evangelische Hochschule Ludwigsburg, Germany   | <i>The PostKonf-study: Insights from a longitudinal study on confirmands over ten years</i>  |
| 15.15                    | <b>Prof. Dr. Thomas Schlag</b><br>University of Zurich, Switzerland   | <i>Confirmation work and digitalization - findings and challenges</i>  |
| 15.30                    | <i>Coffee break</i>   |  |
| 15.45                    | <b>Dr. Jouko Porkka</b><br>University of Applied Sciences Järvenpää, Finland  | <i>Gender differences in faith and wellbeing among the confirmands</i>   |
| 16.00                    | <b>Dr. Linn-Saebø Rystad</b><br>MF Norwegian School of Theology, Oslo, Norway   | <i>What characterizes the youth who participate in church leadership programs after confirmation and what motivates them to join such programs?</i>              |
| 16.15                    | <b>Dr. Eszter Kodácsy-Simon</b><br><b>Dr. Etelka Seres-Busi</b><br>EHE - Lutheran Theological University, Budapest, Hungary | <i>„Teach others as you would have them teach you” – an empirical research of meaning constructions related to the Golden Rule among 13-15 year old students</i> |
| 16.30                    | Discussion  |  |
| 17.00                    | <i>Coffee break</i>   |  |
| <b>GROUP DISCUSSIONS</b> |   |  |
| 17.15                    | <i>Confirmation</i>   | Moderator: <b>Dr. Ágnes Pángyánszky, EHE</b>   |
|                          | <i>Religious Education</i>  | Moderator: <b>Prof. Dr. Balázs Siba, KRE</b>   |
|                          | <i>Media and Digitalization</i>   | Moderator: <b>Drs. Viktor Kovács, EHE</b>  |
| 18.00                    | Closing words   | <b>Prof. Dr. Balázs Siba</b> , Károli Gáspár Reformed University   |

