

IASYM European Biennial Conference 2021 in Helsinki:
**“Cultivating Youth Spirituality: Faith, Nurturing and Youth
 Ministry”**

Program (updated Feb 3, 2021)

Helsinki, Finland – *Conference will be held online in ZOOM*

7-8 April 2021

Wednesday April 7 (Program Finnish time, EET)

9:30-11:00 Opening and plenary session I

Welcome and Opening Session

Jouko Porkka, Diak

Chair: Kati Tervo-Niemelä

Katherine Douglass (& Richard Osmer)

Seattle Pacific University

Assistant Professor of Educational Ministry and Practical Theology

Cultivating Teen Faith – Findings from The Confirmation Project in the US

Respondent: Patrik Hoering

11:15-13:15 Paper Session I (3 parallel paper sessions)

UNDERSTANDING CHILDREN AND YOUTH THEOLOGICALLY	VULNERABLE YOUTH, PASTORAL CARE AND COUNSELING	YOUTH MINISTRY AND CONFIRMATION WORK
Chair: Bård Eirik Hallesby Norheim Tone Stangeland Kaufman & Kristin Graff-Kallevåg “This is me!” A study of young people theologizing on sin, shame, and salvation Respondent: Jos de Kock Marjukka Laiho Young activists in the crossroads of	Chair: Katarina Westerlund Astrid Sandsmark; Elisa Stokka; Lars Johan Danbolt Youth, Christian counseling, and faith communities Respondent: Christina Baillie Suvi-Maria Saarelainen Spiritual Needs of Emerging Adults with Cancer	Chair: Susie Mapledoram Jari Pulkkinen, Jouko Porkka, Kati Tervo-Niemelä Adolescents’ experiences and wellbeing in confirmation work during the corona pandemic Respondent: Katherine Douglas Patrik Hoering Confirmation - Expectations and Effects

<p>religion and society: Cosmopolitan theology in/as practice Respondent: Tone Kaufman</p> <p>Ron Becker Beyond Epistemology. Understanding Youth Theologically Respondent: Monique van Dijk-Groeneboer</p>	<p>Respondent: Astrid Sandsmark</p> <p>Shorena Sadzaglishvili, Teona Gotsiridze, Ketevan Lekishvili Violence and victimization among street connected youth</p> <p>Shorena Sadzaglishvili, Teona Gotsiridze, Ketevan Lekishvili Ethical Considerations for Social Work Research with Vulnerable Children and their Families). Respondent: Berit Weigand Berg (for both two papers above)</p>	<p>Respondent: Salla Poropudas</p> <p>Katherine Douglass Holy Disorientation: Ministry with young adults that takes risks and builds confidence Respondent:</p>
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13:15-14:15 Lunch break

14:15-16:00 Paper session and workshop session II (3 parallel paper sessions)

YOUTH MINISTRY AND YOUTH LEADERS AND VOLUNTEERS	INNOVATIVE YOUTH MINISTRY	WORSHOP ON DEVELOPING YOUTH MINISTRY AND CHURCH PRACTISE
<p>Chair: Scott Paget</p> <p>Katarina Westerlund Christian youth leaders' learning in Christian Spirituality Respondent: Minna Valtonen</p> <p>Porkka Jouko The Young Confirmed Volunteers of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland - Motivation, Religiosity, and Community Respondent: Kevin Huddleston</p> <p>Frantisek Stech Doing Theology Together: Fundamental Theology and Youth Ministry in Conversation Respondent: Sanna Jattu</p>	<p>Chair: Sami Ritokoski</p> <p>Pete White Formed and Transformed - Insights on discipleship and vocational discernment in young adults on the Peterborough Diocese Ministry Internship Programme Respondent: Astrid Sandsmark</p> <p>Paul Folland Sin, Shame, and the Seminary Respondent: Pekka Launonen</p> <p>Berit Weigand Berg and Monique van Dijk-Groeneboer Why are we standing? Inclusion as a theological necessity Respondent: Anne-Maria Trygg-Jouttijärvi</p>	<p>Chair: Patrik Hoering</p> <p>Sanna Jattu Increasing participation through mobile technology and phenomenal learning</p> <p>Susie Mapledoram Sanna Lehtisaari Isonen On the Road - faith, identity and leadership</p>

16:15-17:45 Plenary II

ROUNDTABLE SESSION: Innovative methodological approaches to the study of children and young people

Chair: Christian Noval

Tone Stangeland Kaufman together with Astrid Sandsmark, Linn Sæbø Rystad, Ingunn Aadland, Kristin Graff-Kallevåg

Organizer: Tone Stangeland Kaufman

MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society

Associate Professor of Practical Theology

17:45 Evening prayer

Thursday April 8 (Program Finnish time, EET)

8:45 Morning prayer

9:15-10:15 Plenary session III

Chair: David Bailey

Jos de Kock

Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, Leuven, Belgium

Professor of Practical Theology

The meaning of learning in encounter in and for youth ministry in protestant-evangelical faith communities in Flanders

Respondent: Jouko Porkka

10:30-12:30 Paper session and workshop session III (3 parallel paper sessions)

FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND FAITH	YOUTH AT MARGINS AND YOUTH MINISTRY	WORKSHOP ON SUPPORTING FAMILIES AND YOUTH SPIRITUALITY AND SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT
Chair: Eriikka Jankko Francesco Cerchiaro Re-mixing faith. Religious identification amongst offspring of Christian-Muslim couples Respondent: Trudy Dantis	Chair: Suvi-Maria Saarelainen Amy Panton “Why Are You Doing That? I Just Don’t Understand”: Self-Injury in Youth and the Impact on the Family System	Chair: Katri Vappula Jari Pulkkinen Supporting children, youth and families in the Finnish Lutheran

<p>Eriikka Jankko The Concept of Child and the Ideals of Spirituality Respondent: Kristin Graff-Kallevåg</p> <p>Jan Minnema A Contextual Perspective on Transmission of Faith in Families Respondent: Ilkka Tahvanainen</p> <p>Kevin Huddleston Sabbath as Mission: Engaging Families in the Mission of God Through a Rhythm of Rest and Reflection Respondent:</p>	<p>Respondent: Hanna Niemi</p> <p>Christina Baillie A Theology of Difficulty: young people's perspectives Respondent: Marjukka Laiho</p> <p>Oksana Prosvirnina, Jouko Porkka, Teona Gotsiridze, Irina Trofimova, Riikka Hillebrand Voices of the marginalized young people in the Eastern Europe</p>	<p>Church: Walking alongside the families from birth to adulthood</p> <p>Christo Lombaard Exegesis and catechesis: impulses towards spiritual growth in the younger believer?</p>
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12.30-13:30 Lunch break

13:30-15:15 Paper session and workshop session (3 parallel sessions)

DEVELOPING YOUTH MINISTRY AND ITS RESEARCH	INVOLVING YOUTH IN SERMONS AND SCHOOLS	WORKSHOP: ECUMENICAL EDUCATION AS TOOL TO DEVELOP RELIGIOUS GROWTH AND YOUTH SPIRITUALITY
<p>Chair:</p> <p>Christian Youth Ministry in Europe. A comparative overview Patrik Hoering Respondent: Pekka Launonen</p> <p>Jouko Porkka, Minna Valtonen, Mia Kuronen and Jenni Surakka Inspiring and encountering education – The Barometer of Church education Respondent: Pete White</p> <p>Scott Paget Where is Youth Ministry? Respondent:</p>	<p>Chair: Christo Lombaard</p> <p>Nelleke Plomp-Rodenburg From words to Word - Involving young people in sermons Respondent: Eriikka Jankko</p> <p>Bård Eirik Hallesby Norheim Range anxiety in the age of the smart phone? How to «charge» a confirmation sermon Respondent: Salla Poropudas</p> <p>Anne-Maria Trygg-Jouttijärvi Parish as a partner at school Respondent:</p>	<p>Chair:</p> <p>Part 1 Juhana Malme I: The construction of religiosity in consequence of ecumenical training</p> <p>Virpi Paulanto II: Ecumenical Education as an instrument for ecumenical learning</p> <p>Part 2 Virpi Paulanto & Juhana Malme Nonformal Ecumenical Education in Youth Ministry - a Threat or a possibility?</p>

Coffee break

15:30-17:30 Plenary session III

Plenary session IV

Chair: Astrid Sandsmark

Trudy Dantis

Australian Catholic Bishops Conference National Centre for Pastoral Research
Director, Canberra

Australian Catholic Bishops Youth Survey 2017 - A study of the attitudes and participation experiences of young people aged 16-29 in the Catholic Church in Australia.

Respondent: Tobias Faix

Kati Tervo-Niemelä

Professor of Practical Theology
University of Eastern Finland

The transmission of religion across generations: a comparative international study of continuities and discontinuities in family socialization

Respondent: Francesco Cerchiaro

17:30 Closing of the conference: next conferences, future plans

18:00 Closing prayer