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Call for Papers: Changing Ecclesiologies – Ecclesiologies of Change

PhD Workshop on 21 November, 2024

The Institute of Old Catholic Theology at the University of Bern cordially invites PhD students to participate in the workshop «Changing Ecclesiologies – Ecclesiologies of Change», which will take place on 21 November, 2024 as part of the conference «Theology moves. 150 years of Old Catholic Theology at the University of Bern»

(https://www.christkath.unibe.ch/150_cktheol).

The workshop seeks to provide insights into the current challenges and future perspectives in ecclesiology, fostering interdisciplinary and ecumenical exchanges. The call for papers is aimed at young scholars in the fields of systematic theology, practical theology, church history and religious studies who are willing to share their insights and perspectives in an ecumenical academic setting.

Topics

We invite contributions from the fields of theology, history, and religious studies on the following, but not limited to, topics:

- Church formation processes, church transformation processes and church closures
- Precarity, preliminaryity, vulnerability and mortality as aspects of the church
- Being/becoming church in different geographical, social and cultural contexts
- Agents and dynamics of change in hierarchical and non-hierarchical church structures
- The relationship between ecclesiological ideals and the 'real church'

The participants are expected to deliver a 15-minute talk, followed by a Q&A session.

Participation and submission

PhD students are invited to submit abstracts for their presentations. Abstracts should not exceed 300-500 words and should include the following:

1. title of the paper
2. name and contact details of the author
3. brief description of the project and the research question(s)

Important deadlines

- Deadline for submission of abstracts: August 31, 2024
- Notification of acceptance: September 30, 2024
- Submission of full papers: October 31, 2024
- Workshop: November 21, 2024 from 14.15 to 17.15

Submission and contact

Please send your abstracts as a PDF document to the following two addresses: stefanie.arnold@unibe.ch and johnsonmathew.john@students.unibe.ch

Conference language

The conference's language is English.

Organizational details

The costs for accommodation (2 nights) will be provided for people from abroad. To a limited extent, travel expenses will be reimbursed. Please contact the organization team in this regard and indicate your travel costs.

We look forward to your submissions and an inspiring exchange!

With kind regards,

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