

Inaugural Conference
of the International Association
for Spiritual Care (IASC)

Bern, June 19 – 21, 2016
House of Religions / UniS
Switzerland

Theme

Spiritual Care and Migration



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● **Addressing human needs in today's pluralistic societies requires understanding, respect, and appreciation of others in their diversity. Failure to cultivate this enhanced knowing of diversity risks cultural misunderstandings and relational harm in helping relationships. Therefore, encounter becomes pivotal and scholarly exchange between Muslims, Jews, Christians, Buddhists, Hindus, Sikhs, people without religious affiliation, and atheists is of utmost importance and value.**

Of equal significance is the cooperative approach of the disciplines concerned – in particular the disciplines of medicine, psychology, and theology. Each discipline contributes unique and valuable insights to the topic of culturally competent spiritual care in increasingly pluralistic contexts. This conference will bring these key values of the IASC to the pressing topic of migration in today's world. The conference aims to promote a better interdisciplinary dialogue among people from different cultural and religious backgrounds in addressing the psychospiritual dimensions of migration and approaches to healing.

SUNDAY **JUNE 19, 2016**

Public Lecture,
House of Religions

15:00

**Guided Tour through the
House of Religions**

17:00

Welcome and Introduction

Prof. Dr. Isabelle Noth,
Institute for Practical Theology,
University of Bern, CH

David Leutwyler,
Managing Director House
of Religions, Bern, CH

Prof. Dr. med. Bruno Vogt,
University of Bern, CH

Sasikumar Tharmalingam,
Hindu Priest, House of Religions,
Bern, CH

Chair

Dr. Brigitta Rotach,
Cultural Manager House of
Religions, Bern, CH

Music

Frutti di Mare/Jazz

 **Public Lecture**

**Spiritual Care, Migration, and
Multiplicity: Care in the Context
of Complex Religious Bonds**

Prof. Dr. Duane R. Bidwell,
Claremont / California, USA

Panel Discussion

Imam Dr. Abdelmalek Hibaoui,
University of Tübingen, DE

Dr. theol. Claudia Kohli Reichenbach,
University of Bern, CH

Prof. Dr. med. Christina Puchalski,
The George Washington
Institute for Spirituality & Health,
Washington D.C., USA

Conference Venue

House of Religions, Europaplatz,
Bern, Switzerland

Access

- by train to „Europaplatz“ station
(trains no. S3 or S6)
- by tramways no. 7 or 8 from Bern
main station to „Europaplatz“



MONDAY JUNE 20, 2016

Academic Conference,
UniS

09:15

Welcome

Prof. Dr. Isabelle Noth,
University of Bern, CH

09:30

**Spiritual Care – the alternative
to Pastoral Care in a world of
migration and trauma?**

Prof. Dr. med. et theol. Doris Nauer,
University of Vallendar, DE

10:15

Research Group Spiritual Care

Dr. theol. Claudia Kohli Reichenbach

Emmanuel Schweizer,
MA Religious Studies

Lukas Stuck,
MA Theology

Thuvarakha Thillaiyampalam,
Stud. psy.

11:00 Break

11:15

**A model of Spirit and Spirituality
in the face of Trauma**

Prof. Dr. psy. Daniel S. Schipani,
Indiana, USA

12:15 Lunch

14:00

**On the relationship between
trauma and identity: Being Pales-
tinian in Germany and Switzerland**

Lic. phil. Sarah El Bulbeisi,
Ludwig Maximilian University of
Munich, DE

14:30

**Healing Hatred: Instruments
of Pastoral Care and Counseling
Applied to the Israel-Palestine
Conflict II**

Dr. iur. Sarah Bernstein,
Jerusalem Center for Jewish-
Christian Relations, IL

Prof. Dr. Ruchama Weiss,
Hebrew Union College
Jerusalem, IL

15:15

**The negotiation of meaning –
language, culture and faith-based
barriers between asylum seekers
and nurses.**

Dr. phil. Alexander Bischoff,
Institute of Nursing Science,
University of Basel, CH

16:00

Panel Discussion

Dr. iur. Sarah Bernstein

Prof. Dr. theol. Duane R. Bidwell

Lic. phil. Sarah El Bulbeisi

Prof. Dr. theol. Pamela Cooper-White

Prof. Dr. Ruchama Weiss

16:30 Break

17:00

**How to ensure high-quality
Spiritual Care for all in health
systems**

Prof. Dr. med. Christina Puchalski,
The George Washington Institute
for Spirituality & Health,
Washington D.C., USA

18:30

IASC General Assembly

Conference Venue

UniS, Schanzeneckstrasse 1,
Bern, Switzerland

Access

five-minute walk from the main
train station

TUESDAY JUNE 21, 2016

09:15

**Spiritual Care of Migration:
Gender and Trauma**

Prof. Dr. theol. Pamela Cooper-White,
Union Theological Seminary,
New York, USA

09:45

**What comes after? Aspects of
bereavement from a psychological
perspective**

Prof. Dr. psy. Hansjörg Znoj,
University of Bern, CH

10:15 Break

 **10:30**

**Spiritual Care in human-caused
disasters: An intercultural
approach**

Prof. Dr. theol. Emmanuel Y. Lartey,
Emory University Atlanta, USA

11:30

Panel Discussion

Dr. Alexander Bischoff

Prof. Dr. theol. Emmanuel Y. Lartey

Prof. Dr. med. et theol. Doris Nauer

Prof. Dr. psy. Daniel Schipani

12:15

Conclusion & Future Perspectives

Prof. Dr. theol. Isabelle Noth,
University of Bern, CH

12:45 Closing remarks

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