

A Human: Prayer and Meditation

Toruń, 14.-15. June 2018

Call for Papers

Deadline for Abstract submission: Thursday, 15th February 2018

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Address: John Paul II's Centre of Dialogue (Centrum Dialogu im. Jana Pawła II)

Plac Frelichowskiego 1, Toruń

The International Conference will be jointly organized by the Faculty of Theology and Department of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, Faculty of History, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Torun. It will be held at the Conference Centre in Toruń, from Thursday, 14th to Friday, 15th June 2018.

The conference theme will focus broadly on *Prayer and Meditation* with the aim of gathering together senior and independent researchers, postgraduate students, and practitioners from across all academic disciplines. Whilst precedence is given to prayer and meditation, we wish also to encourage studies that focus upon the wide scope of practices and practical making use of such techniques. The conference will have an interdisciplinary character as is the tradition of Theological and Ethnological Academic Colloquia.

We are now accepting abstracts of up to 400 words (Students 800 words and a recommendation letter from their promoter). If you wish to apply, please complete the attached application form and submit using the following email address: teka@umk.pl

Language of the Conference: English (Polish in case if the every single panel participants will have the possibility to communicate)

Proposed sessions' structure:

We strongly encourage participants from various scientific disciplines to submit an abstract in the following sessions:

- Prayer and meditation in religious systems
- Prayer and meditation as a conversation with the Lord
- Contemporary prayer and meditation
- Prayer and meditation techniques
- Prayer and meditation as a cross-religious system
- Prayer and meditation in sacred scriptures
- Prayer and meditation in psychology and psychotherapy
- Prayer and meditation in art

In addition, we invite suggestions and proposals for additional panel sessions, although please inform us swiftly of any intention, indicating with whom you would like to cooperate or convene such a panel.

All paper proposals will be subject to review by the conference committee before final acceptance. The most important consideration is that preferable papers should represent the results of original research, and not simply a restatement of existing knowledge based on the work of well-known authors.

Conference fee:

Senior researchers: 400 Polish Zloty (equivalent to approx.. 100 Euro)
Students: 300 Polish Zloty (equivalent to approx.. 74 Euro).

The conference fee covers the costs of: the banquet (first day in the evening), lunch (second day), refreshments during the coffee breaks.

Terms and deadlines:

The Call for Papers will remain open until Thursday 15th February 2018, with final decisions of the Organizational Committee being communicated by the end of February 2018. However, we strongly encourage to submit the abstracts as early possible to allow us to work smoothly.

Conference Secretaries:

Karolina Olszewska (Theology)

Anna Kmiec (Ethnology)

Supervisors:

Krzysztof Krzemiński, PhD. Hab.

Rafał Beszterda, PhD.

Proposals should be sent directly to the conference mailing address:

teka@umk.pl

Accommodation at place:

Torun offers a good selection of hotels and guest houses. Let us know if you will need any help in arranging your stay (especially those who would like to come earlier or leave later to have the possibility to visit beautiful Torun Old Town or interesting countryside).

In cases where special assistance is required, please find below additional contact details:

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