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Program

Wednesday, 1 December

From 12.00 *Registration*

13.00 *Welcome - Introduction to the topic of the conference*

Ninna Edgardh and Katarina Westerlund

13.15 – 14.30 *Locating religion in times of crises*

Lecture by Katarina Plank, senior lecturer in religious studies at Karlstad University, currently leading a project on the new faces of the folk church – lived religion, new spiritual practices and theological legitimacy, and co-researcher in a project on the role of lived religion for social mobility and integration among migrant Muslim, Buddhist and Christian groups in Sweden. Time for questions and comments.

14.30 – 15.00 *Coffee break*

15.00 – 18.00 *Practices Toward a New Normality*

Three hours of exploring more of developing practices and challenges of various religious and secular bodies in Sweden, varying from new practices in the still dominant Church of Sweden, the establishment of new Pentecostal immigrant groups and Muslim groups trying to manage in relation to Swedish regulations for civil society.

Speakers are:

Jonas Idestrom, senior lecturer at Stockholm School of Theology, will share results from the ongoing study of “Church in Digital Rooms”.

Katarina Westerlund, senior lecturer at the faculty of theology, Uppsala University, shares preliminary results from the multidisciplinary project she leads on “Pentecostal Migrants in Secular Sweden: Influences and Challenges”.

Emin Poljarevic, senior lecturer in Islamic theology and philosophy at the faculty of theology, Uppsala University, shares reflections on a case study of a Muslim organization trying to tackle municipal regulations for support to religious and civil society organizations.

Short lectures will be followed by group discussions on what kind of crises the case studies point to, what kind of resources are mobilized, and which new questions that are raised by the various stories.

Plenary to summarize the discussions.

18.30 Buffet dinner in a hall at the conference venue. Social/cultural program related to the theme.

Thursday, 2 December

09.00 – 10.15 *Theological reflection in the way we live now: The creative potential of arts-based research methods.*

Lecture by Heather Walton, professor of Theology and Creative Practice, University of Glasgow, Scotland, accompanied by virtual presentations by UK colleagues.

10.15 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 12.30 *Paper sessions A and Theses Marathon.*

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch on Campus

13.30 – 15:15 *Gathering of the Nordic Research School in Practical Theology.* Theme: Academic Virtues. *For those who are not part of the research school cultural activity/leisure time.*

15.15 – 15.45 Coffee break

15.45 – 18.30 *Children as listeners and listening to children. Young perspectives on new normalities.*

- A. Linn Sæbø Rystad, associate professor at MF Norwegian School of Theology and Karin Rubenson, postdoc researcher at the Church of Sweden Research Unit present their research on child perspectives on liturgy and preaching. Discussion.

Break

- B. Kati Tervo-Niemelä, Professor of Practical Theology, University of Eastern Finland, presents their research on how families talk of religion at home, based on three-generation family-interviews.

Discussion

19.30 Conference dinner at one of Uppsala's Student Nations.

Friday, 3 December

09.00 – 10.30 *Paper session B and continued "Theses marathon".*

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

11.00 – 12.00 *Visions for practical theology – closing panel with the steering group of the network.*

12.00 -13.00 *Meeting of the Nordic Network for Practice and Theology*