



2024 Academic Consultation: Receiving the First Council of Nicaea Today

Program

22nd Academic Consultation of the Societas Oecumenica Warsaw (Poland), 5-10 September 2024**Receiving the first Council of Nicaea today: Ecumenical Learning from Synodal Discernment in the Early Church**[Call for Papers](#)[Registration](#)[Venue](#)[Home](#)**Thursday, 5 September 2024**15:30 – 17:30 **Registration for the Conference**18:00 – 19:00 **Opening of the Conference***Nicaea in the Ecumenical Discourse: The Significance of Councils and Creeds**for Common Christian Witness* – Johannes Oeldemann, Johann-Adam-Moehler-Institute for Ecumenism, Paderborn**Friday, 6 September 2024****Plenary** “Exploring Nicaea: Recent Patristic Research on the Council of Nicaea”09:00 – 10:30 *The Way to Nicaea: An Ecclesiological Perspective* – Harri Huovinen, University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu*The Formation of Neo-Niceneism: How the Nicene Creed Changed from a Problem to the Solution* – Peter Gemeinhardt, University of Göttingen

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 *The imperial context of the Council of Nicaea* – Andrej Jęftić, Director of Faith and Order Commission, Geneva*Wrestling with the legacy of Nicaea: contemporary reflections* – Angela Berlis, Institute of Old Catholic Theology, University of Bern

14:30 – 16:00 Small paper sessions

Plenary “Appealing to Nicaea: Hermeneutical Reflections”16:30 – 18:00 *Appealing to Nicaea: Hermeneutical Reflections* – Jennifer Wasmuth, University of Göttingen*Response* – Andrés Valencia*Response* – Uwe Swarat, Baptist Theological Seminary, Elstal (Emeritus)19:00 **Ecumenical Encounter with the Polish Ecumenical Council****Saturday, 7 September 2024****Plenary** “Retrieving Nicaea: The Significance of the Nicene Creed in the Life of the Churches”

09:00 – 10:30 Przemysław Kantyka (Roman Catholic perspective)

Jeremy Morris (Anglican perspective)

Miriam Haar (Lutheran perspective)

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Martina Aras (Syriac Orthodox perspective)

Joshua Searle (Baptist perspective)

Wojciech Gajewski (Pentecostal perspective)

14:15 – 15:45 Small paper sessions

Plenary “Confessing the Christian Faith in Times of War”16:00 – 17:45 *Ukraine: The present situation in Ukraine* – Natalia Shlikhta, National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy*The Present Situation of the Christian Community in Israel/Palestine* – Fr. John Paul, Ecumenical Institute Tantur, Jerusalem*Armenia without Artsakh and without much hope* – Harutyun Harutyunyan, Yerevan State University18:30 **Reception in the Residence of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Warsaw****Sunday, 8 September 2024**

09:00 Departure by bus to Warsaw city centre

10:00 **Sunday services** in different churches in Warsaw**Afternoon excursions:**

- Guided city tour in Warsaw
- Visiting the Mariavites in Płock (Excursion by bus)

Monday, 9 September 2024**Plenary** “Resourcing Nicaea: The Canonical Legacy of the Council”09:00 – 10:30 *Canon 8 of the Council of Nicaea and the Orthodox-Catholic Unity* – Dimitrios Keramidas, Pontifical University St Thomas Aquinas, Rome*The Reformed between Hierarchy, Independentism, and Catholicity: A Response to Canon 8 of Nicaea I: “There may not be two bishops in the city”* – Leon van den Broeke, Theological University Utrecht

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 *Celebrating Easter Together?* – Dagmar Heller, Institute for Ecumenical Studies and Research, Bensheim*One Easter – but with whom? A Finnish Orthodox Perspective* – Maria Takala-Roszczenko, University of Eastern Finland, Joensuu

14:00 – 15:30 Small paper sessions

16:00 – 19:00 **Membership assembly****Tuesday, 10 September 2024****Plenary** “Inheriting Nicaea: The Charism of Synodal Discernment and its Challenges”09:00 – 10:30 *The Early Church’s ideal of synodality and its implementation* – Artur Aleksiejuk, Christian Theological Academy, Warsaw*Structures and Processes of Synodality today* – Sr. Nathalie Becquart, General Secretariat of the Synod, Rome

10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break

Concluding lecture11:00 – 12:15 *Theological Reasoning and the Mutual Accountability of Synodality: Perspectives for the Future* – Bishop Dr. Olav Fykse Tveit, Presiding Bishop, Church of Norway