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The youth conference is the part of the series of three events organized by the European Society for Catholic Theology (ESCT) around the topic of Europe. The series starts in September 2022, when Students from Central Europe will meet at Europe (Re)Discovered, the 7th International PPHF Summer School; and it will conclude in August 2023 at the biennial ESCT Congress on EUROPE: Spiritual Resources for the Future in Pécs.

The youth conference is organized by ESCT and the Episcopal Theological College of Pécs in cooperation with the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Veszprém and the Archepiscopal College of Veszprém.

The main goal of the conference is to bring young theologians together in Veszprém from different countries of Europe and to conceive new visions concerning the future of the continent.

The plenary speeches and parallel sessions are open to all audiences.

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Dear Reverend Fathers, Professors, Participants and Students,

I would like to welcome you all with joy in Veszprém, in the heart of one of the oldest dioceses of Hungary. You've arrived in a beautiful region, the Balaton Uplands, embraced by the waves of the Hungarian sea and by the hills of Bakony. I am happy to greet you warmly at one of the most beautiful ecclesial centres of Hungary.

I chose the younger script from the altar of the 9th century Giselle Chapel as motto for our diocese: "The faith of our ancestors is the hope of the future." I believe that the faith, prayers, knowledge, and culture we inherited from our forefathers is the munition which helps us to advance in our personal faith, the building of our nations, the enrichment of our culture and tradition, to enable the next generations to walk their way firmly.

With these thoughts I especially want to welcome the students, who consider the tools of science as important in their progress to deepen their knowledge about our merciful God. We support and encourage you to be people of hope through your personal faith and knowledge, both in your personal life and social involvement.

God bless the participants of the conference!

*Dr. György Udvardy
Archbishop of Veszprém*

Liebe Teilnehmerinnen und Teilnehmer an der Youth Conference, liebe Kolleginnen und Kollegen der Sektion Ungarn und lieber Kollege Professor Gusztáv Kovács!

Die Europäische Gesellschaft für Katholische Theologie ist 1989, nach dem Fall der Mauer, gegründet worden im Dienst einer neuen Vision für Europa; nach langen Jahren des „Kalten Kriegs“ wurden Räume für neue Verständigungsprozesse zwischen Ost und West und den verschiedenen Ortskirchen erschlossen und diese theologisch-wissenschaftlich begleitet. Ein Europa der offenen Grenzen, der interkulturellen, interkonfessionellen und interreligiösen Gespräche im Dienst von Freiheit und Frieden war damals die Vision; Partnerschaften zwischen Schulen und Universitäten, auf den vielen Ebenen gesellschaftlichen und kulturellen Lebens wurden in diesem Sinn geschlossen. Knapp 35 Jahre später stellt der Krieg in der Ukraine diese Vision Europas auf einen harten Prüfstand. Aber auch heute gilt in gleicher Weise eines der Worte des großen Europäers Václav Havel: „Wahrheit und Liebe müssen siegen über Lügen und Hass“.

Kirchen und Theologien hatten einen großen Anteil an der Friedensarbeit in Europa in den Jahrzehnten nach dem 2. Weltkrieg, und diese Friedensvision christlichen Glaubens gilt es heute lebendig zu halten in einer zerrissenen und von Gewalt, Ausgrenzung und Zerstörung auch unserer ökologischen Lebensgrundlagen geprägten globalen Weltgesellschaft. In meiner Arbeit mit Studierenden an der Universität Osnabrück und Doktoranden und Doktorandinnen aus vielen Weltregionen weiß ich um die Stärke und Hoffnung der jungen Generation. Bauen Sie an neuen Visionen, über alle Grenzen von Hass und Gewalt hinweg, in Europa, in der einen Welt, und geben Sie uns Anteil daran, so dass Ihre Visionen und Ihr Lebensdurst unsere Verantwortung für einen beharrlichen Einsatz für diesen Frieden stärken mögen.

So wünsche ich der Youth Conference gutes Gelingen und danke vor allem dem Vize-Präsidenten unserer Gesellschaft, Prof. Dr. Gusztáv Kovács, für die Ausrichtung dieser Tagung in Veszprém.

Gottes Segen und Pax et Bonum!

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Margit Eckholt
Präsidentin der ESCT



Dear Colleagues and Students,

as Vice-President responsible for the organization of the Young Scholars' Conference of the European Society for Catholic Theology, I would like to express my pleasure and honour to welcome you in Veszprém, Hungary.

As a society of different generations of theologians, it is our goal to conceive new visions for our common home, Europe. I hope this conference will give all participants a real chance for the exchange of ideas, debates, and the sharing of our common faith. As rector of the Episcopal Theological College of Pécs I encourage our students to find motivation to build up bridges between Hungary and other European countries with the help of personal, academic, and religious encounters.

I hope that our conversations will continue in August 2023, at the biennial ESCT Congress in Pécs!

Prof. Dr. Gusztáv Kovács
Vice-President (ESCT), Rector (PPHF)

Je tiens à saluer chaleureusement les participants à la conférence intitulée Visions of Europe, et vous souhaite à tous la bienvenue à Veszprém, capitale européenne de la culture. Le credo, le sens de la mission et la responsabilité sociale de notre Collège découlent des Écritures, de la Sainte Tradition et de l'enseignement de l'Église.

La mission du Collège Archiépiscope de Veszprém (Archiepiscopal College of Veszprém) consiste à servir et à promouvoir la justice sociale et le dialogue interculturel. Nous proposons aux étudiants une formation pour le respect commun et mutuel en matière de culture, de religion, de systèmes de valeurs.

C'est pour cela que je suis très reconnaissant à l'Association Européenne de Théologie Catholique (AETC) et je me réjouis que le Presidium ait choisi notre Collège comme lieu de rencontre. Nous trouvons utile le choix des sujets et des objectifs de la conférence.

Je vous souhaite une conférence fructueuse et réussie.

Dr. József Sebestyén
recteur

SPEAKERS



György Udvardy
Archbishop of Veszprém



Navracsics Tibor
Minister for Regional Development



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President of ESCT



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Vice-President of ESCT



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Ferenc Janka
(Veszprém)



Mark Zammit
(Malta)



Joao Duque
(Lisboa)



László Gájer
(Budapest)

PROGRAM

I FEBRUARY 16

17.30-18.00 Welcome Speeches

György Udvardy (Archbishop of Veszprém)

Margit Eckholt (President of ESCT)

Gusztáv Kovács (Vice-President of ESCT)

József Sebestyén (Rector, Archepiscopal College of Veszprém)

18.00-18.30

Opening speech

Tibor Navracsics

(Minister for

Regional

Development)

18.30-20.00 Dinner

20.00-22.00

The Vision of Europe at the Cinema

with Marek Lis

(Opole)



I FEBRUARY 17

9.00-10.30

Visions of Europe by Senior Theologians

Sigrid Müller (Wien)

You are the future

Piotr Morciniec (Opole)

Projekt Solidarność

Ferenc Janka (Veszprém)

Einheit in legitimer

**Verschiedenheit. Impulse für Europa von einer trinitarisch
inspirierten Anthropologie**

Mark Zammit (Malta)

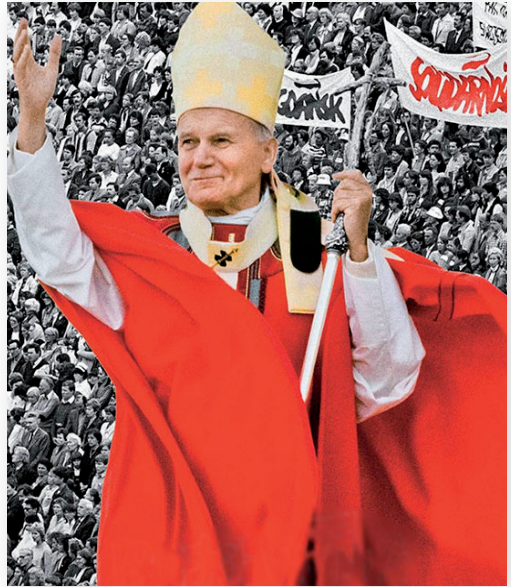
**Europe: Be yourself. Reflecting upon Europe's success and
failures**

Joao Duque (Lisboa)

Identität als Exposition: Europa und die Anderen

László Gájer (Budapest)

Fraternity and a New Agora: The Recent Popes' Vision for Europe



10.30-11.00 **Coffee break**

11.00-12.30 **Round tables**

12.30-13.30 **Lunch**

13.30-15.00

Parallel Sections (1-2-3)

15.00-15.30 **Coffee break**

15.30-17.00

Parallel Sections (4-5-6)

18.30-20.00 **Dinner**

Evening:

Dinner and traditional Hungarian folk-dance house



I FEBRUARY 18TH, 2023

8.30-10.00

Parallel Sections (7-8)

10.00-10.30 **Coffee break**

10.30-12.00

Parallel Sections (9-10)



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CHAIR: TAMÁS RAGADICS

Bruno Petrušil (Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas)

**Robert Schuman's vision of a united Europe:
How does the EU in the year 2023 correspond to it?**

Pavol Hrabovecký (Catholic University Ružomberok)

Synod on Synodality and the Sensus Fidelium of Slovak Catholics

Stephan Tautz (University of Freiburg)

Climate Change in the Theological Landscape of Germany

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CHAIR: HARM GORIS

Jean Claude Attard (University of Malta)

**Reflections from Dun Karm Psaila's Beyond Self on
the Theology of the Mediterranean**

Dominyka Violeta Slepikaite DP (Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania)

A Vision for Europe: The Great Commandment of Love (Jn 13,34)

Jens Van Rompaey (KU Leuven)

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How Christian is Europe and how European is Christianity?**

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Zuzana Svobodová (Charles University, Prague)

Augustine as a Learner

Veronika Kuti (Babeş-Bolyai University in Cluj-Napoca / Episcopal Theological College of Pécs)

Are Rationality and Spirituality Compatible? A New Starting Point for Ethics

Michael Sherman (Carlow College)

Karl Rahner's Pastoral Writings as a Foundation for Synodality

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Severin Parzinger (Universität Osnabrück)

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Mirjam Salfinger (Universität Wien)

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Barna Ferenc Szolnoki (Episcopal Theological College of Pécs)

Faith and Doubt: The Christian-Atheist Dialogue

Bence Fábíán (Episcopal Theological College of Pécs)

Care for Creation according to *Laudato si'*

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Kovács Violetta Mária (Pécsi Püspöki Hittudományi Főiskola)

A szerzetesség Magyarországon a kommunizmus éveiben

Anda Hédi (Pécsi Püspöki Hittudományi Főiskola)

A halál utáni élet Platónnál

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Horváth Barbara (Pécsi Püspöki Hittudományi Főiskola)

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Jézus, mint erőforrás – a XXII. századi Európa tükrében

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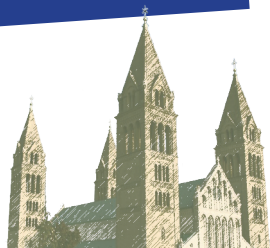
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August 30th – September 2nd, 2023
Theological College of Pécs (Hungary)



The congress provides the opportunity to theologians and other scholars to reflect upon the past and current situation of Europe, and to unfold the future-oriented moments of the Judeo-Christian tradition for the continent. Congress participants are invited to approach the conference topic from their own theological or other academic perspective with the aim to bring the potentials of theology, religion, and spirituality to the light through challenging discussions.

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