

Hussite Theological Faculty of Charles University

Child Theology Network

International Conference - Program

Children and Death

**Educational, Spiritual, Theological, Philosophical, Psychological
and Medical Perspectives and their Meaning for Theologizing,
Philosophizing or just Being with Children**

October 1 – 3, 2018

Monday, October 1, 2018

Day of arrival at the conference for out of town guests

Tuesday, October 2, 2018

9:00 – 9:15 **Opening Speech by the Dean of Hussite Theological Faculty**
doc. Kamila Veverková

Keynote speakers: Contribution of Major Science Disciplines

9:15 – 10:00 *Children and Death - A Systematic Overview of Development of Death Concepts.
How children cope with the death of relatives and other subjects*
prof. Anton Bucher – Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Salzburg

10:00 – 10:45 *Development of Czech Thanatology*
prof. Helena Haškovcová – Faculty of Humanities, Charles University
(Interpreting from Czech)

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

I. Group of Lectures: Contribution of History and Fundamental Theology

11:00 – 11:45 *Changes in the Understanding of Children's Death in the Modern Period*
doc. Kamila Veverková – Hussite Theological Faculty, Charles University
(Interpreting from Czech)

11:45 – 12:30 *Children's Hospice Klíčec*
Markéta Královcová – Nadační fond Klíčec

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

II. Group of Lectures: Perspectives of Different Countries

- 14:00 – 14:45** *Child - Illness - Religion*
prof. Gerhard Büttner – University of Dortmund
(Interpreting from German)
- 14:45 – 15:30** *The Concept of Death in Children: Fact or Fiction?*
dr. Carl-Mario Sultana – Faculty of Theology, University of Malta
- 15:30 – 15:45** Coffee break
- 15:45 – 16:00** *Interviews about Death with Children Aged 6-10 Years during Catechesis*
dr. Zuzana Svobodová – Hussite Theological Faculty, Charles University

Good practice:

- 16:00 – 16:45** *Children's Ideas about Death from a Buddhist Monastery in Nepal*
dr. Filip Burget – First Faculty of Medicine, Charles University
- 16:45 – 17:15** *“The Life Jacket” A Project about Children and Death in Children's Theological Perspective. Good practice from the Netherlands*
dr. Henk Kuindersma – Religions Education, Training of RE Teachers
Liesbeth Winters-Jonas – Religions Education, Children`s Pastor
- 17:15 – 17:45** *Primary School Education related to death issues*
Mgr. Veronika Plachá, dr. Marta Franclová – Faculty of Education,
University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice
- 17:45 - 19:30** *Workshop: Philosophizing and Theologizing with Children about Life and Death*
Dipl.-Päd. Karin Kubec, Dipl.-Päd. Irene Pack – Odilien-Institut, Graz and
KPH Graz, Catholic University College for Education Graz
Gesa Menzel – CJD Christophorusschool Königswinter, Bonn
- 20:00** Dinner

Wednesday, October 3, 2018

Keynote speakers: Possible Ways for Education in Changing Europe

- 9:15 – 10:00** *The Transformation of the Czech Education Paradigm after the Velvet Revolution - Turning to Child Education and its Importance for the Existential Themes of the Child*
prof. Vladimíra Spilková – Faculty of Arts and Philosophy, University of Pardubice
(Interpreting from Czech)
- 10:00 – 10:45** *The Desire to Stay “Forever Young” in Confrontation with Reality of Death. Theological-pedagogical approach*
doc. Katarína Valčová – Faculty of Humanities, University of Žilina
- 10:45 – 11:00** Coffee break

III. Group of Lectures: Perspectives of Different Countries

- 11:00 – 11:45** *Children Facing Death: Polish Perspective*
prof. Elżbieta Osewska – State Higher Vocational School in Tarnow
- 11:45 – 12:30** *Without Friends, without Love, Absolutely Alone... The Perception of Dying and Death in Children of Younger School Ages*
doc. Ludmila Muchová – Faculty of Theology, University of South Bohemia in České Budějovice
- 12:30 – 14:00** Lunch
- 14:00 – 14:45** *How Do Children Think about Death? Listening to Children in Classroom Situations in Slovakia*
prof. Dana Hanesová – Faculty of Education, Matej Bel University Banská Bystrica
- 14:45 – 15:30** *Opening Children's Imagination for the Paschal Mystery via The Chronicles of Narnia*
dr. Barbora Šmejdivá – Catholic Theological Faculty, Charles University
- 15:30 – 15:45** Coffee break
- 15:45 – 16:00** *How Do Czech Preschool Children Speak about Death and Dying?*
dr. Noemi Bravená – Hussite Theological Faculty, Charles University
- 16:00 – 16:45** *How Do Children with Asperger Syndrome Speak about Death?*
dr. Adriána Maďarová – Kindergarten Macko Macík and Jan Bakoš Elementary School, special education counseling
- 16:45** End of the conference