

15-17th October

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conference program

**CONFESSIONALITY
AND UNIVERSITY
IN THE MODERN WORLD**
– 20th Anniversary of “Károli” University

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Welcome to the CONFSSIONALITY AND UNIVERSITY IN THE MODERN WORLD – 20th Anniversary of “Károli” University conference!

“Károli” University was founded by the General Assembly of the Reformed Church in Hungary in 1993. In establishing our University, the General Assembly remained true to the fundamental truths as revealed in the Scriptures, as well as to its heritage, and voted to continue these traditions for the benefit of our nation. Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary is proud of guaranteeing educational facilities for students and assisting in the development of their academic potential; following in the footsteps of many centuries of Reformed and Hungarian higher education. This conference is an opportunity to reflect upon the great achievements made in the field of academic programs in the past 20 years and take a look into the future opportunities.

We hope you will find this program an inspirational and truly memorable event dedicated to the anniversary.

TUESDAY, 15TH OCTOBER “CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITIES” PANEL

10.00 Opening greetings **60 min.**
Rector of Károli University, Presiding Bishop of the Reformed Church in Hungary,
Rectors of other church related universities

11.00 Opening of the Christian Universities panel **15 min.**
Dr. Enikő Sepsi Dean of the Faculty of Humanities KRE, Hungary

11.15 – 13.15 **FIRST SESSION** Chair: **Prof. Dr. Tibor Fabiny**

**11.15 Christian (Protestant and Catholic) Universities in North America:
Past Present and Future** **45+15 min.**
Dr. Jeff Boumann Director of the Service-Learning Center Calvin College, USA

**12.15 The Rebirth of Protestant Universities in Eastern Europe
After the Fall of Communism** **45+15 min.**
Dr. Perry Glanzer Professor Baylor University, USA

13.15 LUNCH offered (break) **60 min.**

14.15 – 16.00 **SECOND SESSION** Chair: **Dr. Enikő Sepsi**

**14.15 The Mission of IAPCHE International Association
for Promoting Christian Higher Education** **45+15 min.**
Dr. Mwenda Ntarangwi Executive Director of IAPCHE
“Associate Professor of Anthropology, Calvin College, USA”

15.15 The Lithuanian Christian University: Its Foundation and Twenty Years **30+15 min.**
Dr. Marlene Wall President LCC International University

16.00 COFFEE BREAK **30 min.**

16.30 – 19.00 **THIRD SESSION** Chair: **Prof. Dr. Gyula Bakacsi**

16.30 The Sapientia University in Transylvania **30+15 min.**
Emőd Farkas Office Director Sapientia Foundation

17.15 Partium University in Transylvania **30+15 min.**
Levente Székedi Vice-dean of Partium Christian University,
Faculty of Human and Social Studies

18.00 Reflections on Transylvanian Christian Universities **20+10 min.**
Prof. Dr. Gyula Bakacsi Associate Professor Faculty of Business Administration
Corvinus University of Budapest

19.00 – 21.00 CONFERENCE DINNER

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER "CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITIES" PANEL

9.00 – 10.15 **FOURTH SESSION** Chair: **Prof. Dr. Péter Balla**

- 9.00 Pázmány Péter Catholic University: Its Foundation and Twenty Years** **30+15 min.**
Prof. Dr. Mihály Kránitz Professor, Head of Department (Pázmány Péter Catholic University)
- 9.45 Károli Gáspár University: Its Foundation** **20+10 min.**
Dr. Attila Kálmán Former secretary of State
- 10.15 The Faculty of Theology of KRE** **20+10 min.**
(Curriculum Development and Human Resources)
Prof. Dr. József Zsengellér Dean of the Faculty of Theology KRE, Hungary

10.45 COFFEE BREAK **15 min.**

11.00 – 13.00 **FIFTH SESSION** Chair: **Dr. Marlene Wall**

- 11.00 The Faculty of Law of KRE** **20+10 min.**
(Curriculum Development and Human Resources)
Dr. Péter Antalóczy Dean of the Faculty of Law KRE, Hungary
- 11.30 The Faculty of Humanities** **20+10 min.**
(Curriculum Development and Human Resources)
Dr. Enikő Sepsi Dean of the Faculty of Humanities KRE, Hungary
- 12.00 The Theological Models of a Christian University** **20+10 min.**
(Community of Faith and a Community of Knowledge)
Prof. Dr. Tibor Fabiny Director of the Institute of English Studies,
Hermeneutical Research Centre, KRE, Hungary

12.30 LUNCH offered **60 min.**

WEDNESDAY, 16TH OCTOBER "CONFESSION AND NATION" PANEL

14.00 – 16.10 **FIRST SESSION** Chair: **Prof. Dr. József Zsengellér**

- 14.00 Church and Education in Religious Education Schools** **40+10 min.**
Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Gottfried Adam Professor of church pedagogy University of Vienna
- 14.50 National Identity and Confession in the Old Testament** **30+10 min.**
Dr. István Karasszon Professor, Director of the Old Testament Institute KRE, Hungary
- 15.30 Confession and Nation in the Writings of Paul** **30+10 min.**
Dr. Viktor Kókai Nagy Adjunct,
New Testament Institute Debrecen Reformed Church University

16.10 COFFEE BREAK **15 min.**

16.25 – 19.00 **SECOND SESSION**

- 16.25 National and Congregational Identity in the Shadow of Dictatorship** **30+10 min.**
Réka Kiss Historian Researcher of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- 17.05 Hungarian Statement of Confession** **30+10 min.**
András Csűrös Doctoral Student, church historian KRE, Hungary
- 18.00 Booklaunch: |Buda Béla: Empátia |Bagdy Emőke: Pszichofitness |** **45+10 min.**
Introduction: Dr. Enikő Sepsi Dean of the Faculty of Humanities
Pszichofitness: Dr. Erika Nyitrai Head of Department, Assistant Professor and
Prof. Dr. Emőke Bagdy Professor Emerita
Empátia: Dr. Piroska Komlósi Associate Professor
and **Dr. Zsuzsanna Mirnics** Head of Department, Associate Professor

THURSDAY, 17TH OCTOBER "RELIGIOSITY AND PROTESTANTISM TODAY" PANEL10.00 – 12.30 **FIRST SESSION** (Language: English) Chair: **Dr. Károly Bozsonyi**

10.00 "We are Calvinists" **30+15 min.**
Risks and Opportunities for Protestantism in the 21st Century
Prof. Dr. Jan Peter Balkenende

10.45 Religiosity in America **20+10 min.**
Dr. John Brouwer Visiting Professor of KRE, Hungary

11:15 COFFEE BREAK **15 min.**

11.30 Religions in the Netherlands, from a protestant-catholic controversy to pluralism in a secular context **20+10 min.**
Dr. Harm G. Dane Policy Officer of the Protestant Church of the Netherlands

12:00 Focusing on recent trends of religiosity in Germany **20+10 min.**
PD Dr. Hilke Rebenstorf

12.30 LUNCH offered **60 min.**

14.00 – 17.15 **SECOND SESSION** (Language: Hungarian) Chair: **Dr. Márton Csanády**

14.00 Main trends of Hungarian Religiosity in European context 2013 **20+10 min.**
Dr. Márton Csanády Director of Research and Communication, University College Professor

14.30 Figures, Maps, Consequences: Spatial and Temporal Trends in Religiosity in the Light of Censuses from the Past Century **20+10 min.**
Dr. Károly Bozsonyi Vice Rector of the Károli Gáspár University of the Reformed Church in Hungary
and **Dr. Lajos Bálint** Social Researcher, Hungarian Central Statistical Office

15:00 Declining Religiosity among Hungarian Youth after the Turn of the Millennium: Main Trends and Possible Explanations **20+10 min.**
Ádám Hátori Sociologist, College Assistant lecturer at KRE; PhD student at Corvinus University of Budapest
and **Dr. Gergely Rosta** Sociologist, Research Fellow, Westfälische Wilhelms-Universität Münster

15:30 COFFEE BREAK **15 min.**

15:45 The Society of Minor Hungarian Settlements in the Light of the 2011 Census **20+10 min.**
Tamás Ragadics Assistant Lecturer, University of Pécs

16:15 Challenging Christian Identity in Central Europe **20+10 min.**
Prof. Dr. András Máté-Tóth Professor and Head of Department, University of Szeged

16.45 Analysis of the 2011 Hungarian Census Results on Religiosity **20+10 min.**
Gábor Dániel Nagy Senior Lecturer, University of Szeged

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