

3rd annual conference of the *Faith and Culture Centre Facultatea de Teologie Baptista - University of Bucharest.*

"Ecclesiology and Ethnography: Two Worlds or One?" 2 - 5 December 2015

Hotel Siqua – Bucharest

Calea Plevnei nr: 59A Bucharest, Romania

Conference schedule

Wednesday December 2nd

16:00 - 16:30 - Welcome and Introductions

Prof. Mircea Dumitru – Rector - University of Bucharest
 Prof. Otniel Bunaciu – Dean - Baptist Theology Faculty University of Bucharest

16:30 - 18:00 - Session

Prof. Pete Ward (University of Durham): "Ecclesiology and ethnography: going there through Karl Barth".

Thursday December 3rd

9:00 – 10:15 – Session 2

Dr. Clare Watkins (Roehampton University): "Is it still theology? Promises and pitfalls of empirical research for theologies of church".

10:15 - 10:30 - Coffee break

10:30 – 11:45 – Session 3 (Short papers: 30 minutes)

- (a) Dr. Mircea Paduraru (University of Iasi): "The powers of ethnography and ecclesiastic authority. A Romanian account of a problematic relationship".
- (b) Vasile Ernu: "The Sectarians the experience of marginal religious groups in the 20th century Bessarabia's case".

11:45 – 12:00 – Coffee break

12:00 – 13:15 – Session 4 (Short papers: 30 minutes)

- (a) Prof. Wim Vandewiele (University of Leuven): "Contemplative monasteries in the 21st century. An ethnographic study of present-day contemplative community life".
- (b) Charles Osasogie Omogiate (University of Leuven): "Towards a theological response to

gender problematic in African Christianity: An ethnographic study of gender landmarks in Southern Nigeria".

13:30 – 15:00 – Lunch break

15:00 – 16:15 – Session 5 (Short papers: 30 minutes)

- (a) Prof. Daniel Barbu (Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest): "Spiritual capital in post-secular societies. The case of Romania".
- (b) Prof. David Pestroiu (Faculty of Orthodox Theology, University of Bucharst): "The Holy Tradition versus human traditions. A necessary distinction".

16:15 – 16:30 – Coffee break

16:30 – 17:45 – Session 6

Dr. Susie Snyder (University of Oxford): "Ethnographic ethics? Immigration detention activism, fieldwork and normative moral discourse".

Friday December 4th

9:00 - 10:15 - Session 7

Prof. Paul Fiddes (University of Oxford): "Ecclesiology and ethnography: one world revisited".

10:15 – 10:30 – Coffee break

10:30 – 11:45 – Session 8

Prof. Sune Fahlgren (Stockholm School of Theology): "Creating a uniting church: ethnographic exploration of the language of ecclesiology in practice".

11:45 - 12:00 - Coffee break

12:00 – 13:15 – Session 9 (Short papers: 30 minutes)

- (a) Dr. Andrey Puzynin (TCMI Institute, Austria): "Evangelical Christians-Baptists of Ukraine: A socio-theological profile".
- (b) Prof. Doru Buzducea (Faculty of Sociology and Social Work, University of Bucharest) & Prof. Otniel Bunaciu (Faculty of Baptist Theology, University of Bucharest): "Understanding and evaluating a faith based initiative in an impoverished Roma community. The case for Project Ruth".

13:30 - 15:00 - Lunch break

15:00 – 16:15 – Session 10

Dr. Jonas Idestrom (Church of Sweden Research Unit): "Faithful participation: Reflections on ethnographic ecclesiology in a folk church context".

16:15 – 16:30 – Coffee break

16:30 – 17:00 – Session 11 (Short papers: 30 minutes)

(a) Dr. Adrian Sarbu & Prof. Otniel Bunaciu (Faculty of Baptist Theology, University of Bucharest): "Differences and Similarities between Baptist youth in Bucharest and their peers. An evidence based theological reflection".