

Program
COMENIUS-SOMEF Conference 14 –17.05.2025

14. May, Wednesday

14.30 – 15.30 Registration

15.30 – 15.45 Welcoming:¹ Prof. Dr. Sándor Kovács, The Rector of the Protestant Theological Institute of Cluj-Napoca

Prof. Dr. Olga Lukács, The Dean of the Department of Reformed Theology and Music

15.45 – 16.45 Keynote lecture and questions: Prof. dr. Jenő Kiss: *It is deemed worthy to be considered a challenging context*

Moderator: Dr. Jurjen Zeilstra

16.45 – 17.10 Coffee break

I. Session

Time	Section A ² Moderator: Ao.Univ.Prof. Dr. Robert Schelander	Section B ³ Moderator: Dr. Gert van Klinken
17.10 –17.50 ⁴	Dr. Dushka Matevska, Full Professor Dr. Zoran Matevski, Full Professor <i>Religious conflicts in the World as a Consequence of the intertwined Relationship between Church and Politics</i>	Dr. Jurjen Zeilstra (Dr. theol., Dr. hist.) <i>The Value and Dangers of Syncretism: Case Suriname</i>

17.50 –18.15 Break

18.15 –19.00 Cultural program

19.00 – Standing reception

¹ KPTI Ceremony Hall

² Location: Bethlen Hall

³ Location: Classroom No. 5

⁴ Every presentation is allocated 25 minutes, and the discussion is allocated 15 minutes

15. May, Thursday

8.45–9.00 Morning devotion (Levente Horváth)

II. Session

Time	Section A Moderator: Dr. Levente Horváth	Section B Moderator: Dr. Viktor Kókai-Nagy
09.00 –09.40	Andrea Tünde Varga <i>The Reformed Church under Communist Rule: Between Compliance and Resistance</i>	Drs. Boróka Beke, PHD student <i>How the church could benefit from a networked approach</i>
09.40 –10.20	Viktória Cadena-Kóczyán <i>The Revitalization of Religious Life as a Tool for Revolution: The Case of the Reformed Church in Timișoara, Romania</i>	Stefanie Arnold, MTh and lic.phil.hist <i>Why is Our Church Struggling to Survive if the Church Will Never Die? A Case Study from Switzerland</i>

10.20 –10.45 Coffee break

III. Session

Time	Section A Moderator: Dr. Mr. K.W. de Jong	Section B Moderator: Drs. Éva Éles
10.45 –11.25	Dr. Levente Horvath <i>When Pannenberg met Anticlimacus – a dialogue taken place in the future</i>	Dr. Lehel Lészai, Associate professor <i>In Between Everyday and Eternal Life</i>
11.25 –12.05	Petra Laagland Winder, MA <i>We do not have language for that, yet</i>	Dr. Marcin Zielinski. <i>The Influence of Stoicism on Wisdom 1-9: a General Overview</i>

12.05 –12.30 Coffee break

IV. Session

Time	Section A Moderator: Beatrix Bíró	Section B Moderator: Dr. Hajnalka Kovács
12.30 –13.10	Dr. Gabriella Gorbai, Assistant professor <i>The Role of Christian Educators in Promoting the Mental Well-being of Children and Adolescents</i>	Prof. Dr. Előd Hodossy-Takács <i>Interpret, but do not divert! subtitle: Contextual Biblical Interpretation: A Case Study</i>

13.10–15.00 Lunch break (13.30 Lunch)

15. May, Thursday

V. Session

Time	Section A Moderator: Ao.Univ.Prof. Dr. Robert Schelander	Section B Moderator: Dr. Gert van Klinken
15.00 –15.40	Dr. Viktor Kókai-Nagy <i>Körper und Seele im Judentum</i>	Dr. Tomáš Havelka, PhD <i>“Many do not read the holy Scriptures, for its length.” Theological Aspects of Comenius' Adaptation of the Bible (Manualník)</i>
15.40 –16.20	Prof. Olga Lukács. <i>Die Auswirkungen der rumänischen Gesetzgebung auf die Reformierte Kirche in Siebenbürgen in den 1920er Jahren</i>	Dr. Lenka Reznikova, (Mgr., Ph.D.) <i>Metaphors in Theological Understanding: Early modern Rhetorica Sacra between encyclopaedism and homiletics</i>
16.20 –17.00	Dr. Sarolta Lengyelne Püsök, Associate Professor <i>The changing and constant components of the question of authority/ Die wechselnden und konstanten Komponenten der Frage der Autorität</i>	PhDr. CSc. Vera Schifferova <i>Philosophia non erit dicenda... Theologiae ancilla, sed germana soror. On the relationship between philosophy and theology in Comenius</i>

17.00–17.25 Coffee break

VI. Session

Time	Section A Moderator: Dr. Marcin Zielinski	Section B Moderator: Dr. Peter Morée
17.25 –18.05	Filip Taufer, Mgr. <i>Ordinary, Artistic, Theological. Exploration of the Revelatory Potential of Art Through the Examination of its Boundaries</i>	Dr. Gert J. van Klinken <i>Theology and the rise of Abolitionism</i>
18.05 –18.45	Dr. Johnson Srigiri (Revd.) <i>Human Reception of Divine Revelation: The Cognitive Complexity Arising in the Minds of the Prophets and the Apostles in Receiving and Responding to Revelation</i>	Dr. Balikó Zoltán, Associate Professor <i>Signs of Imago Dei on AI?</i>

19.00 Dinner

16. May, Friday

8.45–9.00 Morning devotion (Jurjen Zeilstra)

VII. Session

Time	Section A Moderator: Dr. Viktor Kókai-Nagy	Section B Moderator: Dr. Jurjen Zeilstra
09.00 –09.40	Mgr. Zsolt Görözdi, ThD. <i>Kriterien der Predigt versus Erwartungen der Gemeinde</i>	Dr. Mr. K.W De Jong <i>The Intercession for the Government: A Context-Dependent Element in an Official 16th-Century Dutch Prayer</i>
09.40 –10.20	Dr. Szabolcs Kató <i>Exodus in Kontexten. Neuinterpretationen in Hoseas prophetischem Diskurs</i>	Mr. Mihailo Milenkovic (Ph.D candidate) <i>Asceticism as a Path to Gender Equality: Examples from the Philotheos Historia.</i>

10.20–10.45 Coffee break

VIII. Session

Time	Section A Moderator: Dr. Zoran Matevski	Section Dr. Gabriella Gorbai
10.45 –11.25	Dr. Peter Morée <i>Churches' Credibility in the Contexts of Current Generations. Exploring Generational Value Differences and Implications for Churches</i>	Ao.Univ.Prof. Dr. Robert Schelander <i>Dealing with religious plurality in schools</i>
11.25 –12.05	Dr. Hans Bruno Frölich, Stadtpfarrer & Dechant <i>Autocephalous Ukraine and Romanian Orthodoxy</i>	Dr. Edit Somfalvi <i>Catechizing Z and ALPHA Generations - A methodological Response</i>

12.05–12.30 Coffee break

IX. Session

Time	Section A Moderator: Dr. Lehel Lészai	Section B Moderator: Prof. Dr. Előd Hodossy-Takács
12.30 –13.10	Dr. György Kustár <i>How to Deal with Money? – Changed Contexts, Changed Meanings. An Investigation into the Parable of the Unjust Steward in Lk 16,1-13.</i>	Dr. Enikő Hajnalka Kovács, SENIOR LECTURER <i>Theological Context of Apocalypticism as Challenges to Faith in the Old Testament</i>

13.10–14.30 Lunch break (13.30 Lunch)

14.30– Excursion

17. May, Saturday

8.45–9.00 Morning devotion (Johnson Srigiri)

09.00 –10.130 Reports of the Theological Institutes (Moderator: Ao.Univ.Prof. Dr. Robert Schelander)

10.30 –10.55 Coffee break

X. Session

Time	Section A Moderator: Dr. Lehel Lászai	Section B Moderator: Prof. Dr. Előd Hodossy-Takács
10.55 –11.35	Drs. Éva Éles <i>„I urge you as aliens and strangers...” Theology in context: concern and encouragement for "soft difference" in 1Peter</i>	Dr. Ibolya Balla <i>The Role of קטן in Isa 40:12-13 in the context of Deutero-Isaiah's creation theology</i>
11.35–12.15	Beatrix Bíró <i>From “Myth” To “Magic” - A Comparative Study of Exegesis and Bibliolog with the Text of 2 Kings 4:1–7</i>	Dr. Jaap Doedens <i>Old Testament Theology in an Age of Mind Parasites</i>

12.15 –12.35 Award of the Golden Ring Doctorate in Theology to Prof. dr. Zoltán Adorjáni (Moderator: Prof. Dr. Előd Hodossy Takács)

12.35 –13.00 Coffee break

13.00 –14.00 Evaluation, Planning the next conference (Moderator: Dr. Ibolya Balla)

14.00 – Lunch, departure.