

7th European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health

“Aging, Spirituality and Health”

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The rescheduled conference will be held as a virtual event ! This opens to opportunity to invite participants from all over the globe. The Catholic University of Portugal, Lisbon, remains our partner. The main topic is “Aging, Spirituality and Health”. Keynote speakers from a variety of disciplines will provide a comprehensive overview on the topic. Invited symposia and abstracts allow researchers to present and their research findings. The virtual program app promotes exchange and networking amongst researchers, health professionals and other experts from many disciplines and nations.

Keynote Speakers

- Prof. Dr. Niels Christian Hvidt
University of Southern Denmark, Odense (DK)
Theological Perspectives on Aging and Health - Why Spirituality matters?
- Prof. Dr. Andreas Kruse
Gerontology, University of Heidelberg, Heidelberg (D)
The Importance of Spirituality in Aging and Health – A Gerontologist’s Perspective
- Prof. Dr. Ellen Idler
Samuel Candler Dobbs Chair of Sociology, Department of Epidemiology, Emory University, Atlanta, GA (USA)
The Importance of Spirituality in Aging and Health – A Sociologist’s Perspective
- Prof. Dr. Harold G. Koenig
Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC (USA)
Research on the Impact of Religion/Spirituality on Aging and Health - What do we know?
- Prof. Dr. Silvia Caldeira
Institute of Health Science, Catholic University, Lisbon (P)
Religion and Spirituality in the Care of older Patients - The Contribution of Nursing
- Prof. Dr. Arjan Braam
University of Humanistic Studies, Utrecht (NL)
Depression in later life - the affective dimension of religiousness and spirituality
- Prof. Dr. Jessie Dezutter
School of Psychology, Catholic University of Leuven (BE)
Meaning in life and its role for the health of frail older adults?
- Prof. Dr. Tyler J. VanderWeele
Departments of Epidemiology and Biostatistics at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Boston (USA)
Aging, Health and Human Flourishing - An Epidemiologist’s Perspective

Donia Baldacchino Lecture

- Prof. Dr. Stephen G. Post
Director, Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care & Bioethics, Stony Brook University, New York (USA)
Does Altruism make Senior’s healthier, happier and living longer?

Call for Abstracts

Please submit your abstracts for oral or poster presentations until March 30, 2021

www.ecrsh.eu/abstract

Fees Online Conference

The conference fee's are graded according country categories I-III (see table beside). The country codes you find on the conference website www.ecrsh.eu. Online fee's include full access to the whole program of the online conference. For reduced fees students (BA, MA, PhD) must provide proof of status.

	Early Fee (until March 31, 2021)	Normal Fee (from April 1, 2021)	Early Student (until March 31, 2021)	Norm. Stud. (from April 1, 2021)
Cat. I	EUR 240	EUR 280	EUR 140	EUR 180
Cat. II	EUR 180	EUR 220	EUR 100	EUR 140
Cat. III	EUR 120	EUR 160	EUR 60	EUR 100

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Online Research Workshop

**Prof. Harold. G. Koenig MD and European experts
May 23-26, 2021; Online by Zoom**

Preceding the ECRSH21 we invite you to participate in the 4-day Pre-Conference Research Workshop with Prof. Koenig. The workshop is open to all interested in doing research on religion, spirituality and health (accepting participants of any educational level or degree, including theologians, chaplains, physicians, nurses, psychologists, pastoral counselors, public health specialists, epidemiologists, or other).

Prof. Koenig of Duke University Medical Center is known as senior author of the "Handbook of Religion and Health". Furthermore Prof. Koenig is director of the Center for Spirituality, Theology and Health at Duke University and distinguished Adjunct Professor at King Abdulaziz University in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The center at Duke University used to offer a 1-year post-doctoral fellowship in religion and health, which Prof. Koenig has compressed into 4-day workshops.

The following topics will be discussed:

- Historical connections between religion & health
- Previous research on religion, spirituality and physical as well as mental health
- Strengths and weaknesses of previous research
- Theological considerations and concerns
- Highest priority studies for future research
- Strengths and weaknesses of religion and spirituality measures
- Designing different types of research projects

- Funding and managing a research project
- Writing a research paper for publication, getting it published
- Presenting research to public audiences, working with the media
- Developing an academic career in this area
- Overview on RSH research in Europe

European experts are: Prof. Arndt Büssing, Prof. Niels Hvidt, Prof. Deborah Lycett, Prof. Jessie Dezutter, Prof. Arjan Braam and Dr. René Hefti.

Individual mentorship meetings allow participants to discuss their own research projects.

Combined participation of ECRSH21 and the research workshop is possible. For further information contact: rene.hefti@rish.ch or info@rish.ch.

Notice: number of participants is limited!

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