

Second Announcement

# 8<sup>th</sup> European Conference on Religion, Spirituality and Health

Onsite and online participation possible !

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## “Religious, Spiritual and Existential Aspects in Mental Health Care”

Amsterdam (NL) • June 2-4, 2022 • [www.ecrsh.eu](http://www.ecrsh.eu)

The next European conference is organized in cooperation with the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and an academic local committee. The conference will be held as a hybrid event combining onsite and online participation. The main focus is on mental health care integrating religious, spiritual and existential aspects. European and international keynote speakers from a wide variety of disciplines will contribute to the topic. Invited symposia and selected presentations allow researchers to discuss their research projects and findings. The social and online interactive program promotes exchange and networking among researchers, health professionals and other experts from many disciplines and nations.

### Keynote Speakers

- Prof. Dr. Hanneke Schaap-Jonker  
Religion/Theology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (NL)  
**Shame, Society & Spirituality: How Clinical Psychology of Religion can support Mental Health**
- Dr. Suvi-Maria Saarelainen PhD  
School of Theology, University of Eastern Finland (FI)  
**Religious Capital as a Central Factor in Coping with the recent Covid-19 Pandemic**
- Prof. Dr. Siebrecht Vanhooren PhD  
Faculty of Psychology, KU Leuven, Leuven (BE)  
**The Existential Dimension in Psychotherapy - more than Meaning in Life!**
- Prof. Dr. Harold G. Koenig MD (online)  
Duke University Medical Center, Durham, NC (USA)  
**Moral Injury in Mental Health Care - what can we learn from the Veterans Studies?**
- Prof. Dr. Rania Awaad MD  
Psychiatry/Behavioral Science, University of Stanford (USA)  
**Religion and Suicide Prevention in Muslim Mental Health - A Clinical Approach**
- Dr. Helena Larsson PhD  
Care Science, Kristianstad University, Malmö (SE)  
**Person-centered Care as a Remedy for Existential Loneliness**
- Prof. Dr. Christopher Cook PhD  
Dep. of Theology, Durham University, Durham (UK)  
**Theological Perspectives on Mental Health and Suffering - What do they add?**
- Prof. Dr. Samuel Pfeifer MD  
Evangelische Hochschule TABOR, Marburg (DE)  
**Religion and Spirituality as Relevant Dimensions in Psychiatry - from Research to Practice**
- Prof. Dr. Alfried Längle MD  
Sigmund Freud University, Vienna (A)  
**What is the Contribution of Existential Psychotherapy to the Understanding and Treatment of Mental Disorders?**
- Prof. Dr. David Rosmarin PhD  
Dep. of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School, Boston (USA)  
**Religious/Spiritual Interventions for Anxiety Disorders in the Jewish Tradition**

### The Donia Baldacchino Lecture

- Prof. Dr. Robert Emmons (online)  
Dep. of Psychology, University of California, Davis (USA)  
Editor-in-Chief, The Journal of Positive Psychology  
**Gratitude - Do Positive Attitudes and Feelings help in Coping with Mental Disorders?**

Symposia program  
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## Conference Fees

The conference fee's are graded according the economic conditions of the countries (categories I-III). The classification can be found on the conference website [www.eocrsh.eu/registration](http://www.eocrsh.eu/registration). The fee's for on-line and in person participation differs by 40 Euro. In person participation additionally includes coffee breaks and reception (but not lunch breaks!).

	Early Fee (until Dec. 15, 2021)	Normal Fee (from Dec. 16, 2021)	Early Student (until Dec. 15, 2021)	Norm. Stud. (from Dec. 16, 2021)
Cat. I	240/280	280/320	120/180	180/220
Cat. II	180/220	220/260	80/120	120/160
Cat. III	120/160	160/200	40*/60	60/100

Note: All fee's are in Euro! The first number is the online fee. Its also possible to participate only for single days. Contact the office.

## Scientific Committee

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## Symposia

Symposia I – VI: Friday, June 3, 2022, 10:30 – 12:00 am		
Symposia	Chair	Topic
Symposium I	Jessie Dezutter (B)	Existential concerns in late life: An overview of research at the Meaning Research Late Life Lab
Symposium II	Hanneke Schaap-Jonker (N)	God representations and religious struggles among psychiatric patients
Symposium III	René Hefti (CH)	Spirituality integrated therapy
Symposium IV	Gerrit Glas (N)	Person centered psychiatry
Symposium V	Angeliën Steen (N)	Meaning in life and personality disorders
Symposium VI	Eva Ouwehand (N)	Spiritual care implementations in mental health care organizations: pilot studies
Symposia VII – XII: Saturday, June 4, 2022, 10:30 – 12:00 am		
Symposia	Chair	Topic
Symposium VII	Jessie Dezutter (B)	CAT project exist-well in nursing homes
Symposium VIII	Hanneke Schaap-Jonker (N)	Longitudinal methods in research on religion and spirituality: a path to the future
Symposium IX	Piet Verhagen (N)	On the promotion of religion, spirituality and meaning-making in mental health care
Symposium X	Deborah Lycett / Niels Hvidt	Digital spirituality and human flourishing
Symposium XI	Arndt Büssing (G)	Mental health and the corona pandemic

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