

Call for papers
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Youth as agents of change? – between community and diversity

It is with great pleasure that we now call for papers for next year's IASYM European conference in Copenhagen.

“Youth are not to blame, but they will need to take responsibility”. This seems to be the way we think about youth, when it comes to church as well as society, climate etc. As necessary as this might be, we still need to question it. Are we making the youth subject or object of our hopes? Is the pressure sustainable? Are the changes we hope for what the youth are calling for? Or do their dreams and beliefs differ from ours? And how about tradition? Is it true that youth in many ways are more conservative than older generations, when it comes to tradition? Or – to summarize: what is a stake when we talk about youth and change in church? This is what we hope to explore further when we meet in Copenhagen.

The theme will be a part of the conference, and we expect the Keynotes of the conference to reflect this theme in one way or another. However, as IASYM would like to encourage students and researchers to present their work within youth ministry, the conference is open to all papers within youth ministry, no matter what their theme might be,

We would also like to suggest, that you invite colleagues and scholars to participate who are not directly in youth ministry, but who have included youth in their theological research e.g. liturgy, intercultural studies, ecclesiology, dogmatics, history etc.

If you are interested in presenting a paper, please send us **a proposal** following these requirements:

- The title of your paper
- An overview of the paper (Max of 300 words)
- Make a note about research type (literature, qualitative, quantitative, action research or others)
- Make a note about research field (e.g. cultural studies, liturgy, media etc.)
- Make a note about primary theories used in your research (methodology as well as bibliography)
- Make a note about which type of presentations you would suggest as relevant for your paper (options are listed below)
- Remember:
 - o Your name, country of residence
 - o Your email address
 - o Your academic background and institution

Please note the dates (listed below) and be aware that you will need to submit a full paper in advance if you are presenting. This applies for all papers / session types.

Send your proposal to: **b.weigand.berg@pthu.nl**
Not later than November 12.

Looking forward to hear from you

The Academic Committee:

- Patrik Höring
- Mark Scanlan
- Ronelle Sonnenberg
- František Štěch
- Berit Weigand Berg

Important dates:

- ❖ November 12, 2022: Deadline for proposals
- ❖ December 12, 2022: Deadline for response from AC
- ❖ March 12, 2023: Deadline for papers
- ❖ April 12, 2023: The conference begins

Types of papers:

- ❖ Keynotes/Key paper: Academic work, which has been finalized (or are very closed to be)
- ❖ Research papers: Work in progress
- ❖ Discussion/emerging: Early Stage Research

