COMMUNITY DIALOGUE IDENTITY

GREEK-CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL FACULTY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF PREŠOV

♦ 6. - 7. March 2025

THE ROLE OF DIALOGUE IN COMMUNITY BUILDING: A RETURN TO THE ROOTS

INVITATION



Theoretical background and the aim of the conference:

The conference will focus on dialogue and identity, which have an indispensable role in the creation and maintenance of community (and society more broadly) from theological, social scientific and humanistic perspectives. In theology, dialogue reflects the divine nature and makes possible the life of community in different religious contexts. The social sciences emphasize the role of dialogue in communication, social capital, conflict resolution, and participatory governance, highlighting its practical importance for social cohesion. The humanities explore the philosophical, ethical and cultural dimensions of dialogue and offer deep insights into its role in human connection and community formation. Together, these perspectives emphasize the multifaceted importance of dialogue in fostering understanding, cooperation, and a shared sense of belonging in any community. It is the intention of the conference organizers to offer a space to reflect on the important role of dialogue, especially in the contemporary social context, from the perspective of different disciplines in an international scientific context.

Suggested research topics:

- dialogue as the fundamental principle of coexistence and communication of the divine persons in the Trinitarian mystery
- dialogue as an instrument of revelation and community building in Holy Scripture and Tradition
- the role of dialogue in building dialogue from the perspective of spiritual theology, pastoral theology and catechetics
- the dialogical character of Christian liturgy, interreligious, ecumenical dialogue and intercultural dialogue
- the moral dimension of dialogue in the contemporary community
- the role of dialogue in the formation of social networks and collective identity within the community
- the role of dialogue in the development of cultural practices and rituals
- the ethical and epistemological aspects of dialogue as a tool for achieving understanding and truth
- the role of dialogue in the educational process and its importance for the development of critical thinking and civic engagement
- intercultural dialogue and inclusiveness
- the impact of cultural differences on the effectiveness of communication and cooperation
- dialogue in collective decision-making in communities
- the role of digital platforms in promoting dialogue and building online communities
- dialogue as a tool for peaceful conflict resolution
- the importance of intergenerational dialogue in community building
- dialogue in the public space, dialogue and community identity
- the role of dialogue in shaping collective community identity

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Submission of applications for active participation:

Those interested in active participation can send their applications electronically to: dominika.tluckova@gmail.com

or apply **by filling in the form** via **QR code** or **link**:

https://forms.office.com/r/YbhB1Q9Z75



The registration deadline is 31 January 2025

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Formal remarks:

- The official languages of the conference are **Slovak** and **English**;
- plenary lectures will be delivered in English;
- Sections will be arranged according to the language of the papers and according to their professional focus;
- Paper length should not exceed 20 minutes.



The conference will be held:



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