

LIVING WITH FRAGILE IDENTITIES



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EXPLORING HOW WE LIVE WELL TOGETHER IN WOUNDED SOCIETY.

Workshop Session Descriptions

<p>“How to Speak During Difficult Conversations and in Conflict Times”</p>	<p><i>Dr. Amra Pandžo</i></p>	<p>The workshop will look at various components through participatory exercises and dialogue combining a look at the basics of non-violence in communication, dialogue versus debate and conflict sensitive communication and peacebuilding in communication practice. The goals of the workshop are that participants learn about main principles of non - violence in communication (including to practice it), to practice dialogue, understanding where it is appropriate to use debate if necessary, and to learn about borders with others (what is insulting, what can hurt people, etc.).</p>
<p>“Memory Culture Shifts in Lithuania”</p>	<p><i>Giedrė Norman</i></p>	<p>Most people in Lithuania are second and third-generation survivors of horrific historical events. Their experiences, needs and memories may differ; mnemonic wars may occur. The workshop will review the differences and shifts in collective historical memories with a personal insider commentary. We will also explore how suppressed narratives shape individual and social healing.</p>
<p>“Secondary Trauma Impact and Compassion Fatigue”</p>	<p><i>Snezana Andelić</i></p>	<p>This participatory workshop will explore the impact of ‘Secondary Trauma and Compassion Fatigue’ on those working in trauma contexts. Participants will be introduced to the power of secondary trauma. When Secondary Trauma is not addressed and processed, it can lead us deeper into compassion fatigue and burnout. Together, we will explore what we can do to prevent Secondary Trauma and to become more resilient.</p>
<p>“Trauma Healing and Peacebuilding”</p>	<p><i>Snezana Andelić</i></p>	<p>The workshop will introduce you to collective trauma. Participants will work on understanding circles of trauma, conflict, and violence. Looking deeply into questions such as “How is the circle beginning, and what is repeating through the generations?” It will help participants understand how the victim is becoming an aggressor, and explore themes on ‘Why is history repeating?’, ‘How can we get out of the circle and build a future on forgiveness and remembrance?’</p>
<p>“Experiences and Concerns From Zimbabwe”</p>	<p><i>Thobekile Ncube & Danisa Ndlovu</i></p>	<p>This workshop will explore the ways in which political instability, economic challenges and social inequalities have been experienced by local communities in Zimbabwe. A look at various ways in which church and key community organizations have endured and shaped their social spaces to nurture peace between various groups will be discussed. A recognition that post-conflict spaces must work at recovery, justice, human rights, along with social cohesion in dialogue, non-violence and conflict mediation will be a key component of the conversation together from the experiences of the facilitators and their social community building work. Additionally the Zimbabwean challenge will be highlighted including government opposition to the church’s political involvement, harassment, and intimidation of church leaders.</p>
<p>“Dialogue on Morning Perspectives”</p>	<p><i>Duncan Morrow</i></p>	<p>Participatory Dialogue - opening up space for conversation on the themes identified by morning speakers.</p>
<p>“Embracing Cultural Diversity in Christian Community: Biographical Sketches and Takeaways”</p>	<p><i>Dr. Travis Myers & Michael McDougle, PhD candidate</i></p>	<p>This workshop will utilize a few stories from Boston University historian Dana L. Robert’s book, Faithful Friendships, as a point of departure for guided participant reflection about the political, social, and theological potential of intentionally transcending differences in our most intimate personal relationships.</p>
<p>“From Tension to Togetherness: Family Conflict Resolution Strategies”</p>	<p><i>Dr. Julija Gaiduk, Roman Gaiduk, MBA</i></p>	<p>Identities are nurtured, molded, and sometimes fractured within the family context. The focus of this workshop is conflict as an inherent aspect of family relationships. We will explore the nature and dynamics of family conflicts and share several strategies for effective conflict resolution. Participants will have an opportunity to learn about and apply a model describing the spiraling nature of familial conflicts, acquire skills that help prevent conflict escalation, and maneuver around pain points.</p>
<p>“Active Listening Circle: Naming, Witnessing, and Holding Space”</p>	<p><i>Naomi DeBoer</i></p>	<p>Come learn new skills in empathic listening to and with one another as we journey through the conference together. This is not only a time for learning, but also taking pause to reflect on the learnings and impacts of the victimhood realities we are seeking to overcome. Group expanding is a powerful tool for growth, expanding relational capacities, and deeper memory formation.</p>
<p>“Playing Our Way to Resilience”</p>	<p><i>Rianna Isaak-Krauß</i></p>	<p>Interplay is an active, creative way to unlock the wisdom of the world. Using Interplay methods, we will playfully experiment with movement, body contact, and storytelling to discover our voices, and connect with our playful selves. Through a cycle of experimentation and reflection, we build capacity and develop resilience while having fun! InterPlay has been developed by Cynthia Winton-Henry and Phil Porter to integrate body, mind, heart and spirit in this fragmented world (https://www.interplay.org/).</p>
<p>“Socio-political and Interactive Theater” (Part A & B)*</p>	<p><i>Raffi Feghali</i></p>	<p>This workshop will explore fostering conversation and positive social spaces in the context of harmed society by integrating story through interactive theatre. Participants will explore how a variety of theater formats work and some of the basic skills required to get started in these formats as they explore the socio-political frames people are shaped by and respond from. Theatre of the Oppressed is an umbrella of psychosocio-political theater formats aimed at exploring communal and collective stories of oppression and ways of overcoming those oppressions. Participants will be involved in evening performance and dialogue session “The Showcase”. This 4-hour training workshop runs Thursday and Friday.</p> <p><i>*Participation in both parts (A & B) is required for this workshop.</i></p>
<p>“Contemporary Challenges for Peace Theology and Ethics”</p>	<p><i>Dr. Marie-Anne Subklew-Jeutner & Friederike Willhöft</i></p>	<p>The workshop is dedicated to current challenges of peace ethics from a theological perspective. It will look at the theological and ethical arguments that shape the discourse in contemporary conflict situations and which positions especially do the historical peace churches contribute to?</p>

Excursions

On the third day of the conference, participants will be able to join one of the two excursions. The first option is the walking tour of Klaipeda led by Radvyda Vaišvilatė. The second option is the bus tour of historical sights of resistance and cycles of violence and harm in villages outside of Klaipeda led by Giedrė Norman.