



## Results and consequences from the third European study on confirmation work

March 04-05, 2024  
Humboldt University in Berlin



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## Registration

You can register until **01/31/2024**:  
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The participation in the conference including snacks and dinner is free of charge thanks to the support of the mentioned partners.

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Keyword: **Conference on Confirmation Work Humboldt University in Berlin**

## Conference Place

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## Focus

The third European study on confirmation work took place in the confirmation year 2021/2022. Conducted during the Corona pandemic, the study examined how confirmation work can succeed.

The study focuses the perceptions of the young people but also includes perspectives of full-time and voluntary workers. Additionally, the changed conditions of confirmation work are explored.

Three innovative topics are specifically highlighted: developing confirmation work through digital feedback, potentials and limitations of digital media and questions of teaching and learning in confirmation work.

In the conference the results of the study are presented and discussed. In the joint exchange, challenges and perspectives for the development of confirmation work after the pandemic are discussed with insights from the nine countries involved.

The conference aims at experts in church and academia who are professionally involved with confirmation work and who are interested in understanding and improving this core offer of Protestant churches.



## Monday, 04 March 2024

14.00 – 14.30 h

### Welcome by the dean of the faculty of Theology, Humboldt University

Prof. Dr. Dr. Bernd U. Schipper

14.30 – 15.15 h

### Confirmation work in the pandemic

Prof. Dr. Henrik Simojoki

15.15 – 16.00 h

### Megatrends in European confirmation work

Prof. Dr. Kati Tervo-Niemelä  
Dr. Jouko Porkka

*16.00-16.30 h Coffee break*

16.30 – 18.15 h

### Parallel workshops:

- Are we losing the girls? Gender differences in confirmation work (Prof. Dr. Kati Tervo-Niemelä & Dr. Jouko Porkka)
- What do we learn from the pandemic? (Prof. Dr. Henrik Simojoki)
- Learning and teaching in confirmation work (Heidi Toivanen, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ágnes Pángyánszky & Jari Pulkkinen)
- Motivation and aims of the confirmands (Dr. Sara Fransson & Assoc. Prof. Linn Sæbø Rystad)
- The parents' perspective on confirmation work. Insights from Switzerland (Prof. Dr. Stefanie Lorenzen & Dr. Felicitas Held)

18.15 – 19.00 h

### Insights and discussions from the workshops

*19.00 Uhr Joint dinner*

## Tuesday, 05 March 2024

09.00 – 09.45 h

### Quality development by feedback in church

Manuela Hees, Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ilg,  
Fabienne Greuter & Assoc. Prof. Linn  
Sæbø Rystad

09.45 – 10.30 h

### Digital media in confirmation work

Prof. Dr. Thomas Schlag, Dr. Eveliina Hellas

*10.30-11.00 h Coffee break*

11.00 – 12.00 h

### Parallel workshops:

- Distanced confirmands (Assoc. Prof. Linn Sæbø Rystad & Fabienne Greuter)
- Religiosity of the confirmands (Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ágnes Pángyánszky, Prof. Dr. Balázs Siba & Dr. Jouko Porkka)
- Feedback with the i-konf-tool: chances, experiences, limitations (Manuela Hees & Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ilg)
- Digital media in confirmation work (Prof. Dr. Thomas Schlag & Dr. Eveliina Hellas)

12.00 – 12.25 h

### Response to and summary of the conference

Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Friedrich Schweitzer

12.30 h

### End of the international conference

*For all the guests, who will stay for the German conference: We will meet again at 14.00 h at the same place.*

## Speakers

**Dr. Sara Fransson**, The Church of Sweden's unit for research and analysis

**Fabienne Greuter**, Research assistant, University of Zurich

**Manuela Hees**, Research assistant, Protestant University of Applied Science Ludwigsburg

**Dr. Felicitas Held**, Research assistant and lecturer, University of Bamberg

**Dr. Eveliina Hellas**, Lecturer in the Diaconia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki

**Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Ilg**, Professor for Youth Work, Protestant University of Applied Science Ludwigsburg

**Prof. Dr. Stefanie Lorenzen**, Professor of Religious Education, University of Bamberg

**Assoc. Prof. Dr. Ágnes Pángyánszky**, Associate Professor and Head of Department for Practical Theology, Evangélikus Hittudományi Egyetem, Budapest

**Dr. Jouko Porkka**, Diaconia University of Applied Sciences, Helsinki

**Jari Pulkkinen**, Director of Development, LNK – The Finnish Association for Children and Youth

**Assoc. Prof. Linn Sæbø Rystad**, MF Norwegian School of Theology, Religion and Society

**Prof. Dr. Dr. Bernd U. Schipper**, Dean of the Faculty of Theology, Humboldt University in Berlin

**Prof. Dr. Thomas Schlag**, Professor of Practical Theology with a focus on religious education, church theory and pastoral theology, University of Zurich

**Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Friedrich Schweitzer**, Senior Professor for Practical Theology / Religious Education at the Faculty of Protestant Theology of the University of Tübingen

**Prof. Dr. Balázs Siba**, Faculty of Theology, Károli Gáspár Református Egyetem, Budapest

**Prof. Dr. Henrik Simojoki**, Professor of Practical Theology and Religious Education, Humboldt University in Berlin

**Prof. Dr. Kati Tervo-Niemelä**, Philosophical Faculty, School of Theology, University of Eastern Finland

**Heidi Toivanen**, PhD Student, University of Eastern Finland