

## Summer School of Theology 2024 “Living in the Body: Disability as an Opportunity for Welcoming the Other”

The Eastern European Institute of Theology invites you to a summer school that will be held online on Zoom from July 29 to August 3. The title of the summer session 2024 is “Living in the Body: Disability as an Opportunity for Welcoming the Other.”

This year Institute would like to focus on a modern and rather young field of study, Disability Studies, and reflect together on the question of ability and disability from a theological perspective. The discussions around the concept of disability, which have been significant for the past 30 years, are now becoming vital for the Ukrainian context. Before the full-scale invasion, about 3 million people with disabilities resided in Ukraine. Since then, at least 300,000 were reportedly added to this number – those who became disabled due to the war. And it is likely to grow as this war continues.

Recognizing that many theological institutions and religious communities (especially in Ukraine) do not pay due attention to disability issues, the Institute decided to devote a week to discussions around this pressing issue.

For this purpose, the Institute has gathered the best experts from various Christian traditions – theologians, philosophers, and psychologists. Among them are speakers from Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe, the US, and the UK.

Speakers of the Summer 2024 session:

- Brian R. Brock, Professor of Moral and Practical Theology at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland.
- Sarah Jean Barton, theologian and occupational therapist with a Doctor of Theology degree from Duke Divinity School.
- Léon van Ommen, Senior Lecturer in Practical Theology at the University of Aberdeen, where he is also Co-Director of the Centre for Autism and Theology.
- Benjamin T. Conner, Professor of Practical Theology and Director of the Graduate Certificate in Disability and Ministry at Western Theological Seminary, USA.
- Elizabeth Silayo, Pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania/United Evangelical Mission, Germany.
- Thomas Reynolds, Associate Professor of Theology at Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto.
- Oleksandr Geychenko, Rector of the Odesa Theological Seminary in Ukraine.
- Tabita Kartika Christiani, Professor of Religious Education at the Faculty of Theology, Duta Wacana Christian University, Yogyakarta, Indonesia.

- Josh Morris, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology and a Board-Certified Chaplain through the Association of Professional Chaplains.
- Louise Gosbell, biblical scholar and Research Manager at the Australian College of Theology.
- Amy Elizabeth Jacober, scholar specializing in adolescence and disability, lecturing at Ottawa University.
- Petre Maican, Postdoctoral Research Fellow at the Institute of Eastern Christian Studies, Radboud University.
- Halyna Teslyuk, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies at the Department of Philosophy and Theology at the Ukrainian Catholic University.
- Ștefana Răcorean, psychologist and psychotherapist in private practice for more than 15 years now.
- Volodymyr Moisei, practical psychologist, public activist, journalist and military chaplain.
- Cherith Hunt, founding director of Central Africa Baptist University's groundbreaking Deaf Studies program.

The Institute's team invites you, your friends, and your colleagues to attend this Summer School. We hope that this School will be a small step towards creating communities of healing and unity in diversity.

To participate in the school, you need to fill out the registration form. Immediately after registration, you will receive a confirmation email with information on how to join the event. The Zoom link is unique to each participant, so please do not share your registration information with anyone else. Each participant must register separately and receive their own link to join the meeting. You will also be able to add the event to your calendar so that you do not miss the lectures.

If neither confirmation is received, please write to us at [office@eeit-edu.info](mailto:office@eeit-edu.info) (please indicate "Summer School of Theology 2024" in the subject line).

The School is free to attend for everyone.

Languages: Ukrainian and English (with simultaneous interpretation).

More information about speakers, schedule, and the registration link can be found on the Institute's website. Scan the QR code to find us online.

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at [office@eeit-edu.info](mailto:office@eeit-edu.info).

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