

2019 IAMS Europe – Call for Papers

The **International Association for Mission Studies (IAMS)** is a global professional society for the study of Christian witness and its impact in the world as related to the fields of missiology, intercultural theology and interreligious studies.

IAMS Europe seeks to promote exchange and collaboration of regional missiological networks, senior and junior scholars, as well as students across Europe. Its vision is to provide room for new research and opportunities for cutting-edge reflections.

This upcoming conference

invites individual papers and group panels exploring themes of the plenary sessions and topics in these **three areas**:



Area 1: Naming Wounds and Transformations

The first day of the conference welcomes proposals which look at processes of history and transformation across Europe that have produced or engage wounds in different fields and practices. Historical and cultural memory, traumatic experiences and complicities with wounding require responsible articulation and construction in order to be able to contribute to hopeful (re)configurations of society. Abstracts are particularly welcome for themes around

- Religion and politics of the wounds
- Wounded memories and identities as obstacles or resources
- Entanglements in risks, crises and wounding
- Complicity and mission in a wounded world
- Theories and practices around vulnerability and transformation

Area 2: Baptism, Vulnerability and Transformation

The second day of the conference welcomes proposals analyzing the complexity and new role of baptism in contemporary vulnerable and transforming Europe and exploring it as practice, sacrament, theology and missionary spirituality of living and believing in “a wounded world in deep transformation.” Abstracts are particularly welcome for themes around

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- Practices of baptism and their different social contexts in Europe
- Baptism and the non-baptised other or the multiple-baptised other
- Christian communities of the baptised as vulnerable missions
- Baptism as missionary spirituality / theology of deep transformation in a wounded world



Area 3: Missions to the Wounds: Solidarity and Transformation

The third day of the conference welcomes proposals exploring how a “mission to the wounds” today requires new locating and refiguring: in creating resilience with those who carry wounds; pursuing spaces of religious freedom; engaging in deep solidarity, transformation and renewal. Attention is also invited for studying missional communities in situations where Christian faith is at the margins or vulnerable. Abstracts are particularly welcome on themes around

- New theologies and locations of “missions to the wounds”
- Christian communities in mission: reality, grief, and hope
- Mission from the margins: Transforming power structures
- Religious freedom in missions to the wounds
- Mission as *martyria*: persecution, martyrdom, and deep solidarity
- Theories and theologies of deep solidarity /transformation

Guidelines for abstract submission (format and dates)

Individual abstracts or corridor-of-ideas group panel proposals (usually consisting of three presentations) should be sent in English, but papers can be delivered in other languages, assuming language competence of conference participants. Presentations will be 20-minutes long with 10 minutes for questions and discussion.

Queries regarding themes and distinct areas may be directed to Christian Tauchner, St- Augustin, for area 1: tauchner@steyler.eu; Dorottya Nagy, Amsterdam, for area 2: d.nagy@pthu.nl; Katerina Pekridou, Brussels, for area 3: pek@cec-kek.be.

1 FEBRUARY 2019: Please send abstract of up to 250 words for individual paper and 600 words for corridor-of-ideas group panels till 1 FEBRUARY 2019 to the conveners of the conference at 2019iams-conference@steyler.eu. Abstracts should include title of paper, author’s name and university affiliation and a biographical note of less than 150 words. Group panels (three presentations) use the same format for each presenter and a joint 4-5 lines abstract to describe the overall panel theme. Please send it as Word doc or PDF.

1 APRIL 2019: Once abstracts with bios have been received and accepted by the conference board, the participants will be notified at the latest by 1 APRIL 2019.

1 JULY 2019: The parallel paper sessions will take the form of pre-circulated papers for discussion. For this reason, **full papers** will be due on 1 JULY 2019 to allow sufficient time to circulate to participants to read.

REGISTRATION: To guarantee a space on the academic program, we recommend that all presenters and panelists take due advantage of the **early-bird registration**.