

CODE Forum 2024
Prague, Czechia
17th– 20th September 2024



Community Development and Diaconal Identity
- responding to disruption and uprootedness

Link for Registration (New Deadline 1st July):

https://www.letsreg.com/no/event/code_forum_2024_17092024#init

Link for Uploading Abstracts (New Deadline 1st July):

<https://nettskjema.no/a/423917>

Link to the conference web page:

www.jabok.cz/en/events

WHERE? Prague, Czechia, Jabok College of Applied Social Studies.

WHEN? September 17th-20th 2024, (FORUM Sept.18-19, with a Visiting Programme on Sept 17th and a workshop for CODE Forum Project Planning on Sept 20th)

WHAT ARE THE COSTS? The Participation Fee of 120 EUR/1400 NOK will cover all the expenses for the programme including refreshments, lunches and the dinner on Wednesday night.

Travel and Accommodation must be arranged individually.

Invitation We welcome you to the bi-annual **CODE Forum 2024**, by the kind invitation of Jabok College. The CODE Forum brings researchers, practitioners and teachers together around approaches which relate community development and diakonia. It is a space for the exchange and development of research and practice. The emphasis is on sharing experience and the development of ideas rooted in research and practice. The **CODE Forum** has wide international and interregional participation and it is linked to the CODE research group at VID Specialized University, Norway.

Contributions to be presented and shared at the **CODE Forum** can be academic papers, proposals for and interim reports from research. Papers can also be a reflected account of practice. Furthermore, the **CODE Forum** provides a space for a key idea which you would like to present and discuss. We invite any of these forms of contributions which raises issues related to either of the two Main Forum Themes described below.

Abstracts and short descriptions of contributions should be submitted **by 1st July 2024**, and you will receive the decision as to whether your contribution is accepted at the latest by **28th June 2024**, or soon after. Please follow the links above for Registration and the Uploading of Abstracts.

Information on Travel and Accommodation will be available soon after registration.

Jabok is in Prague city centre, about 50 minutes from the Airport by [public transport](#).

Some early tips for hotels: Hostel Luma Terra (code: lumalove15), <https://www.lumaterra.cz/>,

Novotel (or ibis) Praha Wenceslas, <https://all.accor.com/hotel/3194/index.en.shtml> (or /3195/),

Hotel Alfons (code: directwithus), <https://www.hotelalfons.cz/en/home-en/>,

Botel Racek (breakfast included, code: RACEK10), <https://www.botelracek.com/en>.

Katolícky domov (shared, via email quote: Code Forum), <https://www.kds.op.cz/en/contact/>

Main Themes of the CODE Forum 2024

1. Diaconal Identity and Community Development in Changing Neighbourhoods.

This theme invites the *sharing of experience analysis and theological/theoretical reflections on practice* in relation to participative and inclusive neighbourhoods.

Christian social practice and civil society actors are important *agents for developing participative and inclusive neighbourhoods*. Workers in youth centres, churches and diaconal organisations based in geographical communities reach out to work with people for change and to address issues of loneliness, social exclusion and poverty. They also address rising mental health problems faced by different groups, particularly young people. Local workers are often on the spot *responding to conflict and supporting everyday peace*.

2. Human Agency Facing instability caused by Migration, Camps and Settlements

During these sessions we want to explore together the possibilities of *community development in extreme situations*, and to learn from each-other's experience and research on related topics.

People often seek stability and connectedness within their immediate living environments. Sometimes stability is interrupted because people move willingly. However, in many cases people are forced to move. They must leave their homes due to civil conflict, war or environmental crisis. Others must leave because of a lack of income security or a lack of future prospects. Sometimes people wish to move but are forced to stay. In these paradoxical and conflicting situations, despite the challenges, are there *possibilities for community development* to support people's initiative and work with them for change? Are there *experiences of finding flexible ways to connect people*, for people to receive and provide support and encouragement?

Other Programme Activities

1. Visiting Diaconal Community projects in Prague (17th of September)

On Tuesday the 17th of September visits to diaconal/community projects in Prague will take place. The programme is yet to be announced. It will start at Jabok Campus at around 12.00

2. Reports of CODE Forum Projects

At the **CODE Forum** in 2022, delegates decided to collaborate on four projects which are at present ongoing. There will be space and time for hearing about these projects and for developing other proposals on the last day of the Forum.

3. Future Project Planning Workshop

As part of **CODE Forum** 2024, a meeting for those who wish to further the development of common research and learning project(s) will take place Friday the 20th of September in the morning. Those interested in joining this workshop should register for the Forum including the Future Project Planning Workshop. The basic framework will be to map the interests and approaches and to identify specific follow up activities and projects.

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Detailed PROGRAMME: CODE Forum 2024

17 th September Optional Visiting Programme /arrivals	
12.00	JABOK is the venue for the start of the Visiting Programme
18 th September CODE Forum Day 1: Diaconal Identity	
08.30	Coffee/ Tea Biscuits
09.15 - 10.00	Plenary Introduction Tony Addy Welcome to Jabok Hana Pazlarová, Principal of Jabok College and Ondrej Fischer
10.00 - 12.00	Plenary Speakers Dr. Heidi Zitting and Oksana Prosvirnina¹ Group reflections on Diaconal Identity
12.00-13.00	LUNCH break
13.00 -14.45	Seminars: Participant's presentations
15.00 – 15.30	Coffee break
15.30 -16.30	Plenary: CODE FORUM ongoing Collaborations
19 th September CODE Forum Day 2: Human Agency	
08.30	Coffee/ Tea Biscuits
09.0 - 10.00	Plenary Introduction Benedicte Kivle Plenary Speaker PhDr. Eva Dohnalová, Ph.D.² Group reflections on Human Agency
10.00 - 12.00	Seminars: Participant's presentations
12.00 -13.00	LUNCH break
13.00 -15.00	Seminars: Participant's presentations
15.00 -15.15	Coffee break
15.15 -17.00	Plenary Summing up (Panel and Discussion)
From 18.00	Organized Dinner in a Restaurant
20 th September Workshop	
0915-13.00	Plenary and sections for Future collaboration in the CODE FORUM network
13.00	Lunch

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