

# ReDi

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Study of Diaconia and  
Christian Social Practice*

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## ReDi Newsletter February 2021

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**Dear member of ReDi,**

In this February issue we will highlight several opportunities, events and publications that we hope will be of interest to you and inspire you in your work. Further information is available on the included links.

### **Two Open Research Positions in VID**

Diaconia and diaconal studies is one of the focus areas of education and research in VID Specialized University in Norway. One of its two PhD programs is in the area of Diakonia, Values and Professional Practice. In this newsletter, we want to make the ReDi members aware of two open positions that are directly related to the field of diaconia and Christian social practice.

The first position is a **PhD research fellowship** ( 3 years) in Diaconia, Exclusion and Injustice with deadline 28<sup>th</sup> February 2021, see the following link: <https://www.jobbnorge.no/en/available-jobs/job/198878/phd-research-fellow-in-diaconia-exclusion-and-injustice>.

The second position is a **Post-Doctoral fellowship** (2 years, based in Norway) with deadline 5<sup>th</sup> March 2021. This fellowship is related to the Norwegian-Grants-Funds financed project "The Role of the Romanian Orthodox Church in Roma Social Inclusion" that the University of Sibiu/Romania has received recently together with VID Specialized University, see the following link: <https://www.jobbnorge.no/en/available-jobs/job/200699/postdoctoral-fellowship-roc-rom>

## Interdiac Releases Three New Research Publications

Interdiac has released three new research publications which are all available for download. The first publication of the interdiac Research series, “Ecclesiology and the Theology of Diaconia and Christian Social Practice – Case Studies from Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia” is the result of the joint work carried out by an international group of researchers under the umbrella of the interdiac Research Programme.

Download here: <https://www.interdiac.eu/resources/ecclesiology-and-the-theology-of-diaconia-and-christian-social-practice>

The second publication of the interdiac Research series ‘Voices of the young people in the “M”. A Study of Youth Diaconia in six interdiac member organisations in Central and Eastern Europe and Central Asia introduces the outcomes of the Thematic Research undertaken by interdiac member organisations.

Download here: <https://www.interdiac.eu/resources/voices-of-the-young-people-in-the-m>

The third publication on interdiac Research series ‘**People on the Move**’ *stories from churches and faith-based organisations in Central and Eastern Europe* summarizes and presents a reflection on the stories of ‘uprooted people’ and the outcomes of research into practice related to this phenomenon in the regional context.

Download here: <https://www.interdiac.eu/resources/people-on-the-move>

## ISERT Online Symposium 13-14 April

The International Society for Empirical Research in Theology (ISERT) promotes networking and activities to implement the application of empirical methods and approaches in theology and religious studies. They are organising the symposium “**Finding meaning in times of distress**” 13-14 April. Two selected papers will soon be announced. To view the programme and for more information, please visit the following [link](#).

## European Symposium on Spirituality, Ethics and Social Work

The “European Symposium on Spirituality, Ethics and Social Work” taking place on **26 February**, is organized in the frame of the Erasmus+ funded project Spirituality & Ethics in Social Work. The symposium will provide a space for dialogue about experiences and propose

some reflections on the connection between social work, spirituality and ethics. For more information, please visit this [link](#).

### **Upcoming DOTAC Events**

DOTAC is organizing a **seminar series on Diakonia** each Monday in May. Have a look at the following [link](#) for more information.

On Thursday, 18 March the **DOTAC Racial Justice Group** invites you explore what it means to be an ally for racial justice. More information available [here](#).

For the ReDi Executive Board,

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