

ReDi

The International Society
for the Research and
Study of Diaconia and
Christian Social Practice

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ReDi Newsletter February 2023

ReDi Conference 2023 - Anders Bäckström Prize 2022-2023

Dear member of ReDi,

1) Conference Invitation

Please let us remind you that all who are interested in the research and teaching of Diaconia and Christian social practice, as well as students and practitioners are warmly invited to the 9th International ReDi Conference for Research in Diaconia and Christian Social Practice with the title:

Contested spaces of diaconia. Seeking justice, safety, and well-being

Date and place: 31 May - 2 June 2023, in-person in Oslo and online

For more information: <https://www.vid.no/en/events/the-ninth-conference-for-research-in-diaconia-and-christian-social-practice-contested-spaces-of-diaconia/>

Keynote Lecturers

Prof. Dr. Silke Steets <https://silke-steets.de/en/home-en/>,

Dr. Rahul Ranjan <https://www.rahul-ranjan.com/>, and the new general secretary for the World Council of Churches,

Rev. Prof. Dr. Jerry Pillay <https://www.oikoumene.org/news/rev-prof-dr-jerry-pillay-elected-as-new-wcc-general-secretary>

Call for Abstracts

The call for abstracts is re-opened until **1 March 2023**.

Abstracts with a maximum of 200 words should be sent to: redi@vid.no. A response as to whether papers are accepted will be given by 15 March 2023.

Poster Presentations

We also open for poster presentations in some of the paper presentation seminars. Please inform us if you want to bring a poster when sending an abstract to redi@vid.no. If you want the conference organisers to print the poster, the maximum size will be A3. Please contact redi@vid.no for instructions and for registering a poster print.

2) ReDi Annual General Meeting 2023

All members of ReDi are invited to attend the Annual General Meeting of our association that is taking place during the international conference on **1 June 2023, 17:00-18:30 (CET) as a hybrid meeting.**

More Information about the Conference Programme

For more information about the call for abstracts, the thematic framework, the programme, and the organisation of the conference please have a look at the conference website:

<https://www.vid.no/en/events/the-ninth-conference-for-research-in-diaconia-and-christian-social-practice-contested-spaces-of-diaconia/>

Please share this information widely in your networks

3) Invitation to Apply for the Anders Bäckström Prize

The call for the Anders Bäckström Prize for an excellent master thesis in the field of diaconal studies, welfare and religion is open until **28 February 2023**

Master students who have completed their master thesis in the period between 2018 and 2022 (and/or their supervisors) can send an application to baeckstroemprize@diaconiaresearch.org.

More Information about the Application

For more information about who can apply, what is needed for the application and what the prize winner gets see: <https://www.diaconiaresearch.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/Call-for-submissions.pdf>

The Anders Bäckström Prize will be awarded during the 9th International ReDi Conference for Research in Diaconia and Christian Social Practice in Oslo.

Last but not least: at the last ReDi Assembly, **2 auditors were appointed to review our finances.** Would those who were appointed please contact us to discuss the upcoming General Assembly, thank you.

Best wishes for a good February and hope to meet many of you in Oslo
The Board of ReDi