
International Ethics Colloquium

Assisted suicide and truth in focus of ethics and moral theology

The international ethics colloquium took place at our faculty from 25th to 28th May 2022, attended by students, doctoral students, and teachers from 11 countries in Europe, Africa, Asia, and America. The event took place within the framework of the CEEPUS program focused on international academic exchange in the Central and Eastern European region.

At the heart of the colloquium were the themes of assisted suicide and truth, which were reflected in an interdisciplinary perspective with a focus on ethical issues and moral contexts. An important part of the colloquium were presentations and discussions of dissertation projects in the field of theological ethics and bioethics, on which doctoral students are currently working at the universities in Vienna and Prague.

The starting point for lively and intensive discussions on these topics were the lectures of prof. Dr. Gunter Prüller-Jagenteufel (Vienna) "Assisted Suicide: A Challenge for the Church and Theology" and "What Does It Mean to Tell the Truth?" a

Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Short Essay as an Exemplary Realization of His Everyday Ethics". Other ethically oriented papers were delivered by prof. Dr. Dr. Sigrid Müller (Vienna), Dr. Lukáš Fošum OP (Prague), doc. Libor Ovečka SDB (Prague) and JUDr. Tomas Havelec (Česke Budejovice). The participants spent part of the colloquium in the beautiful and inspiring environment of the Dominican Convent of St. Giles in the Old Town of Prague.

The four-day meeting of teachers and doctoral students who work and research at the Catholic theological faculties in Prague and Vienna was a great opportunity to reflect on the urgent ethical issues of contemporary society as well as to exchange experiences and views on the topics. The lively and impulse-filled discussions took place in an open and friendly spirit and were an encouragement for their own theological and research work.

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