

## Course Outline KULIS

Course title	<b>Urban Ministry</b>
Date/duration	<b>Winter Semester 2023/24</b>
Lecturer	<b>Adela Muchova, PhD</b>
Teaching language	<b>English</b>
ECTS	<b>3 ECTS</b>

### Contents

In 2010, world population living in urban areas exceeded 50% and cities have since become a primary living space for humankind. This demographical and social change poses new challenges also for churches and their ministry. Church organization and pastoral concern have shifted from territorial parishes in regions to a rather different setting; an intimacy of local was substituted with anonymity of global. With urbanization, church faces diversity, pluralism, secularism and individualism as never before and needs to address people relevantly. This seminar therefore examines specific pastoral care, such as chaplaincies and other forms of specialized ministry, which respond to this new situation. From the perspective of pastoral theology, it explores four functions of the church—martyria, liturgia, diakonia, koinonia—and their application in different urban settings.

### Learning outcomes

The objectives of this seminar are (1) to understand church ministry in various urban contexts; (2) to examine a multifaceted role of church ministers in a plural society; and (3) to outline possible pastoral models for the future.

### Teaching and learning methods

This seminar is based on active student participation: the sessions consist of student presentations on various church ministries (parishes, chaplaincies, other), a discussion about assigned readings, and a theological contextualization.

### Course preparation

The working language is English; students are expected to communicate at level B1. Prior to the beginning of the course, no preparation is required. Interested students outside theology are welcome too. All study materials will be available online.

Additional literature
<p>Cahalan, Kathleen A. <i>Introducing the Practice of Ministry</i>. Collegeville: Liturgical Press, 2010.</p> <p>Caperon, John, Andrew Todd, and James Walters (ed.). <i>A Christian Theology of Chaplaincy</i>. JKP, 2018.</p> <p>Sheldrake, Philip. <i>The Spiritual City: Theology, Spirituality, and the Urban</i>. Wiley Blackwell, 2014.</p> <p>Threlfall-Holmes, Miranda, and Mark Newit (eds). <i>Being a Chaplain</i>. SCPK, 2011.</p>
<b>Assessment (%)</b> (methods of examination, requirements for awarding credit points)
<p>Final grading reflects class attendance and active participation in discussions (50%), short class presentation (20%) and a seminar paper (30%).</p>
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