

The Centre for Protestant Theology in Eastern Europe (ZETO) takes up its task of being an ecclesiastical and theological bridge institution between the Protestant and Orthodox worlds. It does so on behalf of the Community of Protestant Churches in Europe for the whole of Europe with regard to Eastern Europe. The offer of ZETO is described below:

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- German language course

The language course is a cooperation project with "Brot für die Welt". Every year about 16 young people with no or very little knowledge of German and a previous bachelor's degree in humanities learn German to a B1+ level (certified by the Goethe Institute). The target group is young people of all denominations from Brazil to India.

- Bachelor Protestant Theology

The course of studies Protestant Pastoral Theology is part of the Faculty of History, Cultural Heritage and Protestant Theology within the "Lucian Blaga" University. The language of instruction is German. About six students of all denominations can obtain a Bachelor's degree in Protestant Theology after four years. Through existing Erasmus partnerships guest studies are possible. The study program is characterised by its practical orientation.

- Sabbatical studies

Within the framework of the lectures for the Bachelor of Protestant Theology, contact study is possible for theologians of worldwide churches. They have access to a well-equipped library with works from all subjects of theology, but also especially from the Eastern Churches. An individual study and research program in Romania can be arranged.

- Vicariate abroad

The Vicariate course of the Evangelical Church in Romania is open to foreign vicars, in agreement with the sending Church. The course lasts two years and is basically tied to a church congregation, but also contains modules for the whole church. Participation of guest vicars is possible for a minimum duration of six months.

- Doctorate in Protestant Theology

Within the doctoral school of the "Lucian Blaga" University a promotion in Protestant theology can take place. Two professors are available for this purpose, Dr. Stefan Tobler (systematics and ethics) and Dr. Johannes Klein (biblical subjects), with whom the doctorate can be completed in German or English.

- Semester scholarships for education

For each form of formation, applications for scholarships can be made, with good chances, to the Evangelical Church or to the Institute for Ecumenical Research.

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- Ecumenical Semester

Within the Institute for Ecumenical Research, an "Ecumenical Semester" is offered annually in the summer semester, in which usually about 10 students or pastors with a sabbatical semester participate. Classes are held in German, with teaching staff from both the Orthodox and Protestant faculties as well as visiting professors. Excursions and practical exercises are part of the curriculum.

- Classical language courses

Courses in classical languages are offered as intensive attendance studies in summer and as e-learning during the year. The course language is English and is aimed at an international target group. The learning process is organised on the basis of prior knowledge. The courses currently offered include Ancient Greek (Classical and Koiné) and Church Slavonic

- Romanian language course

For participants of the Ecumenical Semester, but also for other students, interns and expats, an introductory course in Romanian will be offered in the summer semester.

- Opportunity for publication

The Institute for Ecumenical Research publishes - through an editorial team - the academic journal RES/Review of Ecumenical Studies (three issues per year) and two book series, "Studia Ecumenica" and "Documenta Oecumenica". They are open to contributions from the world ecumenical community.

- Organization of study and encounter trips to Romania and Eastern Europe

Through the contacts in Romanian and Eastern European ecumenism, especially also with Orthodoxy, study trips and encounter trips for pastoral colleges and other groups can be organized. Through our Eastern European partners, complete packages (accommodation, transport) and expert guides can be organized.

- Library of Orthodoxy

A rich library, mainly in German, on ecumenism in general and on Orthodox theology and church is available to students and researchers.

- Short scholarships for research

A number of short scholarships lasting between 1 and 6 months are granted annually from the "Andrei Scrima" fund. They serve to support research work (doctoral students and post-docs). The topics of the projects can be theology, but also related subjects such as history or philosophy.

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- Exhibition and conference rooms

ZETO, through the Friedrich-Teutsch Kultur- und Begegnungszentrum, has the appropriate rooms, infrastructure and know-how to organise national and international conferences. The proximity to the international airport SBZ makes it possible for participants to travel to the centre.

- Inclusion in lecture series

In various lecture series and individual lectures - academic or of general interest - ZETO speakers address the public. The content of the lectures ranges from social and theological to cultural and political topics. Public relations work is carried out by the house.

- Introductions to "country and people"

The staff of the Friedrich-Teutsch-Haus are happy to be available for groups and individuals to introduce them to the problems of conviviality between an Orthodox majority church and a Protestant minority church by means of a permanent exhibition.

- Accommodation for guests

Guests of the ZETO can be accommodated in rooms of the bishop's house of the Evangelical Church in the centre of Sibiu (5 double rooms) and will be looked after. Breakfast is also available during school hours. Larger groups can be accommodated and catered for in the Elimheim Cisnadioara (5 km) near the town.

- Canteen

A refectory - also located in the bishop's house - can be used by individuals and groups (with registration) selectively or regularly during school hours. The standard menu consists of Transylvanian dishes.

- Reformed Museum Transylvania

Protestant cultural treasures can be explored here: old treasures, liturgical costumes, hymnbooks, original records from church archives. Specialist staff is on hand to assist guests.

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- Bethlen Kata Diaconal Centre

The Centre is the main institution of the Diaconal Institute of the Reformed Church in Transylvania. Conference rooms and rooms for meetings are available.

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