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## Education for Sustainable Development – Spiritual Dimensions

30 Sept – 2 Oct 2024 in Nuremberg

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### Newsletter No 6

Dear Reader,

Our Nuremberg Forum starts in two weeks and we are looking forward to fruitful and inspiring ideas. .

This is our last newsletter introducing our final keynote speaker:

#### **Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Naurath**



Prof. Dr. Elisabeth Naurath holds the chair of Protestant Theology - Religious Education and Religious Education Didactics at the Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences at the University of Augsburg (Germany). Peace education has been a focus of her work as shown in her second book "With Feeling against Violence. Compassion as the Key to Ethical Education". Furthermore she has founded the Peace Education Center for Interreligious Education at the University of Augsburg and focuses on interreligious learning in research, teaching and knowledge transfer. She combines her professional work with her dedication to the organization "Religions for Peace". In 2017, she founded a local Religions for Peace group, as a women's group, in Augsburg to strengthen the female voice of religions in interreligious cooperation. Her involvement at Religions for Peace has grown to a national and international level. As the only woman from Germany, she has been on the Board of Religions for Peace Europe since 2021. The Board is made up of 19 people divided into four entities: National Bodies (of which E. Naurath is a member), European Council of Religious Leaders (ECRL), Interreligious Network of Women, and Interreligious Network of Youth.

Professor Naurath's current research interest is the role of religious traditions in addressing the climate crisis, with a particular focus on the potential of religious actors to advance climate justice. This is evidenced by her contributions to a multitude of fields. For instance, in her instructional endeavors pertaining to the climate crisis, "*the theology of creation*", and "*the triad of ecology*", society, and religion, she presents a lecture series accompanied by a seminar. Additionally, she is engaged with the Center for Climate Resilience at the University of Augsburg. Furthermore, she serves as a member of the Standing Commission for the Promotion of a Sustainable Environment of Religions for Peace International. Since November 2023, she has held the position of project manager in the international Erasmus Plus project (cooperation partnership) entitled "Facing Global Challenges. Climate protection, climate resilience and climate justice in interreligious education and teacher training." In her keynote speech, Prof. Naurath will also address the positive results of this collaboration.

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In her keynote speech, "Connectedness as the Spiritual Basis of Religious Education for Sustainability," she aims to highlight the necessity of cultural and structural transformations in response to ecological challenges. Such a transformation can only be achieved through a profound shift in values and awareness, with religious institutions and religious education bearing a significant responsibility in this regard. The question will be addressed as to whether religious education can also facilitate sustainable thinking and action in an interdisciplinary manner. In order to achieve this, it is first necessary to examine the underlying causes of the ecological crisis. This will be followed by an identification of religious didactic approaches that can facilitate a forward-looking transformation. In conclusion, the Erasmus Plus project will demonstrate the potential of interreligious education to reinforce sustainable learning.

We cordially invite you to attend this engaging keynote speech, which promises to be a highlight of the conference.

We look forward to welcoming you to the Chair of Religious Education in Nuremberg in the near future and wish you a safe journey.

The team at the Chair of Religious Education

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Current information on the conference can be found on the forum's homepage:

<https://www.evrel.phil.fau.de/nuernberger-forum/nuremberg-forum-2024/>

Follow us on Instagram for the latest information (@[ev\\_religionspaedagogik\\_fau](https://www.instagram.com/ev_religionspaedagogik_fau))

See and share our [invitation video](#).

### book table

There will also be a book table at our forum. You are cordially invited to bring books or brochures on the topic!



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### Where will the Nuremberg Forum take place?

The Nuremberg Forum will take place at the following location:

Villa St. Paul - Dutzendteich St 24  
D-90478 Nuremberg

#### From Nuremberg Airport:

– Underground „U2“ (direction: „Nürnberg Röthenbach“) to „Nürnberg Hauptbahnhof“ (main station)

#### From Nuremberg Main Station (Hauptbahnhof):

– City-Train (S-Bahn) „S3“ (direction: „Feucht“ or „Altdorf“) to station „Nürnberg Dutzendteich“  
At „Nürnberg Dutzendteich“ use the last staircase against the direction of travel and turn right. After 50 meters you will see a footpath to the right. Follow it and when you get out of it turn right. Soon you can see the red walls of Villa St.-Paul.

#### ALTERNATIVE

- Underground Railway (U-Bahn) „U1“ (direction „Nürnberg Langwasser Süd“) to station „Nürnberg Aufseßplatz“,
- at Nürnberg Aufseßplatz take the tram (Straßenbahn) line 6/10 (direction „Nürnberg Dutzendteich“) and go to station „Nürnberg Fliegerstraße“, which is in front of the campus of the university.
- From there walk about 300 meters in the direction of the tram into the Dutzendteichstraße. After a little building block on your right you already see the wall surrounding the villa „St. Paul“. Take the second entrance in the wall which leads you to the main entrance of the villa.

#### By car:

- Coming from the autobahn: leave the autobahn at the exit „Nürnberg-Fischbach“ in the direction of the national road „B4“, follow the B4 in the direction „Nürnberg-Fischbach /Nürnberg /Messe/ Stadion“, after entering the city of Nuremberg the B4 becomes the „Regensburger Straße“,
- follow the Regensburger Straße for about 7 km and, after a subway, turn left into the Fliegerstraße (following the sign „FAU Campus“. There you will find a car park.
- From the campus main building the villa St. Paul is only 300 m away. Standing at the Regensburger Straße in front of the main building turn left and walk along the tram railway into the Dutzendteichstraße. After a little building block on your right you already see the wall surrounding the villa „St. Paul“ also on your right. Take the second entrance which leads you to the main entrance of the villa.
- You can also go to the villa by car; there are some parking lots at the street before the wall, and very few parking lots directly.