



Churches and Societies in Transition.
Contributions from the Old Catholic
Churches of the Union of Utrecht

49th International Old Catholic Conference on Theology
25.-29. August 2025, Hejnice monastery (Czech Rep.)

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The world is changing – the Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht are also part of diverse social and religious processes of change. The 49th International Old Catholic Conference on Theology will examine the specific challenges facing individual Old Catholic Churches in the countries and societies in which they are located. Among other things, the following aspects will be explored: How do Old Catholic Churches assume social responsibility? What challenges do they face within the Church, and how do they address them, for example, in the areas of pastoral care, congregational development, spirituality, training, and education? The topic will be explored through specialist presentations and additional contributions from the individual churches.

Note: To take part in the conference we kindly ask for theological knowledge at Bachelor level or higher.

Organizing team: Angela Berlis (Bern), Theresa Hüther (Bonn) and Peter-Ben Smit (Utrecht) with Florian Bosch, Robert Frede, Florian Lehnert und Ruth Nientiedt (coordinators)

Venue: Hejnice monastery. (č.p. 1, 463 62 Hejnice, Czech Republic)

Costs: Accommodation, meals (except Wednesday evening), and conference fee combined: €435 (single room), €425 (double room)

Please transfer the fee to the following account by June 1, 2025:

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Registration until Juni 1, 2025: <https://www.ak-seminar.de/> – your registration is only valid if the participation fee has been transferred.

How to get there: The monastery is a 10-minute walk from Hejnice train station. The nearest major city is Liberec, the nearest airports are Prague, Wrocław, and Dresden.

The conference begins on Monday, August 25, at 6 p.m. and ends on Friday, August 29, after lunch at approximately 1 p.m. For questions, please contact Florian Bosch (florian.bosch@alt-katholisch.de) or Florian Lehnert (florian.lehnert@alt-katholisch.de).