

# **Life-line or Collaboration? Active contacts with churches in totalitarian societies**

International Kirchliche Zeitgeschichte  
Conference  
in  
Lund, Sweden, September, 25-26, 2019

The Research Network of *Kirchliche Zeitgeschichte* arranges its yearly international conference on the theme *Life-line or Collaboration? Active contacts with churches in totalitarian societies*.

The conference takes place at C121, Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, Lund University, Sweden.

Starting Sept. 25, lunch 12.30, ending with lunch Sept. 26.

Programme, please see below.

Sept. 25

12.30 Lunch

13.10 Andrea Strübind, Oldenburg & Anders Jarlert, Lund: Welcome

13.20 Gerhard Besier, Dresden/Flensburg: Holding the line: How Christian churches keep contacts and remain meaningful in totalitarian states. An anthropological perspective

14.00 Valentin Jeutner, Lund: The contacts (and/or lack thereof) between the German Protestant Church in Malmö and the Church of Sweden during the tenure of German Rev. Herbert Kühn from 1930-1946

14.40 Johan Sundeen, Lund/Borås: „It is my duty to tell the world”: Some reflections on the Swedish priest in Berlin Birger Forell and the churches in the Third Reich

15.20 Coffee break

15.40 Anders Jarlert, Lund: „to the Jew first, and also to the Greek” (Rom. 1,16) – Sermons and Speeches by the Swedish Archbishop Erling Eidem in the Third Reich before and during the Second World War

16.20 Andrea Strübind, Oldenburg: The Relations between the different World Federations to the Free Churches during the NS-dictatorship

17.00 Rebecca Carter-Chand, U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum, Washington DC: The Salvation Army in Nazi Germany

17.40 Mikael Hermansson, Lund/Borås: Friend or foe – The Soviet Union in British and Swedish religious propaganda efforts toward each other during the Second World War

18.30 Dinner

Sept. 26

09.00 Erik J. Andersson, Turku: “Disdained by the government, although it is officially tolerated and permitted.” Axel B. Svensson’s accounts of meeting with Lutheran groups in Ethiopia and Eritrea under Italian occupation

09.40 Gerhard Ringshausen, Lüneburg: The relations of George Bell and Alphons Koechlin, partly of Visser t' Hooft, to the Confessing Church, Oecumenical contacts with the Confessing Church - possibilities and difficulties of understanding.

10.20 Coffee break

10.40 Anna-Maija Viljanen-Pihkala, Helsinki: The Impact of the Social and Church-Political Situation of Hungary on the Finnish-Hungarian Lutheran Relationship, 1956–1958

11.20 Ville Jalovaara, Helsinki: “Test of religious freedom - Richard Wurmbrand’s visits to Finland in the 1970s.”

12.00 Erik Sidenvall, Lund/Växjö: Local Contexts of Interpreting a Cold War Relationship:  
Pommerische Landeskirche and Växjö Diocese, 1975-1989

12.40 Lunch

13.15 KZG Herausgeberkreis