



## PRACTICING RESILIENCE - PREPARING FOR RECOVERY



Dubrovnik  
Croatia  
July 10 - July 20



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## Program

The program of the summer school Practicing Resilience – Preparing for Recovery will take place in Dubrovnik, Croatia, at the Monastery of the Sisters Servants of Mercy, for ten days from July 10 until July 20, 2025. The summer school is intended for 40 students from different Catholic universities interested in learning more about resilience and hope, and acquiring new experiences of people and institutions affected by war and destruction.

This year's summer school will be held fourth time in row in partnership between the Catholic University of Croatia, the Nanovic Institute for European Studies, University of Notre Dame from the United States, the Ukrainian Catholic University from Ukraine, and the Catholic Universities Partnership.

Professors and renowned lecturers from numerous Catholic universities will be gathered together to provide students with a unique learning experience. The program emphasizes education with 18 hours of lectures, 7 hours of workshops, 6.5 hours of the capstone project, more than 30 hours of reading materials, and more than 13 hours of cultural activities that will approach resilience and hope from a specific perspective.

Teaching topics will be covered through interactive teaching methods using different media for students to be actively involved in the teaching process. Due to its holistic approach, the program also consists of spiritual, social, cultural, and sports activities. Reading materials will be sent by the organizer before the beginning of summer school. The working language of the summer school is English. At the end of the program, 3 ECTS credits will be awarded to all participants who will attend classes and actively participate in other activities.

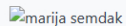
The participants of the summer school should actively participate in daily prayer and are encouraged to participate in the Holy Mass in English every morning, as well as in Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian, which will be celebrated during the program.

All participants will have the opportunity to enjoy time at the seashore and to get to know each other. The rich cultural heritage of the city of Dubrovnik enables various cultural activities as part of the program: from visits to the local islands to the city fortresses, to a visit to the sights and churches. Sports activities will be organized in the sports ground where volleyball, soccer, basketball, badminton, and other sports can be played.

The official program will be published soon.

## List of lecturers for 2024

### 1. Maria Sedmak, University of Notre Dame



Maria Sedmak (born in 1969) is an educator, theologian, and mentor with a diverse background spanning teaching, pastoral care, psychotherapy, and personality development. She holds two master's degrees in Theology and German Literature from the University of Innsbruck, complemented by extensive training in psychotherapy, logotherapy, Jungian studies, and art. She has completed multiple specialized programs, including training in Theme-Centered Interaction, Foundations of Psychotherapy, Life Counseling, and Social Skills, as well as studies at the C. G. Jung Institute in Chicago. Additionally, she has pursued art studio classes at the University of Notre Dame and is a certified MBTI facilitator.

Throughout her career, Maria Sedmak has combined academic expertise with practical engagement. She has worked as a high school teacher, pastoral assistant, and coordinator of theological programs, as well as leading retreats and workshops on personal growth, Jungian thought, and existential analysis. Her leadership roles include serving as Chairperson and Manager of the Parent-Children Center in Seekirchen, Austria. Her main areas of focus include personality development, the individuation process, dream analysis, and the intersection of spirituality and psychology. Passionate about education and human flourishing, Sedmak continues to integrate theology, psychology, and the arts into her teaching and mentoring.

### 2. David Buckley, University of Notre Dame



David Buckley is a Managing Director at General Atlantic, a private equity firm based in New York. He leads a global team that evaluates new investment opportunities and makes operational improvements at companies within the investment portfolio. Before joining General Atlantic in 2011, David worked at McKinsey & Company, a management consultancy. Previously, as a Captain in the United States Army, he served in Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan. After graduating from Notre Dame, he studied in Poland on a Fulbright and received an MPP from Princeton University. David serves on the Advisory Board for the Nanovic Institute for European Studies.

### 3. Assistant Professor Lana Batinić, Catholic University of Croatia



Lana Batinić is assistant professor at the Department of Psychology at Catholic University of Croatia (CUC). She has earned her doctoral degree in psychology in 2019 at the University of Zagreb. She has collaborated on several projects regarding family dynamics and quality of life. Most recently she has participated in the CUC's project about Croatian war veterans' health and their family well-being. Her area of scientific and professional interest is social psychology and specifically close relations. Lana is one of the co-founders of the Family Center of the Catholic University of Croatia and she was awarded for promoting catholic identity of CUC for the academic year 2023./2024.

#### 4. Clemens Sedmak, University of Notre Dame

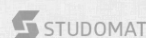
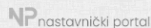


A native of Austria, Clemens Sedmak (born in 1971) is a philosopher and theologian and currently serves as Professor of Social Ethics and Director, at Nanovic Institute for European Studies, Keough School of Global Affairs, University of Notre Dame. He also directs the Center for Ethics and Poverty Research at the University of Salzburg, Austria. Sedmak works at the intersection of ethics and epistemology and holds doctoral degrees in philosophy, theology, and social theory. His main areas of research: Ethics of institutions, Catholic Social Tradition, development ethics, and foundations of theology.

#### 5. Daniel Schwake, University of Notre Dame



Daniel Schwake serves as executive director for Notre Dame's academic center in Jerusalem, leading its various research and educational initiatives. Schwake's content interests lie in the intersection between socio-political questions, strategic management, and practical decision-making approaches. Schwake joined Notre Dame after a decade in the management consulting industry, including at Oliver Wyman and Deloitte. He holds a B.Sc. and M.Sc. in business administration (University of Münster) and a doctorate in economics (University of Duisburg-Essen, Germany).



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