

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Kropač

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Kropač has been Chair of Didactics of Religion, Catechetics, and Religious Education at the KU's Faculty of Theology since 2007.



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- During the lecture period: Wednesdays, 2.15 p.m.–3.15 p.m. (only after registration by e-mail at least one day in advance)
- Outside the lecture period: by appointment (please arrange an appointment by e-mail)

Résumé

Education

- 1980-1986 Studied mathematics at the Technical University of Munich (degree: Dipl. Math.)
- 1986-1991 Studied theology and philosophy at the University of Passau and Pontificia Università Gregoriana in Rome (as a DAAD scholarship holder) (degree: Dipl. Theol.)
- 1992-1995 Doctoral studies in Catholic theology at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München (as a doctoral scholarship holder)

Professional experience in schools and in the Church

- 1991-1992 Pastoral assistant in Simbach/Inn (diocese of Passau)
- 1992 First ecclesiastical public service examination (*erste kirchliche Dienstprüfung*)
- 1998-1999 Training as a religious studies teacher
- 1999 Second public service examination (*zweite Dienstprüfung*) for religious studies teachers
- Part-time work as a religious studies teacher at Hauptschule Undorf and Fachakademie für Sozialpädagogik in Passau

Academic career

- 1995-2004 Research associate at the Chair of Practical Theology (Prof. Dr. G. Hilger) at the University of Regensburg
- 1998 Doctoral degree (Dr. theol.) in dogmatics awarded by the Faculty of Catholic Theology at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München for a thesis on 'Natural sciences and theology in dialogue. Radical changes in the understanding of the natural sciences and mathematical logic as a challenge to a debate'
- 2001/02 Temporary Chair of Catholic Theology and Didactics with a focus on Religious Education at the University of Dortmund
- 2004 Habilitation at the Faculty of Catholic Theology at the University of Regensburg. Habilitation thesis topic: 'Religious education and revelation. The beginnings of an academic discipline of religious education at the interface between educational innovation and the position of the theology of revelation'
- 2004-2007 Chair of Religious Education and Catechetics at Chur University of Theology
- 2004-2007 (Deputy) director of the Pastoral Institute at Chur University of Theology
- Lecturer at Graubünden University of Education and the Catholic University of Eichstätt-

Ingolstadt

2007-
present Chair of Didactics of Religion, Catechetics, and Religious Education at the Faculty of Theology, Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt

Roles at the KU (selection)

2009-
2011 Vice dean

2010 Visiting lecturer at the Faculty of Theology at Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

2013-
2015 Vice dean

2015-
present Member and deputy chair of the University Council

Research interests

Prof. Dr. Ulrich Kropač oversees a wide range of **research projects**. Details on past and current projects are available in German in the KU's [research database](#).

Professor Kropač's **research interests** are:

- Bible didactics in schools in the postmodern age
- Religious education in state schools in postmodern societies
- Natural sciences and theology: perspectives in philosophy of science and religious education
- Conceptual questions in religious education
- Organizing academic conferences on (fundamental) questions in religious education

Detailed information and list of publications are available in German [here](#).

Publications

A complete list of publications is available on the [KU's publication server](#). Information on Prof. Dr. Kropač's book publications is available [here](#). The listed publications are available in German.

Courses (in German)

Regular courses:

- Bildendes Handeln der Kirche an unterschiedlichen religiösen Lernorten (lecture)
- Religionspädagogisches und pastorales Handeln in der Schule. Zeitdiagnostische, praktische und wissenschaftstheoretische Aspekte. (lecture)
- Bildung - Religion - Religionen (EWS) (lecture)
- Naturwissenschaft und Theologie: historische, wissenschaftstheoretische und didaktische Schlaglichter auf ein spannungsvolles Verhältnis (seminar)
- BA-/MA-Kolleg (seminar)
- Aktuelle Themen und Forschungsfragen der Religionspädagogik (seminar)
- Aufbaumodul Religionsdidaktik (Gym) (seminar)

Past courses (selection):

- Gewalt ([K'Universale](#) lecture series), winter semester 2016/17
- Flucht ([K'Universale](#) lecture series), winter semester 2015/16
- Religion und Gewalt. Gewalt in Christentum und Islam als Herausforderung für religiöse Bildung (seminar), winter semester 2015/16
- Alter(n) - Vom Umgang mit dem Unumgänglichen ([K'Universale](#) lecture series), winter semester 2014/15
- Religionspädagogik im europäischen Kontext am Beispiel Schweiz - interuniversitäres Seminar (seminar), winter semester 2009/10

Memberships and committee work

Memberships in academic associations

- Member of the [Association of Scholars in Catholic Religious Education and Catechetics \(AKRK\)](#)
 - Member of the AKRK's Didactics department
 - Member of the AKRK's History of Religious Education department
- Member of the [Deutscher Katchetenverein](#) (German Association of Catechists, DKV)
- Member of the [Joseph-Bernhart-Gesellschaft](#) (Joseph Bernhard Society)

Roles at the University

Past roles

- Member of the working group 'Migration in the Context of Religions and Cultures within the Framework of Globalization' tasked with establishing a research priority
- Member of the working group 'Personal Development under Consideration of the Individual and the Institution' tasked with establishing a research priority
- Member of the senate committee 'Research'
- Member of the senate committee 'Studying, Teaching, and Quality Assurance'
- Member of the Faculty of Theology's profile development committee
- Member of the executive committee responsible for revising the statutes for the [Center for Teacher Education and Education Research](#)
- Member of the board of the [Center for Teacher Education and Education Research](#)
- Winter semester 2009/10 – summer semester 2011: Vice dean

- Winter semester 2013/14 – summer semester 2015: Vice dean

Current roles

- Member of the board of the [Center for Marriage and Family in Society \(ZFG\)](#)
- Member of the doctoral examination committee of the [Maximilian-Bickhoff-Stiftung](#) (Maximilian Bickhoff Foundation)
- Member of the editorial board for [Eichstätter Studien](#) (Studies from Eichstätt)
- Member of the group responsible for defining and shaping the KU's profile
- Member of the KU's [Center for Teacher Education and Education Research](#)
- October 1, 2015–present: Member of the KU's University Council

Roles in academic associations

- 2012–present: member of the executive committee of [AKRK](#)
- 2013–present: co-editor-in-chief of [Religionspädagogische Beiträge](#) (Articles on Religious Education, RpB), the main German-language journal in the field of Catholic religious education, with Prof. Dr. G. Langenhorst, Augsburg

Collaborations

- KOOP (*Kooperation erste und zweite Phase der Lehrerbildung* – Collaboration in the First and Second Phase of Teacher Training)
- Inter-university doctoral and habilitation candidates' colloquium (participating universities: Bamberg: Prof. Dr. K. Lindner; Freiburg: Prof. Dr. M. Schambeck; Eichstätt: Prof. Dr. U. Kropač)
- Collaboration with the University of Regensburg: Regensburger Symposium (2007–present) on issues in the natural sciences, theology, and society

Other activities

- Supervisor for five doctoral candidates
- Member of the team responsible for planning and running the lecture and seminar series [Forum K'Universale](#) on the following topics:
 - Failure (2012/13)
 - Education and univers(al)ity (2013/14)
 - Age and aging (2014/15)
 - Flight (2015/16)
 - Violence (2016/17)
 - Trust (2017/18)
 - Europe (2018/19)
- Head of the Bachelor's/Master's thesis study group 'Religion – Religiosity – Religious Education'
- Collaboration on the Uganda project '[The Challenge of Education](#)' (partners in Uganda: St. James Primary School, Luigi Giussani High School, Permanent Center of Education)
- Various roles in faculty councils and specialist committees (e.g. doctoral committee)
- Extensive lecturing activities in Germany and abroad
- Participation in professional development measures for religious studies teachers
- Mentor in the Max Weber Program ([German Academic Scholarship Foundation](#))

Awards

2001

Pädagogik innovativ prize awarded by the **Bayerischer Lehrer- und Lehrerinnenverband** (Bavarian Teachers' Association, BLLV) for innovative projects in teacher training for the project 'The Reformation and Counter-Reformation in Context – Approaches in Didactics of Religion in a Block Seminar in Trento' (with Dr. Matthias Bahr)