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Introduction to the Papers and Workshops

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'Diakonia & Modern Slavery - Sources, Legacies & Lived Realities in Christian Social Practices'

The publication *Diakonia & Modern Slavery* is the latest in the CODE Forum series. It opens an interdisciplinary discussion between biblical, theological, legal and empirical sources as an input for this discussion. The book critically discusses the importance of the discourse on modern slavery for diakonia and Christian social practice. The authors address the continuity between colonial slavery and modern slavery and describe diaconal and social practices fighting exploitation and injustice. They suggest approaches that heal, restore dignity and create space for those having traumatic and dehumanizing experiences. During this session three editors and two additional authors will present their work. We will discuss the conceptual understanding of modern slavery in relation to diakonia on the one hand and colonial slavery on the other hand.