

What Can the Global South and Europe Learn from Each Other?

The Global South and Western Europe – what are our shared and different challenges and what we can learn from one another? Sarah has been serving in Europe for a decade in national, regional, and global capacities. Being raised in Latin America and having served the church and the student movement in that continent too, she will share personal reflections of what the Global church can learn from the uniqueness of its regions.

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I. European Pessimism

A. Conversation with the Balkans

B. Cloud of Pessimism. Hope seen as naïve.

1. How can we be realistic about our challenges and still hopeful that God is able to move with power in Europe?

II. Community focus

A. Relational and community focus (high values in Latin American and Africa)

1. Belong, believe, and behave

B. Focusing on winning the mind

1. How can we learn from each other?

III. Dependence on God and prayer

A. Story from Nana Yaw, Africa

1. That is all we know what to do!

B. How can we be fully dependent on God and still use our strengths of planning and strategy?

IV. Learn from the West

A. Efficient, planning, competence

B. Theological rigor

V. Personal stories of learning in Europe and seeing differences from other regions.

VI. Missionaries from the Global South and immigrants are coming to Europe.

A. How can we learn from one another, bless one another, and work as one body of Christ – His Global church.

Suggested Readings:

Erin Meyer, *The Culture Map*.

Decoding How People Think, lead and get things done across cultures.

Oscar Muriu – *Urbana 09*