

Global Orthodoxy. Religion, Politics, and Human Rights

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During the last decades, sociological interest in religion and globalization has grown due to the novelty of socio-political, economic, and cultural changes, which forced existing religious groups and organizations to revise and redesign their own institutional structures, practices, and agendas.

The role and place of Orthodox Christianity in this process is still understudied, while it is affected worldwide by multifaceted societal changes during the last 30 years: the end of communism, international migration, growth of religious diversity, entering the European Union, the secularization processes, and human rights challenges.

This conference intends to highlight three intertwined aspects - religion, politics, and human rights - related to the global context of Orthodox Christianity.



Programme

8:30 - 8:45 Welcome Addresses

Marco Mascia, Director of Human Rights Centre, University of Padova
Giuseppe Giordan, Coordinator of Joint PhD Programme "Human Rights, Society, and Multi-level Governance", University of Padova

8:45 - 10:15 Plenary Session One | Library

Global Orthodoxy and Politics

Chair: Paolo De Stefani, University of Padova

Alexander Agadjanian, Russian State University of the Humanities, Russia
Orthodox Holiness against Globalization: an Essay on Drawing Borders
Kathy Rousselet, Sciences Po, Centre de recherches internationales (CERI), CNRS, France
The Russian Orthodox Church and the Mapping of the World

10:15 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 - 12:00 Plenary Session Two | Library

Global Orthodoxy and Religion

Chair: Siniša Zrinščak, University of Zagreb, Croatia

Maria Hämmerli, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
Orthodoxy Going Global: the Quest for Identity
Alexei Krindatch, Research Coordinator, Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America
Singing an Old Song in a New Land: How Orthodox Churches Contribute to America's Diverse Religious Landscape

12:00 - 12:15 Coffee Break

12:15 - 13:30 Parallel Session One | Library

Chair: Alexander Agadjanian, Russian State University of the Humanities, Russia

Emmanuel Clapsis, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School, USA

Religion in a Participatory Democracy

Paul Gavriilyuk, University of St. Thomas, USA

Patriarch Kirill's Ideology of Russkii Mir and the Geopolitics of the Council of Crete

Ekaterina Grishaeva, Ural Federal University, Russia / Uppsala University, Sweden

Intertwinement of Religious and Political Discourses in Russia: from Orthodox anti-Westernism to Political Mistrust to Europe

12:15 - 13:30 Parallel Session Two | Room Iqbal Masih**Chair: Maria Hämmerli, University of Fribourg, Switzerland**

Georgios E. Trantas, University of Erfurt, Germany

Greek-Orthodox Cultural Heritage and its Strategic Importance to the 'Representation of the Church of Cyprus to the European Union'

Marko Veković, University of Belgrade, Serbia

Where Religion Meets Politics: Orthodoxy in the Former Yugoslav States

Marco Guglielmi, University of Padova, Italy

Orthodox Christian Diasporas in Italy: Patterns of Negotiations in a Catholic Country

13:30 - 15:00 Lunch

15:00 - 16:45 Parallel Session Three | Library**Chair: Kathy Rousselet, Sciences Po, Centre de recherches internationales (CERI), CNRS, France**

Roy R. Robson, Pennsylvania State University, USA

A "Community of Young Old Believers:" Patterns of Tradition, Acculturation, and Hybridization among First-Wave Old Believers in the United States

Maija Grizāne, Daugavpils University, Latvia

Old Orthodox (Old Believers) in Modern Latvia: Challenges and Perspectives

Anastasiya Cherkasova, researcher, Auckland, New Zealand

The Struggles and Joys of Orthodox Diaspora in New Zealand: Cases of Russian, Serbian and Greek Churches

Eleni Tseligka, Staffordshire University, UK

The Centrality of Orthodoxy to Migrant Cultural Retention: The Case of Greeks in Germany

15:00 - 16:45 Parallel Session Four | Room Iqbal Masih**Chair: Vasilios N. Makrides, University of Erfurt, Germany**

Elizabeth H. Prodromou, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, USA

Discovering Unity in Diversity as the Reality of a Global Church at the Pan-Orthodox Council of Crete, 2016: Identifying Possibilities for Orthodox Christian Contributions to

Contemporary Human Rights Challenges

Sergey Trostyanskiy, Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York, USA

Is the Notion of Human Rights Compatible with the Orthodox Concept of Personhood? The

Assessment of Human Rights by the Russian Orthodox Church

Ivan Zabaev, Saint-Tikhon University, Russia

Humility, Dignity and Economy: Contemporary Russian Orthodox Church Practices and the Logic of Human Rights

Olga Breskaya, University of Padova, Italy

Silviu Rogobete, West University of Timisoara, Romania

Religious Freedom in Context: A Comparison between Belarus and Romania

16:45 - 17:15 Coffee Break

17:15 - 18:45 Plenary Session Three | Library**Global Orthodoxy and Human Rights**

Chair: Giuseppe Giordan, University of Padova

Kristina Stöckl, University of Innsbruck, Austria

Transnational Aspects of the Russian Orthodox Debate on Human Rights

Vasilios N. Makrides, University of Erfurt, Germany

Orthodox Christianity and Human Rights: Local Problems, Global Challenges, Global Developments

18:45 - 19:00 Closing Remarks

20:00 Dinner

Attachments & Resources

Documents

- International Conference "Global Orthodoxy. Religion, Politics, and Human Rights", Padova, 12th May, 2017, flyer (pdf, 861.70 Kb , EN)
- International Conference "Global Orthodoxy. Religion, Politics, and Human Rights", Padova, 12th May, 2017, poster (pdf, 484.85 Kb , EN)

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