

PROGRAM



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North Macedonia (Hotel Sirius)



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19.06.2024

15.00

Bus transportation from Skopje to Strumica for the participants of the Conference (the parking lot of the Faculty of Philosophy)

Venue of the Conference: Hotel Sirius, Strumica

19.00

Opening of the Conference

19.00 – 20.00

SPEECHES

Representative from the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of North Macedonia

Biljana Angelova, Rector of the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje

Ratko Duev, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje

Massimo Introvigne, Founder and managing director of the Center for Studies of New Religions in Torino, Italy

High Reverend Naum, Metropolitan of the Strumica Diocese

Zoran Zaev, Founder and Director of the Zaev Foundation

Kostadin Kostadinov, Mayor of the municipality of Strumica

Gjorgje Bozinov, Mayor of the municipality of Novo Selo

Zoran Matevski, Director of the Centre for Intercultur Studies and Research

20.00 – 20.30

INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION

Zoran Matevski, Director of the Centre for Intercultural Studies and Research

20.30

WELCOME RECEPTION



20.06.2024

08.00 – 09.00

Registration of participants

09.00 – 11.00

Working session I (Plenary)

Moderator: Zoran Matevski, Director of the Centre for Intercultural Studies and Research, North Macedonia

Naum Ilievski and Angelina Ilievska / International Slavic University “G. R. Derzhavin,” Sveti Nikole, North Macedonia; Private Practice, Skopje, North Macedonia / **A Metasystemic Perspective of Christian Psychotherapy in Defining Leadership and its Criteria**

Dyron Daugherty / Pepperdine University, USA / **From Mainline to Marginal: The Gradual Decline of the Once-Powerful Protestant Churches in America**

Alexander Hwang / Holy Family University, Philadelphia, USA / **The Secularization of the Catholic American University**

Gerard Kester / International Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands / **Cultural Democracy Through Sociocultural Councils?**

Patrick Pasture / KU Leuven, Belgium / **Two Desecularizations: From Robert A. Markus to Peter Berger**

Mezei Balazs / Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary / **The Image of the Church in Society – The Hungarian example**

DISCUSSION

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee break





11.30 - 13.30

Working session II (Plenary)

Moderator: Dyron Daugherty / Pepperdine University, USA

Robert Rapljenović / Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany / **Bridging Rationality with Spirituality without becoming irrational: (De)Secularisation Through the Lens of Hesychastic Anthropology**

Tanja Miloshevska, Tatjana Stojanoska Ivanova and Elena Ustamitova / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje; JUDG-OC Rade Jovchevski Korchagin, North Macedonia / **Religious Fanaticism Leading to Terrorism**

Igor Radev / Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts, North Macedonia / **Cultural Accommodation of Christianity in Táng Dynasty China**

Yana Fileva / South-West University "Neofit Rilski", Bulgaria / **Petar Dunov's Teaching and Its Attitude to Socialism, Communism and Synarchism**

Mihaela Bozadzhijna / South-West University "Neofit Rilski", Bulgaria / **Religion, Secularization and Desecularization in Bulgaria Today – Overview**

Vladan Stanković / Institute for Political Studies, Belgrade, Serbia / **Christianity of Fundamentalism and Secularism: Are There Signs of Social Teaching in The Serbian Orthodox Church?**

DISCUSSION

13.30 - 14.30

Lunch

14.30 - 16.00

Working session III (Plenary)

Moderator: Robert Rapljenović / Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt, Germany



Marjan Gjurovski and Mitko Arnaudov / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia; Institute of International Politics and Economics, Serbia/ **The Role of Religious Diversity in The Process of Regional Integration Within Western Balkans**

Ivana Gegoska and Ivana Hadzievska / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia /

Emil Dimitriev / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / **Politics and Religion**

Enis Muarem / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / **Different Aspects of The Implementation of The Islamic Law in Secular Country - A Case-Study of The Muslims in North Macedonia**

DISCUSSION

16.30

Visit to the Orthodox monasteries in Vodoča and Veljusa with dinner



21.06.2024

09.00 - 10.30

Working Session IV (Plenary)

The Revival of African Indigenous Spirituality in South Africa: The Revelation Spiritual Home

Moderator: Massimo Introvigne / Center for Studies of New Religions, Torino, Italy

Massimo Introvigne / Center for Studies of New Religions, Torino, Italy / **Imboni u Zwi-Lezwe Radebe and the Origins of the Revelation Spiritual Home**

Palesa Hloele / African Hidden Voice Research Institute, Johannesburg, South Africa / **The Difference Between Universal Spirituality, Religion, and Alkebulan (African) Indigenous Spirituality**

Thembi Tulwana / The Revelation Spiritual Home, Johannesburg, South Africa / **Different Sectors Within Alkebulan (African) Indigenous Spirituality**

Rosita Šorytè / European Federation for Freedom of Belief, Rome and Turin, Italy / **Who Is Afraid of African Prophets? Religious Liberty Issues, the Aftermath of Kenya's Deaths by Fasting, and Problems in South Africa**

DISCUSSION

10.30 - 11.00

Coffee break

11.00 - 12.45

Working session V (Plenary)

Taiwan: The Global Outreach of Spiritual Movements and Freedom of Religion Belief Issues

Moderator: Rosita is Šorytè / European Federation for Freedom of Belief, Rome and Turin, Italy





Massimo Introvigne / Center for Studies of New Religions, Torino, Italy / **Peace, Love, and Tax Reform: The Global Outreach of a Taiwanese Menpai**

Jason Chreng / Fellow of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, USA / **Conscience Amidst Religious Transcendence and Political Persecution: A Secular Paradigm in an Ancient Self-Cultivation School**

Emma Chen / Attorney at Law and former Prosecutor, Taipei, Taiwan / **The Master-Disciple Relationship and the Primacy of Conscience in a Taiwanese Menpai**

Claudia Huang / Federation of World Peace and Love, Taipei, Taiwan / **Religious and Spiritual Beliefs and Legal Norms: Focusing on the Tai Ji Men Case in Taiwan**

Rosita Šorytė / European Federation for Freedom of Belief, Rome and Turin, Italy / **Parallels Between the Cases of the Unification Church in Japan and Tai Ji Men in Taiwan**

DISCUSSION

12.45 - 13.45

Lunch

13.45 - 15.15

Working session VI (Plenary)

The Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light: A New Shia-Derivative Global Religion

Moderator: Jason Chreng, Fellow of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston, USA

Massimo Introvigne / Center for Studies of New Religions, Torino, Italy / **The Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light: A Middle Eastern New Religion Comes to Europe**

Ardijan Demirovic / The Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light, United Kingdom / **The Seventh Covenant: A “Strange” Religion**



Farha MUSA / The Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light, United Kingdom / **The Concept of Reincarnation in Abrahamic Traditions and Beyond**

Rosita Šorytè / European Federation for Freedom of Belief, Rome and Turin, Italy / **The Ahmadi Religion of Peace and Light: Cases of Persecution and Discrimination in Different Countries**

DISCUSSION

15.15 - 16.15

Working session VII (Plenary)

Moderator: Alexander Hwang / Holy Family University, Philadelphia, USA

Daniel Bramer / Holy Family University, Philadelphia, USA / **A Faith Open to Unbelief: The Christian intellectual tradition as partner to Western (re)secularity**

František Kalvas and Jan Váně / University of West Bohemia in Pilsen, Czech Republic / **Religious Memory – Source of Concord, Discord and Secularization**

Lukáš Dirga and Jan Váně / University of West Bohemia, Czech Republic / **The Story of (De)Secularization of Prison World in the Post-Communist Country? Religion And Prisons in The Czech Republic**

Danica Igrutinovic / Faculty of Media and Communications, Belgrade, Serbia / **Pride and Punishment: The Church, the State, and Pride Parades in Serbia (2012-2024)**

DISCUSSION

16.30

Visit to the Catholic and Protestant religious communities in the Strumica region, Smolar waterfalls and traditional Macedonian dinner in Novo Selo

22.06.2024

09.00 - 12.00

Working session VIII (Plenary)

Moderator: Mezei Balazs / Corvinus University, Budapest, Hungary

Carmen-Gabriela Lazareanu and Vlad Leontie / Faculty of Orthodox Theology in Iasi, Romania; Doctoral School of Economics and Business Administration in Iasi, Romania / **Theories of Secularization. The Relation of Modern Man to The Religious**

Salvatore Costanza / National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Greece / **Catholics and Muslims in Greece: Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue in A Balkan Country**

Nora Lombardini / Politecnico di Milano, Italy / **Beyond Secularization: The Search for New Places of Worship**

Reet Hiimäe / Department of Folkloristics, Estonian Literary Museum, Estonia / **Communication with Supernatural Protectors and Helpers in Estonia in the 21st Century**

Rita Santillán / University of British Columbia, Canada / **The Misunderstanding and Misuse of Theocracy in Serge Raynaud de La Ferrière's Thought**

Iulian Moga / Alexandru Ioan Cuza University, Romania / **Mama Gabrieli, a Heart Full of Love**

Zoran Mihajlovski / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / **Conservatism/Liberalism in Values & Value-Orientations in Future Teachers and Its Relation to General Intelligence**

Irena Avirovic Bundalevska / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / **Teachers' Perspectives of Multicultural and Diversity Awareness in Macedonian High Schools**

Nikolche Gjurgjinovski / Orthodox theological faculty, Skopje, North Macedonia / **Religious Fundamentalism in European Culture**

12.00 – 13.00

Lunch





13.00 - 16.00

Working session IX (Online)

Moderator: Patrick Pasture / KU Leuven, Belgium

Stefan Mandić / University of Belgrade, Serbia / **Analysis of The Contribution of The New Age Movement to The Reproduction of Capitalism**

Nadiia Volik / Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University, Ternopil, Ukraine / **“Your Pain Is My Pain”: The Relationship of The Pope with Ukrainian Catholics During War-time (2014-2024)**

Stefan Zdravković / University of Belgrade, Serbia / **Sociological Analysis of The Pilgrimage to Jerusalem**

Viktorija Sushko / Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University, Ternopil, Ukraine / **Ukraine Greek Catholic Church Service Manual 2024: The Path of Change**

Mariia Partyka / Ternopil Volodymyr Hnatiuk National Pedagogical University, Ukraine / **The Greek Catholic Church Between Totalitarian Regimes In 1939-1945: Eyewitness Accounts**

Mohammad Reza Shahroodi and Negin Maftooni / University of Tehran, Iran / **Hadiths on Repentance Issues in the Saivor’s Era**

Milica Šiljak / University in East Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina / **Religious Dialogue as A Key to Interethnic Cooperation in Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Milana Vinokić / Faculty of Political Sciences, Serbia / **Religion and Political Attitudes in Serbia**

Daniel Kisliakov / University of Divinity Melbourne, Australia / **Personhood as a Contrast to Secularism: Theological and Multidisciplinary Approaches**

Sergei A. Mudrov / University of Södertörn, Sweden / **The Role of Religious Factors/Actors in the Russia-Ukraine War**

Stefan Vasev / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / **Current situations in the Christian context from the aspect of the gender perspective**



Vedran Dizdarevikj / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / **Fetish, Charisma, And Art: On Some Typological Similarities Between the Literary Field and The Religious Field in Pierre Bourdieu's the Rules of Art**

Sanja Angelovska / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / **The Challenge of Maintaining Coexistence and Peace in Multiethnic Societies**

DISCUSSION

16.00

Ceremonial closing of the Conference

20.00

Gala Dinner



23.06.2024

09.00

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