# Religion, Authority and the State

FROM CONSTANTINE TO THE SECULAR AND BEYOND

BELGRADE, SERBIA JUNE 19 – 22, 2013





# **PROGRAM**

A Gathering Organized by the Ecclesiological Investigations International Research Network

# WELCOME

A very warm welcome to you all to the 2013 International Gathering of the Ecclesiological Investigations Network in the city of Belgrade, Serbia. Our time together, between June 19 and 22 comes at a pertinent time when the presumed 1700th anniversary of the Edict of Milan is being marked. The Emperor Constantine was born in Serbia and hailed from modern-day Niš, then called Naissus in the Roman province of Moesia. It is fitting we shall end our gathering with an excursion to the Roman city of Viminacium which was the Roman provincial capital of Moesia.

The attention being afforded this important moment in history evokes so many issues, challenges and tensions concerning where the peoples and faiths of the world dwell in common, and what divides them. Our Serbian meeting therefore takes forward many of the conversations and collaborations begun last year at the Assisi 2012 gathering.

Questions of religious freedom, tolerance, relations between political authorities and faith communities, between 'church and state', between differing churches, between other faith communities and the secular authorities, as well as within and between differing religious communities, remain as important and challenging today as they were in the fourth century.

During our time together this week we will explore many such questions both historical and contemporary alike.

We look forward to hearing your contributions and hope you enjoy this gathering very much.

Gerard Mannion
Chair, Ecclesiological Investigations
International Research Network



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# PROGRAM AT A GLANCE

# Wednesday, June 19 page 6

# Registration

10:00 - 12:00 (Hotel Moscow - Hall)

# Registration

14:30 - 16:30 (Hotel Moscow - Hall)

# Welcome and Opening Plenary (1) 18:00 - 19:45

(Balkanska Conference Hall)

# **Opening Reception**

19:45 (Balkanska Conference Hall)

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# Plenary 2

9:00 - 10:30 (Balkanska Conference Hall)

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# **Concurrent Papers Session 1**

11:00 - 13:00 (p.10-11 for locations)

Lunch Break (On your own)

# **Concurrent Papers Session 2**

14:30 - 16:00 .12-13 for locations)

Coffee

# Plenary 3

16:30 - 18:00 (Balkanska Conference Hall)

Free Evening

# Friday, June 21 page 8-9

# Plenary 4

9:00 - 10:30 (Balkanska Conference Hall)

Coffee

# **Roundtable Plenary (5)**

11:00 - 12:30 (Balkanska Conference Hall)

Lunch Break (On your own)

# Walking Excursion

14:00 - 16:00 St. Sava Temple)

Free Time

# Final Plenary (6)

17:00 - 18:30 (Balkanska Conference Hall)

# **Aperitivo Reception and Book Launch** 19:00

(Tchaikovsky Restaurant)

# **Conference Banquet**

20:00 (Balkanska Conference Hall)

# **Saturday, June 22** page 9

Excursion to Roman City of
Viminacium
9:00
(Meet at hotel front entrance)

# WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

# 10:00 - 12:00

# Registration

Hotel Moscow - Hall

# 14:30 - 16:30

# Registration

Hotel Moscow - Hall



# 18:00 - 19:45

Welcome and Opening Plenary (1) Balkanska Conference Hall

Gerard Mannion and Vladimir Latinovic

Official Opening of the Conference by **His Holiness Serbian Patriarch Irinej.** 

Words of Welcome from H. E. Michael Davenport, British Ambassador to Serbia

Chair: Mark Chapman

Religion, Authority and the State— Discerning the Key Questions and Challenges

**Thomas Bremer**: State and Church in the Roman Catholic and the Orthodox Tradition

**Elaine Padilla**: Being One and an-Other: Going beyond a Politics of Friendship

# 19:45

# OPENING RECEPTION

Balkanska Conference Hall

# THURSDAY, JUNE 20

## 9:00-10:30

Plenary 2 Balkanska Conference Hall

Chair: Peter Phan

Dynamics of Religion, Freedom and Authority

**Mahmoud Ayoub**: The Christian Church and the Muslim Ummah: From Religious Persecution to Religious Authority

**Elizabeth Clark**: Reinterpreting Religious Freedom: Views from the American Theological Professoriate, 1845-1945

# 10:30

## Coffee

Outside of Balkanska Conference Hall

## 11:00 - 13:00

# **Concurrent Papers I**

Please see pages 10-11 for session locations and details.

## 13:00 - 14:30

## Lunch Break

See page 15 for Restaurant Guide

# 14:30-16:00

# **Concurrent Papers II**

Please see pages 12-13 for session locations and details.

# 16:00

### Coffee

Outside of session location

# 16:30-18:00

Plenary 3

Balkanska Conference Hall

Chair: Dale Irvin

Church and State—Contextual Considerations

**Edwin Arrison**: Ecumenicity and Church-state relations in South Africa

**Peter Phan:** Church and State Relations in

Vietnam, 1975-2010

## 18:00

Free Evening

# FRIDAY, JUNE 21

## 9:00-10:30

Plenary 4
Balkanska Conference Hall
Chair: Gerard Mannion

The Fruits of Ecumenical Authority:

A Plenary Discussion of the Convergence
Document, 'The Church: Towards a
Common Vision' from the Faith and
Order Commission of the World Council
of Churches

Panelists:

John Gibaut, Peter De Mey, Geoffrey Rowell, and Kondothra M. George

# 10:30

Coffee

Outside of Balkanska Conference Hall

# 11:00 - 12:30

Plenary 5 Balkanska Conference Hall Chair: Thomas Bremer

From Constantine to the Post-Secular: Serbian Perspectives on Church and State A Roundtable Discussion

Panelists:

**Vladimir Latinovic**: Confessional Belonging and National Identity in Serbia and Germany

**Slobodan Markovic**: Church-State Relations in Serbia after 2000 **Branko Radun**: Church-State Relations in the Light of the resolution of the Conflict in Kosovo

**Aleksandar Rakovic**: U.S. Religious Freedom Reports on Serbia: Counter arguments from a Serbian Perspective

# 12:30 - 14:00

**Lunch Break** 

See page 15 for Restaurant Guide

14:00-16:00

Walking Excursion to St. Sava Temple

16:00 - 17:00

Free Time

17:00 - 18:30

Final Plenary (6) Balkanska Conference Hall Chair: Elaine Padilla

Religion, Authority and Dialogue— Prospects for the Future

**Dale Irvin**: Specters of a New Ecumenism: In Search of a Church 'Out of Joint'

**Necla Tschirgi**: Global Governance and Contested Authorities in the 21st Century

Closing Reflections:

Mark Chapman and Gerard Mannion

# FRIDAY, JUNE 21 (cont.)

# 19:00

# APERITIVO RECEPTION AND BOOK-LAUNCH

# **Tchaikovsky Restaurant**

Book-launch of **William R. Burrows**', *Jacques Dupuis Faces the Inquisition*, beginning with a brief personal memoir of Jacques Dupuis from **Peter Phan** 

And also of **Alan Sell's**, *The Great Ejectment of 1662: Its Antecedents, Aftermath, and Ecumenical Significance*, with some words of introduction from **Mark Chapman** 

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# 20:00

# CONFERENCE BANQUET

## Balkanska Conference Hall

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# SATURDAY, JUNE 22

### 9-00

Depart for excursion to the Roman city of *Viminacium*, provincial capital of the Roman Province of Moesia.

Meet at hotel front entrance.

Transport and entrance cost: 10 EUR per person total to be paid at registration. Lunch is on your own (estimate 15 EUR per person).



# CONCURRENT PAPER SESSIONS I

# Session 1 Venue: Protokol 1 Chair: Stan Chu Ilo

The Politics of Christian-Muslim Conflicts in the West African Sub-Region: Going Beyond the Western Paradigm

This session will attempt to historicize the intractable and random conflicts between Christians and Muslims in West African Sub-Region, we will be concentrating on four countries (Nigeria, Mali, Cote D'Ivoire and Niger).

Chair: Stan Chu Ilo

Canada

Institution: University of St Michael's College,

University of Toronto, Canada

Panelists:

Ikenna Okafor

Nigeria

Institution: University of Vienna, Austria

Vincent Ifeme

Nigeria

Institution: Istituto Superiore di Scienze Religiose Mater Gratiae, Ascoli Piceno, Italy. An affliliate institute of the Pontifical Lateran University, Rome Session 2 Venue: **Kralja Milana** Chair: **Dale Irvin** 

John Bradbury

United Kingdom

Institution: Westminster College, Cambridge The Church and Salvation Post-Christendom

Robert Brodrick

United States

Institution: Boston College

Associations of the Faithful as Tactical Responses to the Commodification of Religion

Katherine G. Schmidt

**United States** 

Institution: University of Dayton
"Click Here!": Toward a Constructive
Theology of the Internet in a Post-Secular

(Virtual) World

William Kooi

United States

Institution: Oklahoma Christian University

Radically Democratic and Robustly

Traditional: "Emergent" Ecclesiologies as the

Future of the Church

Simona Sav

Romania

Institution: Babes-Bolyai University
Neo-Pietistic Spirituality in Post-Secular

Europe

# 11:00-13:00

# THURSDAY, JUNE 20

# Session 3 Venue: Balkanska Conference Hall Chair: Dennis Doyle

## Bilal Baş

Turkey

Institution: Marmara University, Faculty of

Theology

Constantine and the Christian Church: The Divine Roles of the Church and the Roman Empire in Eusebius of Caesarea's De Sepulchro Christi

# **Sung Jin Song**

South Korea

Institution: Methodist Theological University The Authority of the Church: A Wesleyan's Theological Dialogue with Vladmir Lossky

### Nathaniel Wood

**United States** 

Institution: Fordham University

Sobornost, the State, and Christian Society in 19th-Century Russian Political Theology

# **Bogdan Lubardic**

Serbia

Institution: Orthodox Theological Faculty,

Belgrade

The International Commission for Anglican-Orthodox Theological Dialogue: an Assessment of its Work and Future Prospects

### Jelle Creemers

Belgium

Institution: Evangelische Theologische

Faculteit, Leuven

Constantinianism Revisited: Belgian Free Evangelical Churches in Dilemma

# Session 4 Venue: Terazije

Chair: **Miriam Haar** 

## Pascal Bazzell

Switzerland

Institution: Koinonia Theological Seminary,

Philippines

A Postcolonial Theological Reading of the Philippines: Church, Authority and State

# Jeremy M. Bergen

Canada

Institution: Conrad Grebel University College, University of Waterloo Apologizing for Canada's Indian Residential Schools: A Theological Account of a State Apology for an Historical Wrong

### **Ulla Schmidt**

Denmark

Institution: Centre for Church Research Changing Forms of Authority in State-Church-Relations

# Patricia Madigan

Australia

Institution: University of Sydney Religion and the State: Contexts, Controversies and Conjectures in Australia, Indonesia and Egypt

### **Matthew Prevett**

United Kingdom

Institution: Westminster College, Cambridge/ University of Wales Trinity Saint David Trust and Authority: Can Institutional Authority Exist without Trust?

# CONCURRENT PAPER SESSIONS II

# Session 5 Venue: **Kralja Milana** Chair: **Necla Tschirgi**

# Nikolaos-Nikodemos Anagnostopoulos

Great Britain

Institution: Heythrop College, University of

London

The Identity, the Present Status and the Challenges of the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople and the Greek-Orthodox Minority of Turkey in Relation to the Positive Developments of the Turkish Government, Which Have Taken Place During the Past Years for the Restoration of the Rights of the Ethnic Minorities

### Natalia Vlas

Romania

Institution: Babes-Bolyai University The Interplay between Church and State in the Democratization Process of Romania and Bulgaria

# Gunda Werner-Burggraf

Germany

Institution: Ruhr-Universität

Bochum, Lehrstuhl für Dogmatik und

Dogmengeschichte

Subjectivity as Liberative Praxis?—A Proposal for a Political Theology for the 21st Century

Cemury

# **Stanley MacClean**

Canada/South Korea

Institution: Keimyung University

Public Theology in East Asia: Challenges and

Prospects in the 21st Century

# Session 6 Venue: Balkanska Conference Hall

Chair: Peter De Mey

## Paul Doerksen

Canada

Institution: Canadian Mennonite University The Ambivalent Conversation Between Christian Theology and Human Rights Discourse

# Dennis M. Doyle

**United States** 

Institution: University of Dayton
The Meaning of "Religious Freedom" at
Vatican II and in the U.S. Bishops' Recent
Teachings

## B. Kevin Brown

**United States** 

Institution: Boston College

John Courtney Murray and Freedom within the Church: The Role of the Whole Community in the Development of Doctrine

### Luca Badini Confalonieri

Italy

Institution: Jubilee Centre for Character and Values, School of Education, Birmingham University

Beyond Authoritarianism and Technocracy: Exploiting Expertise in Ecclesial Policy-Making

### Leo D. Lefebure

United Staes

Institution: Georgetown University
Constantine's Disputed Legacy: Political
Discourse and the Church

# 14:30-16:00

# THURSDAY, JUNE 20

# Session 7 Venue: Protokol 1 Chair: Elaine Padilla

## Frank Rees

Australia

Institution: Whitley College, MCD University

of Divinity

Beyond Religion: Reflections from 'Down

Under'

# Jaisy Joseph

United States

Institution: Boston College

The Apophatic Rage within the Western Super-Nova: An Eastern Christian

Interruption

# Jon Douglas Anderson

United States

Institution: The Catholic University of

America

An Agonizing Secularism: 'Ram Janmabhumi'/Babri Masjid and the National Burden of India's Postmodern Civil Religion

# Melanie Kampen

Canada

Institution: University of Waterloo Heresiology, Epistemological Violence, and Cross-Cultural Christianity: What Happens to Theology when Evangelism Works?

# Craig A. Phillips

United States

Institution: Virginia Theological Seminary *Theo-political Visions: Post-secular Politics* 

and Messianic Discourse

# Session 8 Venue: Terazije

Chair: Peter Phan

## Fatemeh Kamali Chirani

Iran

Institution: Duisburg-Essen University
Interfaith Dialogue as a Communicative
Action: A Comparative Analysis of Interfaith
Dialogue Activities of Protestant and Shia
Bodies

# Nicolas Mumejian

**United States** 

Institution: Hartford Seminary Sharing Jesus, Sharing Christology: How a shared Christological Understanding of Jesus can be Seen between Shi'ism and Christianity

# Reji Padinjattemelethil Varghese

India

Institution: KU Leuven

Tolerant India and the Future of the Communion of Churches: The Syro-Malankara Church, A Vibrant String of

Communio Ecclesiology

### Roberto Catalano

Italy

Institution: Focolare Movement

Return from Exile—The Role of Religions in a

Globalised World

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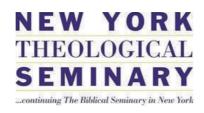




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# RESTAURANT GUIDE

### 1. Hotel Moskva

Address: Terazije 20

# 2. Beograd Art Restoran

Address: Knez Mihajlova 27

### 3. Restoran Madera

Address:

Bulevar Kralja Aleksandra 43

# 4. Restoran Via del Gusto

Address: Knez Mihajlova 48

## 5. Restoran Que Pasa

Address: Kralja Aleksandra 13-15

# 6. Kafana Znak Pitanja

Address: Kralja Petra 6

# 7. Restoran Pire Slow Food

Address: Cara Lazara 11

# 8. Restoran Kalemegd. Terasa

Address: Kalemegdanska Terasa

