

## ***Politics, Society and Culture in Orthodox Theology in a Global Age***

Conference organized by the Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics” of Münster University, the Faculty of Evangelical Theology of Münster University, and the Volos Academy for Theological Studies, in cooperation with the Huffington Ecumenical Institute (California)

February 6-9, 2020

Thessalia Conference Center, Volos, Greece

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2010**

**18.00-18.30 Registration**

#### **Session I**

**18.30-18.45 Opening – Greetings**

**18.45-19.00** Dr. Hans-Peter Grosshans, Cluster of Excellence “Religion and Politics” and Dean of the Faculty of Evangelical Theology, Münster University,

*Opening Remarks*

**19.00-19.30** Dr. Vasilios N. Makrides, Professor, Erfurt University,

*Orthodox Christianity in the Context of Postcolonial Studies*

**19.30-20.00** Dr. Atanas Slavov, Professor of Constitutional Law, Sofia University,

*Parliamentary/Constitutional Tradition and Orthodox Spirit*

**20.00-20.30 Discussion**

**20.30 Dinner**

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2020**

#### **Session II**

**09.00-09.30** Rev. Dr. Filotheos-Fotios Maroudas, Advisory Board Member at Applied Philosophy Research Laboratory, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Priest of the St. Apostles Greek Orthodox Parish, Dortmund (Germany),

*The Theologico-political Model of Byzantine “Symphonia”*

**09.30-10.00** Dr. Alfons Brüning, Institute for Eastern Christian Studies, Radboud University Nijmegen, Chair of “Orthodoxy and Peace Studies,” Free University and the Protestant Theological University in Amsterdam,

*The Czarist model in Imperial Russia*

**10.00-10.30** Dr. Ina Merdjanova, Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College, Dublin,

*Orthodoxy under Pressure: Ottoman, Communist and Post-Communist Contexts*

**10.30-11.30** **Discussion**

**11.30-12.00** **Coffee-break**

### **Session III**

**12.00-12.30** Dr. Nathan Wood, Deputy Director, Orthodox Christian Studies Center, Fordham University, New York,

*Orthodoxy and Democracy in Russian Religious Philosophy*

**12.30-13.00** Branko Seculic, PhD (ABD), Faculty of Evangelical Theology, Munich University,

*Orthodoxy and Democracy in Serbian Theology and Thought*

**13.00-13.30** Dr. Lucian Turcescu, Professor, Concordia University, Montreal, Canada,  
*Orthodoxy and Democracy in Romanian Theology*

**13.30-14.30** **Discussion**

**14.30-16.00** **Lunch**

### **Session IV**

**16.00-16.30** Dr. Dimitrios Moschos, Associate Professor, Faculty of Theology, Athens University,

*Orthodoxy and Democracy in Contemporary Greek Theology*

**16.30-17.00** Fadi Nasr, Secretary General, Orthodox Youth Movement of the Patriarchate of Antioch (MJO), Beirut, Lebanon

*Orthodoxy and Democracy in Antiochean Theology and Thought*

**17.00-17.30** Rev. Dr. K. M. George, Director of the Sopana Orthodox Academy in Kottayam, Kerala, India,

*Orthodoxy and Democracy in Oriental Orthodox Thought*

**17.30-18.30 Discussion**

**18.30-19.00 Coffee-break**

### **Session V**

**19.00-19.30** Dr. Svetoslav Riboloff, Professor, Faculty of Theology, Sofia University,  
*Church and State in the Orthodox World: Accommodation model, Established Church model, Separation model, and the Challenges of the Global Age*

**19.30-20.00** Rev. Dr. Cyril Hovorun, Assistant Professor, Marymount Loyola University, and Director, Huffington Ecumenical Institute, California,  
*Political Orthodoxy*

**20.00-20.30 Discussion**

**20.30 Dinner**

## **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2020**

### **Session VI**

**09.30-10.00** Georgios Vlantis, MTh, Director, Council of Christian Churches in Bavaria, and Research Associate, Volos Academy for Theological Studies

*Orthodox Theology and Modernity/Postmodernity, Secularization/Post-Secularization*

**10.00-10.30** Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies; Lecturer, Hellenic Open University and the University of Thessaly; Research Fellow; KU Leuven; Member of the Executive Committee, European Academy of Religion,

*Balkan and Eastern European Ethno-theology: Historical and Theological Approach*

**10.30-11.00 Discussion**

**11.00-11.30 Coffee-break**

### **Session VII**

**11.30-12.00** Dr. Haralambos Ventis, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Theology, Athens University,

*Orthodoxy and liberalism*

**12.00-12.30** Dr. Effie Fokas, LSE-ELIAMEP,

*Orthodoxy and Human Rights*

**12.30-13.00** Dr. Irena Zeltner Pavlovic, Research Fellow, Erlangen-Nürnberg University,

*Civil Society and Orthodoxy*

**13.00-13.30 Discussion**

**13.30-15.00 Lunch**

**Session VIII**

**15.00-15.30** Dr. Nikolaos Asproulis, Deputy Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies, and Lecturer, Hellenic Open University,

*Primacy, Synodality and Liberal Democracy in Orthodoxy: An Uneasy Relationship?*

**15.30-16.00** Dr. Katerina Bauer, Researcher, Protestant Faculty of Theology, Charles University, Prague,

*Orthodox Spirituality in Pluralistic Democracies*

**16.00-16.30 Discussion**

**16.30-17.00 Coffee-break**

**Session IX**

**17.00-17.30** Dr. Athanasios N. Papathanasiou, Editor-in-Chief, journal *Synaxi*, and Lecturer, Higher Ecclesiastical Academy of Athens,

*Orthodox Mission and Politics*

**17.30-18.00** Dr. Chris Durante, Assistant Professor of Theology, Saint Peter's University, NJ, and Fellow of the UNESCO Chair in Bioethics & Human Rights in Rome,

*Orthodoxy and Multiculturalism*

**18.00-19.00 Discussion and Plenary**

**19.30 Dinner**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2020**

Divine Liturgy at the Church of St. Constantine and Helene

Breakfast, and End of the Conference