

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, Münich 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 Antiochian 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