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Conference schedule

Oct. 5, Thursday

8.30–10.00	Registration and coffee
10.00–12.00	Opening plenary session
12.00–13.30	Lunch
13.30–15.30	Parallel sessions (1,2)
15.30–16.00	Coffee break
16.00–18.00	Parallel sessions (3,4)
19.00–21.00	Welcoming dinner

Oct. 6, Friday

9.00–11.00	Parallel sessions (5,6)
11.00–11.15	Coffee break
11.15–13.15	Parallel sessions (7,8)
13.15–14.45	Lunch
14.45–16.45	Parallel sessions (9,10, 11)
16.45–17.00	Coffee break
17.00–18.30	Closing plenary session
19.00–21.00	Farewell dinner



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Opening plenary session
Room 103
Chair: Milda Ališauskienė

Welcoming speech. Ineta Dabašinskienė, vice-rector, Vytautas Magnus University.

Welcoming speech. Milda Ališauskienė, president of Lithuanian Society for the Study of Religions.

Kathleen M. Moore

University of California Santa Barbara, USA

The Re-Turn of Religion: Why Publics Matter

1st parallel session “Religions and Identities”
Room 310
Chair: Kathleen M. Moore

Anita Stasulane

Daugavpils University, Latvia

Interaction between Esotericism and the Radical Right: Gender Issues

Dianne Kirby, Lisa Isherwood

University of Winchester, UK

Sisters in the Troubles

Ksenia Kolkunova

St Tikhon's Orthodox University, Russia

Sharing the Power: Priest, Parent, Professional

Vasile Babota

Pontifical Gregorian University & Pontifical St. Thomas University, Italy

Kingship, Prophecy, and Priesthood: Divine Kinship and Power in Ancient Israel

Anna Vancsó

Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary

The Interpretation of the Migration Crisis as a Securitization Issue Following the Discourse of a Religious and Ethnic Conflict in the Hungarian Public Sphere

2nd parallel session “Cults”, Anti-Cultists, and Power in Russia.
Anti-Extremism Laws and the Case of the Church of Scientology”
Room 312
Chair: Donatas Glodenis

Discussant: PierLuigi Zoccatelli, Pontifical Salesian University, Italy

Massimo Introvigne

Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR), Italy

A New Definition of “Extremism” in Russia: From the Jehovah's Witnesses to the Church of Scientology

Boris Falikov

Russian State University for the Humanities, Russia

The Provisions against Religious Extremism as an Instrument for Outlawing Religious Minorities in Russia: The Case of the Church of Scientology

3rd parallel session “Religion, Politics and Sustainable Development”
Room 310
Chair: Agita Misane

Agnieszka Dyczewska

Jagiellonian University, Poland

Religion and the Biopower. The Roman-Catholic Church and Legitimation of In Vitro Fertilization. Analysis of Selected Polish Opinion Magazines (2005-2015)

Kristina Jonutytė

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany

Between Submission and Subversion: Sangha and its Political Entanglements in Post-Soviet Buryat Buddhism

Dobrosława Wiktor-Mach

Cracow University of Economics, Poland

Islam and the Challenges of Sustainable Development

Jason Garcia Portilla

Universität St.Gallen, Switzerland

“[...] By Their Fruits Ye Shall Know Them”: Religious Discourses and Practices, and Their Relation To Development Indicators in Europe and the Americas

Milda Ališauskienė

Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

The Changing Role of Roman Catholic Church in Contemporary Lithuania?

4th parallel session “Theorizing Religion and Power”

Room 312

Chair: PierLuigi Zocatelli

Aleksei V. Loginov

Ural Federal University, Russia

Is Intrinsic Religious Toleration Possible?

Jaanika Erne

University of Tartu, Estonia

Conceptual History of Power

Andrey Menshikov

Ural Federal University, Russia

Religious Feelings, Religious Liberties and Religious Believers’ Rights in a Secular State

Elizaveta Kostrova

St Tikhon’s Orthodox University, Russia

Religious Foundations of Power in Agamben and Foucault

Anna Zuyeva

St. Tikhon’s Orthodox University, Russia

Two Models of the Pastorate: Michel Foucault and Ignatius of Loyola

5th parallel session “Religion, Power and Education”

Room 103

Chair: Rasa Pranskevičiūtė

Rita Hegedűs

Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary

Religiosity/Non-religiosity and Education in Hungary

Irēna Saleniece

Daugavpils University, Latvia

The Soviet Education and Religion: Teachers’ Case in the Latvian SSR (1944-1985)

Ágnes Inántsý Pap

University of Debrecen, Hungary

Effectiveness of Culturally Responsive Teaching in Church-run Schools During the Communist Era in Hungary

Minna Kulmala

University of Helsinki, Finland

From Apocalyptic Expectations to New Educational Visions: Changing Education Policies of the Last Testament Church

6th parallel session “Religion, Power and (Re)Location”

Room 310

Chair: Michael Strmiska

Kristian Pella

Gävle University, Sweden

Power and Religion: The Kakure Kirishitan Transformation of Early Modern Christianity in Japan

Agnese Tamoviča

University of Latvia, Latvia

Influence of Chishti Sufism on the Mughal Rule in the 13th Century

Stewart Weaver

University of Rochester, USA

The Science of the Sacred: Geology, Mythology, and the Making of the Himalayan Mountains

Tõnno Jonuks

University of Tartu, Estonia

Contemporary Deposits at Sacred Places in Estonia and Finland

Atko Rimmel

University of Tartu, Estonia

Secularization as a Communication Problem?

7th parallel session “Korean New Religions, Nationalism, and Society:

From Kang Jeungsan to Daesoon Jinrihoe”

Room 103

Chair: Anita Stasulane

Massimo Introvigne

Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR), Italy

From Kang Jeungsan to Daesoon Jinrihoe

Taesoo Kim

Seoul National University, Korea

Kang Jeungsan’s Principle of „Resolution of Grievances for Mutual Beneficence“

Yeongil Kim

Daejin University, Korea

Kang Jeungsan’s Principles in Action: Daesoon Jinrihoe and Social Welfare in Korea

8th parallel session “Religions and Human Rights”

Room 310

Chair: Katarzyna Zielinska

François Levrau

University of Antwerp, Belgium

Pluriform Accommodation: Justice beyond Multiculturalism and Freedom of Religion?

Tarlan Masmaliyeva

Saarland University, Germany

Religions, Human Rights and Justice in Contemporary Turkey

Alessandra Abis

Catholic University of Milan, Italy

Religious Persecution Under European Asylum System

Dania Suleman

University of Quebec in Montreal, Canada

The Possible Reconciliations Between Freedom of Religion and Gender Equality

Justina Razumaitė,

Vilnius University, Lithuania

Freedom of Religion in China under Xi Jinping

9th parallel session “Russian Orthodoxy, Power and Minority Religions”

Room 103

Chair: Massimo Introvigne

Alexander S. Palkin

Ural Federal University, Russia

Confessional Policy of the Russian Empire towards Religious Minorities

Anna Mikhееva

Ural Federal University, Russia

The Image of the Persecuted Religious Minority in Their Own and Classical Music in Russian Empire

Anna Panteleeva

Russian State University for Humanities, Russia

“It Is All About the Choice and Paths”: Jewish Community during the Early Soviet Era

Maija Grizane

Daugavpils University, Latvia

Orthodox Mission as a Method of Struggle with the Old Belief in Latvia at the End of the 19th Century

Rasa Pranskevičiūtė, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

Giedrė Širvinskienė, Lithuanian University of Health Sciences, Lithuania

Peculiarities of Religious Experiences of Hare Krishna Devotees in the Soviet Lithuania: Sensation, Conversion and Transcendence

10th parallel session “Religions, Powers and Conflicts”

Room 310

Chair: Atko Rimmel

Michael Strmiska

SUNY-Orange, USA

“Blood and Soil” or “Love and Peace” in Modern Paganism? An Old Debate and a New Proposal

Agita Misāne

University of Latvia, Latvia

Valuespeak. References to Values and Related Concepts Within Political and Religious Discourses in Contemporary Latvia

Leons Taivans

University of Latvia, Latvia

Terror and the Evolution of Islam

Anna-Konstanze Schröder

Ruhr-University Bochum, Germany

Folk Religions as a Means of Empowerment

Eglė Aleknaitytė

Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

Against Paganism: Catholic Struggles against Paganism in Contemporary Lithuania

11th parallel session “Religions, Powers and Nationalisms”

Room 312

Chair: Tõnno Jonuks

Daria Chentsova

St. Tikhon's Orthodox University of the Humanities, Russia

Saint Petersburg State University, Russia

Religion and Power - at the Edge of Epochs (N. Berdyaev and S. Frank about Revolution, Nationalism, War and Spiritual Freedom of Mankind)

James White

Ural Federal University, Russia

Orthodoxy, Empire, and the Russian Nation: Nationalism and Religion in the Views of Bishop Andrei (Ukhtomskii), 1872-1937

Jafar Ahmad

Heriot-Watt University, UK

The Impact of Ashura Rituals Practiced by Shia Iraqis on Iraqi Nationalism

Ingrida Kleinhofa

University of Latvia, Latvia

Religious Affiliation and Arab Nationalism in Arab Emigration Literature

Tatyana Bakhmetyeva

University of Rochester, USA

The Cult of Divine Mercy and the Case of Two National Identities

Closing plenary session

Room 103

Chair: Milda Ališauskienė

Katarzyna Zielinska

Jagiellonian University, Poland

Religion in the Public Sphere – a Discursive Approach



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