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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



**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*

**1<sup>st</sup> 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*

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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*

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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?*

#### **4<sup>th</sup> 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*

#### **5<sup>th</sup> 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*

#### **6<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> 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?*

#### **7<sup>th</sup> 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*

## **8<sup>th</sup> 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*

## **9<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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*

## **10<sup>th</sup> 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*

## **11<sup>th</sup> 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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