

# **Second European Conference for Religious Dialogue and Cooperation**

## **PROGRAM**

**13.06.2022**

**Opening of the Conference**  
(CONGRESS HALL)

**18.00 – 19.00**  
**SPEECHES**

**Nikola Jankulovski**, Rector of the Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in  
Skopje

**Jeton Shaqiri**, Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of North  
Macedonia

**Ratko Duev**, Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy in Skopje

**Ramis Merko**, Mayor of the Municipality of Struga

**Aleksandar Krzalovski**, Executive director of the Macedonian Centre for  
International Cooperation

**Zoran Matevski**, Director of the Centre for Intercultural Studies and Research

**19.00 – 19.30**  
**INTRODUCTORY PRESENTATION**

**Zoran Matevski**, Director of the Centre for Intercultural Studies and Research

**20.00**  
**WELCOME RECEPTION**

**14.06.2022**

**08.00 – 09.00**

**Registration of participants**

**09.00 - 10.15**

**Working session I (Plenary)**

**Keynote speakers**

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**Moderator: Zoran Matevski**, Director of the Centre for Intercultural Studies and Research

**Gerard Kester** / International Institute of Social Studies, The Netherlands / *Europe as a Laboratory of an Inclusive Society*

**John Maiden** / The Open University Walton Hall, UK / *The Challenges and Opportunities of “Presentism”: Young Peoples’ Attitudes towards Historic and Contemporary Religious Diversity in European Contexts*

**Albert Doja** / University of Lille, France / *The Political Appeal of Religion: A new Awareness of What is missing*

**DISCUSSION**

**10.15 – 10.30**

**Coffee break**

**10.30 - 12.30**

**Working session II (Plenary, Online)**

**Keynote speakers**

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**Moderator: Gary Lafree** / University of Maryland, USA

**Massimo Introvigne** / CESNUR, Turin, Italy / **Local Prophecies Become Global: Nostradamus, Baba Vanga, and the War in Ukraine**

**Enzo Pace** / University of Padua, Italy / *Politics of Paradise: Fundamentalist Movements between Ethnic Particularism and Religious Universalism*

**Patrick Pasture** / KU Leuven, Belgium / *Beyond Secular Christendom, How Globalization Changes the Debate on Religious Toleration in Europe*

**Aini Linjankumpu** / University of Lepland, Finland / *Religious Literacy as a Tool for Managing the Religious Complexities in the Glocalized World*

**Roberto Cipriani** / Roma Tre University, Italy / *Surrender and Catch: An Idea for the Dialogue*

**Miroljub Jeftic** / University of Belgrade, Serbia / *Politicalology of Religion as a Forum for Understanding between different Religions*

**Marian Niezgoda** / Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland / *Religion in the Digital Era: e-religion?*

## **DISCUSSION**

**12.30 - 13.30**

**Lunch**

**13.30 - 15.00**

**Working session III (Plenary)**

(CONGRESS HALL)

**Moderator: Uroš V. Šuvaković**, University of Belgrade Serbia

**Gary Lafree** / University of Maryland, USA / *A Comparison of Political Violence by Islamist and non-Islamist Extremists in the United States and the World*

**Leena Taneja** / Zayed University, Dubai, U.A.E / *Particularism and Universalism: How Religious Sacred Spaces Create Moments of Ecumenicalism*

**Alper Çakır** / Charles University, Czech Republic / *Approaches to Interfaith Dialogue in Turkey: Analysis of the Religious Spectrum of Islam between Religious Universalism and Particularism*

**Marjan Gjurovski, Sibela Alimovska** / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / *The Impact of Social Security on the Security Policy of the Republic of North Macedonia*

**Verbytskyi Volodymyr** / Ukrainian association of researchers of religion, Ukraine / *Features of the International Activity of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church*

**Svetlana Trbojevik, Sofija Georgievska, Natasha Stanojkovska-Trajkovska** / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / *Globalization as a Factor for the Decomposition of the Christian Cultural Matrix of Europe*

**Tatjana Stojanoska Ivanova, Jeton Shakjiri, Adrijan Mucha** / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje; Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of North Macedonia / *Ethical values of the Christianity and Islam and their Role in the Modern Society*

## **DISCUSSION**

**15.00 – 15.15**  
**Coffee break**

**15.15- 17.15**  
**Working session V (Online)**  
(CONGRESS HALL)

**Moderator: Leena Taneja** / Zayed University, Dubai, U.A.E

**Irena Avirovic Bundalevska, Makedonka Radulovic, Angelka Keskinova, Ivana Dragovic** / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / *Multiculturalism in North Macedonia: Current Issues and Challenges*

**Lidija Georgieva, Naum Trajanovski** / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / *The Case of the Commemorations of the Macedonian Conflict in 2001*

**Carmen Gabriela Lăzăreanu** / University of Iași, Romania / *Power, the Origins of Aggression and War in Society*

**Andrej Iliev, Nenad Taneski** / Military academy Mihailo Apostolski, North Macedonia / *History of Religious Extremism in the Middle East*

**Bardyn Mariia** / Ukrainian association of researchers of religion, Ukraine / *Apocalyptic Reflection in the Narratives of the Globalized World: Religious Analysis*

**Lushakov Mykola** / National University of Kyiv, Ukraine / *The Korsunian Legend about the Volodymyr'S Baptism: An Analysis of the Treatise by O. Shakhmatov*

**Anastasiia Makhynia** / Ukraine / *Ludwig Feuerbach's Main Views on the Critique of Religion*

**Oksana Horkusha, Liudmyla Fylypovych** / Religious studies department at Philosophy Institute of National Academy of sciences of Ukraine / *Relevance and Risks of Ecumenical / Interreligious Dialogue in the Context of the Global Challenges of the Russian-Ukrainian War*

**Kurash Anastasia** / Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine / *Disneyization of Religion as a Product of the Contemporary Process of Consumerization*

**Antoanela Petkovska, Konstantin Minoski** / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / *Religiosity and Social Distance: Macedonian Context*

**Aleksandar Pavleski** / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / *International dimensions of the religious conflicts*

**15.15 - 17.00**  
**Working session IV**  
(PIANO HALL)

**Moderator: Salvatore Costanza** / National and Capodistrian University of Athens, Greece

**Rubin Zemon** / American University of Europe - FON & Center for Advanced Researches, Skopje, North Macedonia / *Religions between Ethno-nationalism, Guardians of the Tradition and Desire for Global Influence*

**Koyal Verma** / Bennett University, India / *Religion and Globalization: A Study of Buddhism and its Growing Influence*

**Joanna Kulska** / University of Opole, Poland / *Bridging the Divides towards Universal Purpose: The Role of the Religious Factor in Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding*

**Yeva Motychak** / Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Ukraine / *Holiness in the Eastern Christian Tradition (on the Example of Saints from the Kyiv-Pechersk Lavra)*

**Yana Fileva** / South-West University “Neofit Rilski”, Bulgaria / *Relationship between Religion and Globalization: Secular and Theological Anthropology Approach*

**Kharkovshchenko Yevhen** / University of Kyiv, Ukraine / *Features of Kyivan Christianity in the European Context*

**Bashkimi Bashkim** / North Macedonia / *Religiosity of the Population in the Ohrid-Struga Region in Terms of Belief Depending on Socio-Demographic Characteristics*

**DISCUSSION**

**17.30**

**Visit of the monastery “St. Naum” in Ohrid, with dinner at the springs of the river Drim**

**15.06.2022**

**09.00 - 11.00**

**Working Session VI**  
(CONGRESS HALL)

**Moderator: M. Isabel Garrido Gómez** / University of Alcala, Spain

**Marcin Skladanowski** / The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland / *Contemporary Russian Phyletism and the Decline of the Holy Russ': Social and Political Consequences of the Attitude of the Moscow Patriarchate towards the Russo-Ukrainian War*

**Ella Bystrytska, Nadiia Volik** / National Pedagogical University, Ternopil, Ukraine / *"Be close!" Service of Military Chaplains during the Russian-Ukrainian War (2014-2022)*

**Lidija Kovacheva** / University of Euro Balkan - Skopje, North Macedonia / *The Impact of Magical Figurines / Dolls in Ancient and Medieval Religious Discourse – Superstitious Particularism or Superstitious Universalism*

**Salvatore Costanza** / National and Capodistrian University of Athens, Greece / *Islamic Community in Sicily: Historical heritage and the major challenges of the present times*

**Ivana Dragovic** / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / *Modern Forms of Religion in the era of Globalization*

**Ivko A. Nikolic, Jelena Petrović** / University of Belgrade, Serbia / *Religious Affiliation and Attitude towards COVID 19 Vaccination: Attitudes of Female students at the Faculties of Education in Serbia*

**DISCUSSION**

**09.00 - 11.00**  
**Working session VII**  
(PIANO HALL)

**Moderator: Mario Marinov** / South- West University “Neofit Rilski”, Bulgaria

**Aneta Jovkovska, Gjoko Gjorgjevski** / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / *Christianity and Islam in the Context of Contemporary Culture: New Perspectives on Dialogue and Mutual Understanding*

**Jon Mahoney** / Kansas State University, USA / *Religion, Politics, and Identity in American Legal Practice*

**Elizabeth Byrne** / Trinity College Dublin, Ireland / *Friends of God and Citizens: towards A Christian-Muslim Spirituality of Just Citizenship*

**Mihaela Bozadzhiyna** / South-West University “Neofit Rilski”, Bulgaria / *Religious Tolerance in Bulgaria Today*

**Thou Ngaoni** / KU Leuven, Belgium / *Interreligious Marriages: Transcending the Limits of the Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872*

**Anica Dragovic, Marija Drakulovska Chukalevska, Modi Al Ghailani** / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia; Bayan College, Oman / *Religion, family and sustainable development*

**DISCUSSION**

**11.00 - 11.15**  
**Coffee break**



**11.15 - 13.00**  
**Working session VIII**  
(CONGRESS HALL)

**Moderator: Elizabeth Byrne** / Trinity College Dublin, Ireland

**Petya Pachkova** / South-West University “Neofit Rilski”, Bulgaria / *Religion and Family - Trends in Relationships*

**Uroš V. Šuvaković, Jelena Petrović** / University of Belgrade Serbia; University of Defense, Military Academy – Belgrade, Serbia / *Religious Instruction or Religious Education: Attitudes of Female Students at the Faculties of Education in Serbia*

**Ana Frichand, Elizabeta Tomevska Ilievska, Tanja Miloshevska, Biljana Blazevska Stoilkovska** / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / *The Role of Education in Preventing Radicalization and Violent Extremism in Adolescents and Youth*

**Jovan R. Bazić, Bojana D. Sekulić** / University of Priština, temporarily seated in Kosovska Mitrovica, Serbia / *Educational Potential of Young People in Serbia for Religious Dialogue and Tolerance*

**Mario Marinov** / South- West University “Neofit Rilski”, Bulgaria / *New Religious movements between Particularism and Universalism*

**Amy Adamczyk** / University of New York, USA / *Religion as a Micro and Macro Property: Investigating the Multilevel Relationship between Religion and Abortion Attitudes across the Globe*

**M. Isabel Garrido Gómez** / University of Alcalá, Spain / *Public Religion in the Public Sphere*

**DISCUSSION**

**11.15 - 13.00**  
**Working session IX**  
(PIANO HALL)

**Moderator: Thou Ngaoni / KU Leuven, Belgium**

**Igor L. Biryukov / Armavir State Pedagogical University, Russia / *The Search for Theological Resources of Integration of Sports Communities based on Sports Spirituality***

**Maria Barbouta / Aristotle University, Greece / *The Relationship between Educational Coaching for High-School Students, General Self-Efficacy and Personal Growth: Discussing the Results of a Research in Greece***

**Starovoit Iryna / Ukrainian association of researchers of religion, Ukraine / *Transformation of the Status and Role of a Woman in the Religious Context***

**Starovoit Hlib / National University of Ukraine on Physical Education and Sport, Kyiv, Ukraine / *Sport and Religion: Points of Contact***

**Filipova Snežana, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / *Christianity and the Protection against Evil***

**Pál Iván Szontagh / University of the Reformed Church in Hungary / *The Ethics of Christian Pedagogy***

**Dushka Matevska / Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, North Macedonia / *The Role of Religion in Creating Ethnic Identity***

**13.15**  
**Ceremonial closing of the Conference**

**13.45**  
**Lunch**

**Free time to enjoy the beach at Hotel Drim**

**20.00**

**Gala Dinner**  
**16.06.2022**

**08.00**

**Tourist tour of the Churches in Lazaropole, Gary and  
Tresonche and the Monasteries of St. Jovan Bigorski and  
Rajcica**

**15.00**

**Lunch in the House of the Mijaks under the Monastery of St.  
Jovan Bigorski**