

# Program

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Thursday, June 16

18.00–18.30 Registration

18.30–19.00 Opening – Greeting messages

19.00–19.45 **Dr. Christos Yannaras**, Professor Emeritus, Panteion University of Political Science, Athens, Greece:

Keynote lecture:

*Constructing the Idea of the East through the Philokalia and The Rudder:  
The incompatibility of the ecclesial way of life with the spirit of the Law*

19.45–20.30 Discussion

Friday, June 17

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9.00–09.30 **Dr. Ekaterini Tsalampouni**, Associate Professor, Faculty of Theology, University of Thessaloniki, Greece

*Constructing the idea of the East via the Dialectics:  
Patristic theology vs New Testament*

09.30–10.00 **Assaad Elias Kattan**, Chair of Orthodox Theology, Münster University, Germany

*Imagined Maximus Confessor:  
A Church Father between Seminal Reception and Overinterpretation*

10.00–10.30 **Dr. Vasilios N. Makrides**, Professor, Erfurt University, Germany

*Authenticity, Exclusivity, and Superiority:  
Constructing the East in the Context of Orthodox Christian Monasticism  
and its Recent Revival*

10.30–11.30 Discussion

11.30–12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 12.30 **Dr. Elias El Halabi**, Associate Director of the Sheikh Nahayan Center for Arabic Studies and Intercultural Dialogue, Balamand University, Lebanon

*The Constructing of the idea of the East in Islamic Context*

12.30-13.00 **Dr. Stavros Yangazoglou**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Theology, University of Athens, Greece

*East and West: The Construction of the idea of the East  
and the Anti-Westernism in Palamism & Neo-Palamism*

13.00–13.30 **Dr. George Demacopoulos**, Co-founding Director of the Orthodox Christian Studies Center, Fordham University, New York, U.S.A.

*Justinian, Putin, and the Long Shadow of Emperor Cult*

13.30–14.30 Discussion

14.30–16.00 Lunch break

III

16.00–16.30 **Dr. Michael Hjäl**m, Dean, Sankt Ignatios Orthodox Theological Academy; Assistant Professor of Uppsala University, Sweden

*Topophilia of the East  
Metaphysics of place/space*

16.30–17.00 **Revd. Dr. Perry Hamalis**, Professor of Religious Studies, North Central College, Illinois, U.S.A.

*Constructing the idea of the East via the tradition of "Symphonia"*

17.00–17.30 Discussion

[17.40 Excursion to Makrinitza]

Saturday, June 18

V

09.00–09.30 **Dr. Regula M. Zwahlen**, Director, Sergii Bulgakov Research Center, University of Fribourg, Switzerland

*The Slavophile Construction of the East:  
A Tragedy in European Intellectual History*

09.30–10.00 **Revd. Dr. Demetrios Bathrellos**, Visiting Professor, Institute of Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge, UK

*Constructing the idea of the East via Eucharistic Ecclesiology*

10.00–10.30 Discussion

10.30–11.00 Coffee break

VI

11.00- 11.30 **Dr. Vukašin Milićević**, Professor, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, University of Belgrade, Serbia

*The Construction of the idea of the East in the issue of Calendar*

11.30 -12.00 **Dr. Davor Džalto**, President of the Center for the Study of Culture and Christianity (Belgrade, Serbia); Professor, Department of Eastern Christian Studies, University College Stockholm, Sweden

*What is "Eastern" About Traditional Orthodox Iconography?*

12.00–12.30 Discussion

12.30–14.00 Lunch break

VII

14.00–14.30 **Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis**, Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies, Greece

*On the Construction of the idea of the East  
via Christian Hellenism and Mystical Theology:  
Fr. Georges Florovsky and Vladimir Lossky*

14.30–15.00 **Dr. Candace Lukasik**, Assistant Professor of Religion, Mississippi State University, USA

*Between East and West:  
Coptic Christians as Martyrs and Migrants*

15.00–15.30 **Dr. Sarah Riccardi-Swartz**, Assistant Professor of religion and anthropology, Northeastern University, USA

*Eastern Orthodoxies: Political Technology and the Building of New American Worlds*

15.30–16.30 Discussion

16.30–17.30 Coffee break

## VIII

### Ecumenical Observers

17.30–17.50 **Dr. Peter de Mey**, Professor and Vice-Dean, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Leuven, Belgium

17.50–18.10 Rev. **Dr. Panagiotis Kantartzis**, Visiting Professor at Greek Bible College, Director of the Institute for the Study of Eastern Orthodox Christianity, Athens, Greece

18.10–19.00 Conclusions - End of the conference

19.00–19.30 Music concert with the Kyriakos Kalaitzidis Quartet: Stella Kampouridou – kaval, Thanasis Koulentianos – qanun and voice, Emanuela Mandrila – voice, Kyriakos Kalaitzidis – oud and voice

Sunday, June 19

8.30-10.00 Divine Liturgy in the parish Church of St Constantine and Helena, presided by His Eminence Ignatius, Metropolitan of Demetrias and Almyros

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