



CONFERENCE - SEMINAR
« Christianity – Orthodoxy and the media in modern world»
Thessaloniki, 12 – 15 May 2014

DRAFT PROGRAM

All works will be held at the Educational and Cultural Foundation “St. Gregorios Palamas”

Monday, 12 May 2014

Participants arrivals in Thessaloniki

19.00

Conference official opening

- Opening address by Mr. Sergei Popov, Member of the Russian State Duma, President of the I.A.O. General Assembly
- Opening of the works by the Deputy Minister of the Prime Minister and Government Spokesperson Mr. Simos Kedikoglou (tbc.)
- Video greeting message by His All Holiness The Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew
- Greeting address by the Minister of Macedonia and Thrace Mr. Theodoros Karaoglou (tbc.)
- Speech by Mr. Anastasios Nerantzis, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, I.A.O. Secretary General
- Greeting address by His Holiness Metropolitan Anthimos of Thessaloniki
- Greeting address by Mrs. Maria Antoniadou, President of the Greek Journalists' Union (ESIEA)
- Greeting address by Prof. Mr. Chrysostomos Stamoulis, Chairman of the School of Theology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Greeting address by Assoc. Prof. Mr. Grigorios Paschalidis, Chairman of the School of Journalism and Mass Communications of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Greeting address by Mr. Makis Voitsidis, Head of the Journalists' Union in Thessaloniki (ESIETH)
- Speech by Most Rev. Ierotheos, Metropolitan of Nafpaktos, Chairman of the Synodical Committee for the Press, Public Relations and Enlightenment of the Church of Greece with subject: «Christianity - Orthodoxy – Public space».

21.00

Reception.

Tuesday, 13 May 2014

09.30 – 11.30

1st Session: **Communicative theology and politics**

- *Mr. Ioannis Petrou*, tenured professor at the School of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki with subject: «*Religion, communication and public space*»
- *Prof. Valery Alexeev*, I.A.O. Advisor with subject: «*Orthodox values and concepts in Media*»
- *Mr. Andreas Loudaros*, Journalist, Director at the Religious News Network with subject: «*Information on the field of religion in the internet abyss: Perspectives and pathogeny*»
- *Dr Emad Gad*, Member of the Parliament of Egypt with subject: «*Political crises with religious dimensions and international media*»

Questions – discussion

11.30 – 11.45

Coffee break

11.45 – 13.45

2nd Session: **Populism and authenticity in religion**

- *Mr. Bruce Clark*, Editor of “The Economist” on religious issues with subject: «*Church and social networks*» (through SKYPE)
- *Mr. Volen Siderov*, Member of the Parliament of Bulgaria, Chairman of the I.A.O. Committee on Mass media with subject: «*Christian values – political parties – public space*»
- *Mr. Stavros Tzimas*, Journalist with subject: «*Geopolitics, Orthodoxy, Public space*»
- *Mr. Marco Politi*, Writer and Vatican affairs expert (Il Fatto Quotidiano) with subject: «*International Media and religious events*»
- *Mr. Ihsan Yilmaz*, Associate Professor of Political Science, Fatih University (Istanbul) with subject: «*Power of the State, religion and Mass Media*».

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Questions – discussion



- 13.45 – 15.30 Lunch
- 15.30 – 17.30 3rd Session: **Church and Social Media**
- *Dr. Christos Tsironis*, Associate professor at the School of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki with subject: «*Church, community links and social networks*»
 - *Dr Kostas Mygdalis*, I.A.O. Advisor with subject: «*2016 Council of Orthodox Church – Politics – Mass Media*»
 - *Mr. Iosif Vivilakis*, Professor, Faculty of Theater Studies, School of Philosophy, University of Athens with subject: «*Social networks: the new platform?*»
 - *Mr. Philip Lee*, World Association for Christian Communication, Deputy Director of the Programmes and Editor of the international journal Media Development, with subject: «*Communication rights, ecumenical and inter-religious dialogue*»
- Questions – discussion
- 17.30 – 17.45 Coffee break
- 17.45 – 19.45 4th Session: **Information – Worship – Unity**
- *Fr Michail Dudko*, Executive Editor of the ‘Orthodox Moscow’ newspaper with subject: «*Worship in a secular environment. Particularities of understanding*»
 - *Fr. Jivko Panev*, Associate Professor in Canon Law and History of Local Churches, St. Sergius Orthodox Theological Institute, Director of French Web portal Orthodoxie.com with subject: «*Media, modern world and worship*»
 - *Mr. George Alexander*, Secretary and Spokesperson of the Orthodoxy Cognate PAGE Society with subject: «*Seeking United Orthodox Christian Witness through Mass Media*»

- *Ms. Vlada Wahlsten*, Chief Communication Officer of the Orthodox Church in Finland with subject: «*Worship through Radio and Unity in Facebook*»
- *Mr. Sergei Chapnin*, Chief Editor of the journal of the Moscow Patriarchate with subject: «*Preaching and faith in the information society (Jonah and the journey of the Wise Men)*»

Questions – discussion

20.00

Dinner

Wednesday, 14 May 2014

10.00 Seminar discussions

10.00 – 12.00 **ETHICS AND MORALITY**

- Journalists' code of contact
Mr. Yannis Kotsifos, Member of the European Federation of Journalists' Steering Committee
- Accountability aspects
Ms. Elsa Deligianni, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Media Communication, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- News, comments, advertisements; a distinction
Mr. Periklis Politis, Associate Professor, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Media Communication, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Dealing with the "stranger" (the faithful, the one of different belief, the one of different religion etc.)
Mr. Christos Fragonikolopoulos, Associate Professor, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Media Communication, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

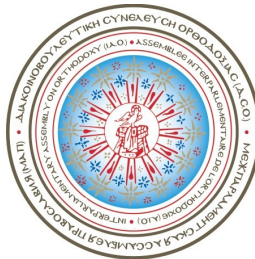
12.00 – 12.15 Coffee break

12.15 – 14.00 **Workshop I: Media Ethics**

- Mass Media ethics and morality
- Internet ethics – Blogs
 - *Ms. Dimitra Dimitrakopoulou*, Lecturer, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Media Communication, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
 - *Ms. Sofia Karekla*, Doctoral Candidate Dept. of Journalism and Mass Media Communication, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

14.00 – 15.00 Lunch

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16.00 – 17.30

INFORMATION SOURCES

- News agencies
Mr. Antonis Skamnakis, Associate Professor, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Media Communication, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Official ecclesiastical sources
Mr. Dimitris Athanasopoulos, Journalist
- Official government sources and Unofficial sources / NGO
Mr. Nikos Panagiotou, Associate Professor, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Media Communication, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki
- Website sources / Wikipedia
Mr. Yannis Angelou, Doctoral Candidate, Dept. of Journalism and Mass Media Communication, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

17.30 – 17.45

Coffee break

17.45 – 19.00

Workshop II: Cross checking and validity of news on the internet

- Broadcasting news on the internet, Cross checking information, Wikipedia and validity
Mr. Yannis Angelou, Doctoral Candidate Dept. of Journalism and Mass Media Communication, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

20.00

Dinner

Thursday, 15 May 2014

Cultural guided tour:

- Roman Market
- Museum of Byzantine Culture
- Archaeology Museum
- Church of St. Demetrios
- Byzantine Churches of Thessaloniki

Participants' departures

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