

Public Religion, Ambient Faith

Religion and Politics in the Black Sea Region

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**Public Religion, Ambient Faith:
Religion and Socio-Political Change in the Black Sea Region**

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Wednesday, 28.09.2016

19:30 Welcome Reception and Dinner
Hotel Rus' Restaurant, 2nd floor

Thursday, 29.09.2016

10:00-10:15 Catherine Wanner, Pennsylvania State University (USA)

Welcome and Introduction

10:15-10:45 Konrad Siekerski, National Academy of Sciences (Armenia) and
Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography (Poland)

It's Time to Quit with Religion of Small Comforts

10:45-11:15 Julia Buyskykh, National Research Institute of Ukrainian Studies
(Ukraine)

*The Return to a Shrine: Ukrainian Pilgrimage to Kalwaria Paclawska
(Poland)*

11:15-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-12:00 Agnieszka Halemba, University of Warsaw (Poland)

*Trust and organizational boundaries: The Mothers Prayers in
Ukraine and beyond*

12:00-12:30 James Kapalo, University College Cork (Ireland)

Women's Agency and Vernacular Religion in 20th century Gagauziya

12:30-13:00 Agata Ladykowska, University of Warsaw (Poland)

*Shifting between modernities: post-Soviet Russian teachers teaching
religion in public schools*

13:00-13:30 Elena Lisovskaya, Western Michigan University (USA)

Desecularization of Russian school: The “social drama” of transition from secularity

13:30 – 15:00 - Lunch

15:00-15:30 Daria Dubovka, Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography of the Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia) and Central European University (Budapest)

Orthodoxy under Discussion: Public Debates on Church Status in Abkhazia

15:30-16:00 Sergey Shtrykov, European University of St. Petersburg (Russia)

Looking for symbols of identity for a newly established eparchy: Anastasia of Vladikavkaz as an incomplete canonization project

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-16:45 Irina Bovgyria, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (Ukraine)

Correlations between dimensions of religiosity and religious self-identification in societies of Eastern Europe

16:45-17:15 Maxim Paraschevin, Institute of Sociology, National Academy of Sciences (Ukraine)

The problem of secularization and religious revival in Ukraine

19:00 – Dinner at Korchma Restaurant, Pushkin’s’ka St. 2-4/7

<https://tarasbulba.kiev.ua/>

Friday, 30.09.2016

10:00-10:30 Marc Loustau, College of the Holy Cross (USA)

New Shrines, Vulnerable Visions: Public Religion and the Changing Worlds of Transylvanian Charismatic Catholicism

10:30-11:00 Lucian Cirlan, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (France)

God and Allah in Bucharest

11:00-11:30 Olga Dobzhynska, National Pedagogical Dragomanov University
(Ukraine)

Digital presence of Islamic spiritual institutions in Ukraine

11:30-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-12:15 Denis Bryliov, National Pedagogical Dragomanov University
(Ukraine)

Islam in Ukraine: Between the Ukrainian and the Russian Languages

12:15-12:45 Alla Aristova, National Transport University (Ukraine)

*The religious situation in Crimea: the reality of crisis for the Muslim
community and its future*

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:00 Julia Andreeva, Museum of Anthropology and Ethnography of the
Russian Academy of Sciences (Russia)

The Varieties of Vedic and Soviet Pasts in the Anastasia Movement

15:30-16:00 Mariya Lesiv, Memorial University of Newfoundland (Canada)

*Blood Brothers or Blood Enemies: Pre-Existing Beliefs and Ukrainian
Pagan Responses to the Ukraine-Russia Crisis*

16:00-16:30 Alexander Panchenko, European University at St. Petersburg (Russia)

Believe it or not: New Age religion and conspiracy theories

16:30-17:00 Coffee Break

17:00 -19:00 Matthew Engelke, London School of Economics (United Kingdom)

Keynote Address: Secular Aims

Religion and socio-political change are forever bound up with one another, forever parts of the same whole. In many parts of the world today, the frameworks for understanding these changes are defined in terms of secular/religious divides. In

this address, I reflect on these frameworks by turning to my own work over the past decade in the United Kingdom on Christian and secular humanist efforts to shape the public sphere. Whereas in earlier work I highlighted Christian efforts to produce an “ambient faith” as part of this shaping, here I turn to another key background dynamic—one which we might label “secular airs.” In both cases, it is about trying to set the conditions of debate, of understanding, and even of sensibility. The talk concludes with an invitation for comparative reflection on these issues, as well as a call for such comparisons to include anthropological approaches.

19:00 – Dinner at Musafir Restaurant, Saksaganskogo St. 57A
<http://www.musafir.com.ua>

Saturday, 01.10.2016

10:00-10:30 Olena Bogdan, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
(Ukraine)

Different Questions - Different Answers? Discrepancies in Data on Religious Identity in Ukraine

10:30-11:00 Oksana Myshlovska, Global Studies Institute (Switzerland)

Coming to terms with the past: the role of the church and political authorities in the sacralization of the “national liberation struggle” in Western Ukraine since the 1990s

11:00-11:30 Oleg Kyselov, Philosophy Skovoroda Institute of National Academy of Sciences (Ukraine)

Paradoxical Identities: Ukrainian Right-Wingers in Moscow Church

11:30-11:45 Coffee Break

11:45-12:15 Alla Marchenko, Taras Shevchenko National University (Ukraine)

Religious Statements, Secular State: Public Attachment of Ukraine’s top Politicians to the Religious Field (1991-2016)

12:15-12:45 Mykhailo Cherenkov, Ukrainian Catholic University (Ukraine)

History of the “Bloody Pastor”: The evolution of the media image of Alexander Turchinov

12:45-13:15 Tetiana Kalenychenko, National Pedagogical Dragomanov University (Ukraine)

Public religion on the Maidan: a comparative analysis

13:15-15:00 Lunch

15:00-15:30 Kathy Rousselet, Centre for Studies in International Relations (France)

Dukhovnost’ in the governing of Russia

15:30-16:00 Vyacheslav Karpov, Western Michigan University (USA) and Victor Yelensky, Center of Religious Research at National Pedagogical Dragomanov University and member of the Verkhovna Rada (Ukraine)

A tale of two desecularizations: Ukraine and Russia compared

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-17:30 Marat Shterin, King’s College of London (United Kingdom)
Closing Comments

Catherine Wanner, Pennsylvania State University (USA)
Publication Plans and the 2017 Workshop

19:00 Farewell Dinner at The Last Barricade Restaurant, Maidan Nezalezhnosti, <http://borysov.com.ua/uk/ostannya-barykada>

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