

Christianity and Crisis in European Contexts Conference Program

Conference venue: Helgonavägen 3 (LUX building), Lund, Sweden.

All paper sessions and keynotes will be held in room C121. The roundtable discussion will take place in room C126.

Day 1, 28 October 2022 (Friday)

8:30–9:00, Arrival of attendees at LUX Hall

9:00–9:15, Introduction by Dr. Tornike Metreveli, Lund University

Paper Session 1: Orthodox churches and the COVID pandemic, part I

9:15–9:45, Dr. Lucian Leustean, Aston University (UK), “Orthodox Churches and the Covid-19 Pandemic in Romania and Bulgaria”

9:45–10:15, Dr. Tetiana Kalenychenko, National Pedagogical Dragomanov University (Ukraine), “Church’s Fragmentation and the Pandemic: Analysis of Four Eastern Christian Groups in Ukraine”

10:15–10:45, Stefan Radojkovic, Belgrade University (Serbia), “COVID-19 and Orthodox Christianity: Serbian Orthodox Church believers’ practices of communion”

10:45–11:00, **Break**

First Keynote

11:00–12:00, Archimandrite Cyril Hovorun, Professor of Ecclesiology, International Relations and Ecumenism, Sankt Ignatius Folkhögskola (Sweden), “Theological Controversies in the Time of Pandemic”

Lunch at LUX Café

12:00–1:00

Paper Session 2: Orthodox churches and the COVID pandemic, part II

1:00 – 1:30, Dr. Johan Bastubacka, University of Helsinki (Finland), “Locked doors slam against the very essence of the Church’: Finnish and Swedish Orthodox Priests’ Pastoral Responses to the Covid Pandemic”

1:30–2:00, Maria Toropova, Heidelberg University (Germany), “Immunity to COVID-19? Russian Orthodox Church under global crisis”

2:00–2:30, Dr. Giuseppe Tateo, University of Leipzig (Germany), “Saints, Statues and the Hieropolitics of Orthodox Christianity”

2:30–2:45, **Break**

Paper Session 3: A crisis of orthodoxy?

2:45–3:15, Dr. Sean Griffin, University of Helsinki (Finland), “Putin’s Holy War of the Fatherland: Russian Orthodoxy and the Invasion of Ukraine”

3:15–3:45, Dr. Tobias Koellner, Witten/Herdecke University (Germany), “Is there a Crisis of Orthodox Christianity in Contemporary Russia?”

3:45–4:15, Dr. Linnea Jensdotter, Lund University (Sweden), “Banal Religion in Hybrid Media Spaces”

4:15–4:30, **Break**

Second Keynote

4:30–5:30, Professor Emeritus José Casanova, Berkley Center for Religion, Peace & World Affairs, Georgetown University (USA), “Christian Universalism, Local Churches and the Modern Sacralization of the Nation-State: Comparative Reflections on Catholicism and Orthodoxy”

Reception (with Buffet) at LUX, Personalmatsalen (staff room)

5:30–7:00

Day 2, 29 October 2022 (Saturday)

Paper Session 4: Identity and European Christianities

8:30–9:00, Dr. Anders Berg-Sørensen, University of Copenhagen (Denmark), “Political Narratives of Christian Nationalism: The Case of Denmark”

9:00–9:30, Rosita Garškaitė, Vilnius University (Lithuania), “Lithuania – ‘the land of Mary’ or ‘the land of EU regulations’? How far-right narrate EU crisis and Catholics respond”

9:30–10:00, Kirsten Smeets, Radboud University (Netherlands), “Right-wing Populism and Secularized Christianity: signifier to a European identity crisis?”

10:00–10:15, **Break**

Third Keynote

10:15–11:15, Elizabeth Shakman Hurd, Professor of Political Science and Religious Studies, Northwestern University (USA), “National Security as Political Theology: A View from the US”

11:15–11:30, **Break**

Paper Session 5: Christian theology and European nationalisms

11:30–12:00, Dr. Michael Borowski, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam (Netherlands), “Christ and Crisis: Conceptualizing Christianity’s role within Europe’s current challenges”

12:00–12:30, Viola Erbach, Debrecen University of Reformed Theology (Hungary), “Ukrainian Protestantism and Maidan: the identity of a church in times of crisis”

12:30–13:00, Dr. Marietta van der Tol, Oxford University (UK), “Secular eschatology: dialectics of good and evil in right-wing ideologies”

Lunch at LUX Café

1:00–2:00

Fourth Keynote:

2:00–3:00, Professor Valentina Napolitano, Department of Anthropology, University of Toronto (Canada), “Beyond Migrantology: from Ethnic Personhood toward Politics of Singularity”

3:00–3:15, **Break**

Paper Session 6: Nationalism, Christianity, crisis & the history of ideas

3:15–3:45, Ntando Mlambo, University of the Free State (South Africa), “A Crisis or an Opportunity: A (South) African perspective”

3:45–4:15, Dr. Cæcilie Varslev-Pedersen, New School for Social Research (USA), “A Trusting Community: Christianity, Nationalism, and Patriotism in the Early Hegel”

4:15–4:30, **Break**

Round Table with four keynotes: 4:30–6:00, **Round Table with keynote speakers (Host: Göran Rosenberg)**

6:30–6:40, Closing Remarks by Dr. Tornike Metreveli, Lund University

Reception (with Buffet) at LUX, Personalmatsalen (staff room)

6:45–8:00