

Conference Schedule

Thursday 6 October

8.30–12.00	Registration University of Latvia, Raiņa bulv. 19. Entrance hall			
From 12.00	Room 240 (close to the Small Hall)			
9.30–10.00	Conference Opening (Small Hall)			
10.00–11.00	Plenary Session: Keynotes (Small Hall) Marco PASI (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands) Western Esotericism between East and West: Identities, Boundaries, Polemics			
11.00–11.30	Coffee Break			
11.30–13.30	EAST IN THE WEST (Small Hall)	RELIGION, CULTURE, SCIENCE: CONTRASTING APPROACHES (Room 101)	ISLAM IN THE CHANGING WORLD (Room 008/ Auditorija 2)	CHRISTIANITY AT THE CROSSROADS I (Room 205)
13.30–14.30	Lunch Break			
14.30–15.30	Plenary Session: Keynotes (Small Hall) Tim JENSEN (University of Southern Denmark, Denmark) Religion Education East and West			
15.30–16.00	Coffee Break			
16.00–18.00	SEARCHING FOR NEW MODELS OF RELIGION I (Room 101/ Auditorija 1)	CONTEMPORARY RELIGIOUS SITUATION I (Small Hall)	CHRISTIANITY AT THE CROSSROADS II (Room 205)	
19.30	Welcome Party			

Friday 7 October

9.30–10.30	Plenary Session: Keynotes (Small Hall) Hilary PILKINGTON (University of Warwick, U.K.) Bucking the Trend? Youth, Religion and Subculture in Post-Soviet Russia		
10.30–11.00	Coffee Break		
11.00–13.00	SEARCHING FOR NEW MODELS OF RELIGION II (Small Hall)	CONTEMPORARY RELIGIOUS SITUATION II (Room 101/Auditorija 1)	RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN THE COLLECTIVE MEMORY: CASE OF LATVIA (Room 205)
13.00–14.00	Lunch Break		
14.00–16.30	SEARCHING FOR NEW MODELS OF RELIGION III (Small Hall)	RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION AND CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES: BUDDHISM (Room 101/Auditorija 1)	
16.30–18.00	Excursion to the Old City and to the Museum of Occupation of Latvia		

Saturday 8 October

10.00–13.00	FP 7 Project MYPLACE Workshop (Faculty of Humanities, Visvalža iela 4a, Room 205)
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9.30–10.00 **Conference Opening**

Room: Small Hall

10.00–11.00 **Plenary Session: Keynotes**

Marco PASI (University of Amsterdam, Netherlands)
**Western Esotericism between East and West: Identities,
Boundaries, Polemics**

Chair: Frank KRAUSHAAR (*Tallinn University, Estonia – University of
Latvia, Latvia*)

Room: Small Hall

11.30–13.30 **EAST IN THE WEST**

Chair: Cesare POPPI

*University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland
(SUPSI), Switzerland,
Università di Trento, Italy*

Room: Small Hall

Milan FUJDA (*Masaryk University, Department for the Study of Religions,
Faculty of Arts, Czech Republic*)

Modernisation and Acculturation of Hinduism in Czechia

Michael STRMISKA (*State University of New York-Orange County,
Department of Global Studies, U.S.A.*)

Adaptations of Eastern Religion in Lithuania

Milda ALIŠAUSKIENĖ (*Vilnius University, Centre for Oriental Studies,
Lithuania*)

The Manifestation and Peculiarities of Neo-Hinduism in Lithuania

Rafał SMOCZYŃSKI (*Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland*)

Folk Devils Fight Back

RELIGION, CULTURE, SCIENCE: CONTRASTING APPROACHES

Chair: Agita LŪSE
Rīga Stradiņš University, Latvia
Room 101/Auditorija 1

Ieva LAPIŅA (*University of Latvia, Centre of East Asian studies, Latvia*)
Richard Wilhelm between China and Europe: a Failed Missionary?

Frank KRAUSHAAR (*Tallinn University, Estonia – University of Latvia, Latvia*)

Art of Idleness. The Atheism of Chinese Religious Culture as an
Emerging Cipher in the Literary Works of Hermann Hesse (1877–1962)

Elizabete TAIVĀNE (*University of Latvia, Latvia*)

Interpreting Religion: The Notion of the Sacred in Contemporary
Religious Studies in Russia

Sanami TAKAHASHI (*Tsukuba University, Japan*)

Religion as an Object of Science: Two Different Approaches of
Museums in the Late Socialist Russia

ISLAM IN THE CHANGING WORLD

Chair: Ülo VALK
University of Tartu, Estonia
Room 008/Auditorija 2

Mustafa TEKIN (*Istanbul University, Turkey*)
To Go Beyond Localities through Religious Dialogue

Jānis EŠOTS (*University of Latvia, Latvia*)
Islam in Post-Soviet Central Asia: Between Fundamentalism and
Sufism

Ilyas MOHAMMED (*University of London, England*)
Islamist Groups and Recruitment in Europe

Moises GARDUÑO (*National Autonomous University of Mexico, Mexico*)
Hypnagogic State, Dreams, Images and Meditation as Sufi Elements in
the Revelation of the Prophet Muhammad

Taher AMINI GOLESTANI (*International Institute for Islamic Studies, Iran*)
Religious Government and Governance of Jurist

CHRISTIANITY AT THE CROSSROADS I

Chair: Māra KIOPE

Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Latvia University

Room 205

Alfonsas MOTUZAS (*Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania*)

The Origin of the Hill of Crosses, Devotional Practices and Music of the Pilgrimages

Madis ARUKASK (*University of Tartu, Institute of Estonian and General Linguistics, Estonia*)

Different Contexts of Ritual Lamenting (on Examples of Baltic-Finnic Peoples)

Maija GRIZĀNE (*Latvian Society for the Study of Religion, Latvia*)

Relationships between Old Believers and Orthodox Church Clergy in Dinaburg District at the Turn of the 19th Century

Andris PRIEDE (*University of Latvia, Latvia*)

Forced Ecumenism under Soviet Regime in Latvia and Its Impact on Collective Memory

14.30–15.30 Plenary Session: Keynotes (Small Hall)

Tim JENSEN (*University of Southern Denmark, Denmark*)

Religion Education East and West

Chair: Leons TAIVANS (*University of Latvia, Latvia*)

Room: Small Hall

16.00–18.00 SEARCHING FOR NEW MODELS OF RELIGION I

Chair: Alfonsas MOTUZAS

Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

Room 101/Auditorija 1

Saburo MORISHITA (*Tenri University, Japan*)

The Question of Ritual Change in a Japanese New Religious Movement

Rasa PRANSKEVIČIŪTĖ (*Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania*)

Initial Leadership in New Religious Movements: the Case of the Vissarions and the Anastasians

Joanna URBAŃCZYK (*University of Warsaw, Poland*)

New Religious Movements in the Post-Soviet Region: Siberian Community of Vissarion

Minna KULMALA (*University of Helsinki, Faculty of Social Sciences, Finland*)

A Stranger in the Heavenly Abode: Fieldwork Experiences from the Siberian Community of Vissarion

CONTEMPORARY RELIGIOUS SITUATION I

Chair: Milan FUJDA

Masaryk University, Czech Republic

Room: Small Hall

Evgeny ARININ (*Vladimir State University, Russia*)

Religion and Science in Russia: Religious Studies

Viktar ADZINCHANKA (*F. Skaryna Gomel State University, Belarus*)

The Religion in Post-Soviet Belarus

Cesare POPPI (*University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland (SUPSI), Switzerland, and Università di Trento, Italy*)

Once Upon a Short Time Ago: Religion and Cultural Continuity in Latvian Popular Culture

Leons TAIVANS (*University of Latvia, Latvia*)

Latvia: Culture as a New Religious Movement?

CHRISTIANITY AT THE CROSSROADS II

Chair: Andris PRIEDE

University of Latvia

Room 205

Māra KIOPE (*Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Latvia University*)

Philosophical Critics of Culture in the Works of Stanislavs Ladusans, SJ

Matthias RIEMENSCHNEIDER (*Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung, Germany*)

Religion in Public Affairs

Konstantinos KORNARAKIS (*University of Athens, Greece*)

Bloggers in the Name of Christ: The Orthodox Faith in Network and "Private" Theologies in Greece Today

Benas ULEVIČIUS (*Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania*)

Army 777 Movement: Gospel In(Sub)culturized

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Hilary PILKINGTON (University of Warwick, U.K.)
Bucking the Trend? Youth, Religion and Subculture in
Post-Soviet Russia

Chair: Jānis PRIEDE (*University of Latvia, Latvia*)

Room: Small Hall

11.00–13.00 SEARCHING FOR NEW MODELS OF RELIGION II

Chair: Rūta MUKTUPĀVELA

Latvian Academy of Culture, Latvia

Room: Small Hall

Kaarina AITAMURTO (*University of Helsinki, Finland*)

Contemporary Paganism in East and West

Eglė ALEKNAITĖ (*The centre for Research on Contemporary Spirituality and Culture, Lithuania*)

The Search of the Baltic Magic in the Lithuanian Neopagan Group

Kuronas: Towards the Western Neopagan Concept of Magic?

Ergo-Hart VÄSTRIK (*University of Tartu, Estonia*)

Self-Presentation of Estonian Maausulised Movement Between East and West

Rolandas KREGŽDYS (*Lithuanian Culture Research Institute, Lithuania*)

Ancient Baltic Religion: Evaluation of Archetypes Authenticity

CONTEMPORARY RELIGIOUS SITUATION II

Chair: Saburo MORISHITA

Tenri University, Japan

Room 101/Auditorija 1

Llaquet de Entrambasguas JOSE LUIS (*Abat Oliba CEU University, Spain*)

Religion in the Public Sphere: Catalan Law Places of Worship

Alejandro TORRES GUTIÉRREZ (*Public University of Navarre, Spain*)

Religious Freedom in Bulgaria, a New Paradigm of Tolerance and Integration of the Diversity.

Angel HRISTOV KOLEV (*Public University of Navarre, Spain*)

The Model of Religion Freedom and a Tolerant Integration of Diversity by Current Bulgarian Law

Agita LŪSE (*Rīga Stradiņš University, Latvia*)

Private Magical Acts Considered in the Perspective of Public Gain. The Case of Activists of a Latvian NGO (1995–2004).

RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION IN THE COLLECTIVE MEMORY: CASE OF LATVIA

Chair: Jānis PRIEDE

University of Latvia, Latvia

Room 205

Irēna SALENIECE (*Daugavpils University, Latvia*)

Religious Life in Latvia during the Period of Communist

Totalitarianism: Individual Choices and Consequences

Olegs JERMOLAJEVs (*Daugavpils University, Latvia*)

Latvian and Russian Speaking Baptist Underground Activities from 1960-ties to 1980-ties

Inese DREIMANE (*Museum of the Occupation of Latvia, Latvia*)

Fiziskās represijas pret Latvijas kristīgo konfesiju garīdzniekiem pirmās komunistiskās okupācijas periodā 1940.–41. gadā (Physical Repressions against Latvian Christian Clergy during the First Communist Occupation in 1940–41)

Rudīte VĪKSNE (*University of Latvia, Institute of History of Latvia, Latvia*)

Kopīgais un atšķirīgais padomju varas attieksmē pret reliģiskajām konfesijām Latvijā (Common and Different Elements in the Attitude of the Soviet Rule towards Christian Denominations)

14.00–16.30 SEARCHING FOR NEW MODELS OF RELIGION III

Chair: Kaarina AITAMURTO

University of Helsinki, Finland

Room: Small Hall

Anita STAŠULĀNE (*Daugavpils University, Latvia*)

Dievturi Movement in the Reports of the Latvian Political Police
(1939–1940)

Kristine OGLE (*Art Academy of Latvia, Latvia*)

Rendering of the Neopagan Religious Concepts in the Latvian Art of
the Interwar Period

Gatis OZOLIŅŠ (*Daugavpils University, Latvia*)

The Formation of Latvian Dievturi Movement and the Search of
Identity in Posttotalitarian situation

Rūta MUKTUPĀVELA (*Latvian Academy of Culture, Latvia*)

Mythology of Ethnic Identity and Establishing of Modern Holy Places
in Post-Soviet Latvia

Aldis PŪTELIS (*University of Latvia, Latvia*)

Uniquely Oriental in the West: the Claims of Latvian National Religion
Dievturība

**RELIGIOUS PERSECUTION AND CONTEMPORARY
CHALLENGES: BUDDHISM**

Chair: Lionel Obadia

Université Lyon 2, France

Room 101/Auditorija 1

Marju BRODER (*Estonian Nyingma, Estonia*)

Nyingmapa from Estonia: Vello Väärtnõu

Agita BALTGALVE (*University of Latvia, Latvia*)

Tibetan Buddhist Masters in Latvia after 1991 and Main Topics of Their
Teachings

Marika LAUDERE (*Daugavpils University, Latvia*)

Valuation of Activity of Buddhist Communities in Latvia

Lubos BELKA (*Masaryk University, Czech Republic*)

Religious Persecution in the Collective Memory: Buryat Buddhism in
1970s and Dandaron

Lionel OBADIA (*Université Lyon 2, France*)

“Near” East, “Far” East: Imagining and Accepting Islam and Buddhism
in France

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Daugavpils University, Latvia

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