**The Working Group on Religion in the Black Sea Region**

**presents its**

**Fourth Annual Workshop**

**“Religion, Faith and Public Space”**

**28 – 30 May 2017**

**Hotel Rus’, Hospital’na St. 4, Kyiv**

**Conference Hall E, 2nd floor**

The Working Group on Religion in the Black Sea Region was founded in 2014 as part of several research projects housed at the University of St. Gallen and is funded by the Swiss National Science Foundation. The Working Group sponsors an annual conference in Ukraine on the anthropological study of religion in the Black Sea region, a series of lectures at Ukrainian universities on the politics of religion, and publications on religion and religiosity in Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union.

The goal of the Working Group is to support the critical study of religion by developing dialogue between senior scholars and emerging researchers on the myriad ways in which religious institutions, communities, and spiritual practices influence socio-political change using ethnographic and historical methods of inquiry in the Black Sea region broadly understood. The Group encourages comparative research and scholarship that moves beyond narrow nation-state or confessional frames to consider more incisively how interconnections, encounters and divides shape religious practices and socio-political change more broadly.

Some of the research themes that have been included in the Working Group's events and publications include: modes of secularity and religious (inter)subjectivities; debates over secularism, human rights and identities; the relevance of concepts such as political Orthodoxy, public religion, and political theology for the study of religion in this region; ethnographies of doubt, indifference, vernacular religion; and religion, faith and the public sphere.

**The Working Group on Religion in the Black Sea Region**

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Oleg Kyselov, and Olena Panych

***Program***

***28 May***

17:45 – Optional excursion to St. Sophia Cathedral with *Iulia Buyskykh and Lidiya Lozova*

19:30 Dinner at Last Barricade restaurant, Maidan Nezalezhnosti Square

***29 May***

9:30 – 9:45 **Catherine Wanner**, Pennsylvania State University (USA) and **Tetiana Kalenychenko**, National Pedagogical Dragomanov University (Ukraine)

*Welcome and Introduction*

9:45 – 10:45 – **Joel Robbins**, Cambridge University (UK)

*Keeping God’s Distance: Sacrifice, Possession and the Problem of Religious Mediation*

*10:45 – 11: 00 Coffee Break*

**11:00 – 13:00 *Desecularization or Resacrilization?: Understanding the Directions of Change***

Chair: **Oleg Kyselov**, National Pedagogical Dragomanov University (Ukraine)

**Jeanne Kormina**, Higher School of Economics, St. Petersburg (Russia)

*“The Church Should Know Its Place”: cultural heritage, social protests and the limits of desecularisation in Russia*

**Tsypylma Darieva,** Humboldt University(Germany)

*The Saint and the City: Baku’s ‘Boneless Healer’ and Desecularization Processes in Contemporary Azerbaijan*

Discussant: **Olga Filippova**, Karazin National University, Kharkiv (Ukraine)

13:00-14:00 Lunch at hotel restaurant (second floor)

**14:00-16:00 *Pluralism and the Visibility of Minority Groups***

Chair: **Lydmylla Fylypovych**, National Academy of Sciences (Ukraine)

**Olena Soboleva,** National Research Institute of Ukrainian Studies (Ukraine)**,**

*Crimean Tatar religiosity: between privacy and politics*

**Oleg Yarosh**, Ukrainian National Academy of Sciences, (Ukraine)

*Salafi communities in Ukraine: local contexts and transnational connections*

Discussant: **Viktor Yelenskyy,** Member of the Ukrainian Parliament andNational Pedagogical Dragomanov University (Ukraine)

16:15 Optional excursion to Ar-Rakhma Islamic Center with *Denis Brylov*, Lukianivska St. 46

19:00 Dinner at Musafir restaurant, Saksagans’koho St. 57A, Crimean-Tatar cuisine

***30 May***

**9:30 -11:45 *Mobile Religiosities and the Neighbor/Stranger Next Stor*e**

Chair: **Olena Panych**,National Pedagogical Dragomanov University (Ukraine)

**Iuliia Buyskykh,** National Institute of Ukrainian Studies (Ukraine)

*In Pursuit of Healing and Memories: Ukrainian Pilgrimage to Polish Shrines*

**David Henig,** University of Kent (UK)

*Scent from the Other Shore: Relational modalities of religious lives in The Black Sea’s Balkans and beyond*

**Mathijs Pelkmans**, London School of Economics (UK)

*Evangelical and Tablighi Pioneers on Post-Atheist Frontiers*

Discussant: **Nicholas Lackenby**, University of Cambridge (UK)

11:45-12:00 Coffee Break

**12:00-14:00 *The Afterlife of the Maidan,***

Chair: **Mykhailo Cherenkov**, Ukrainian Catholic University (Ukraine)

**Tetiana Kalenychenko,** National Pedagogical Dragomanov University (Ukraine)

*Religion and Social-political Conflict in Ukraine*

**Catherine Wanner**, Pennsylvania State University (USA)

*Making Space Sacred: Vernacular Commemorations of the Maidan*

Discussant: **Joel Robbins**, Cambridge University (UK)

14:00 – 15:00 – Lunch at hotel restaurant (second floor)

**15:00-17:00 *Interconfessional Encounters***

Chair: **Julia Korniychuk**, National Pedagogical Dragomanov University

**Sergei Shtyrkov**, European University of St. Petersburg (Russia)

*Christianity as a Foreign Conspiracy: Revealing Rhetoric in the Interreligious Controversy in North Ossetia*

***Alla Marchenko*,** Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv (Ukraine)

*The Hasidic Pilgrimage to Uman: Cross-cultural Challenges*

Discussant: **Alexander Panchenko**, European University of St. Petersburg (Russia)

17:15 optional excursion to Brodsky Choral Synagogue

19:00 Dinner at Mama Manana restaurant, Velyka Vasylkivska St. 44, Georgian cuisine

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