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The role and place of Orthodox Christianity in this process is still understudied, while it is affected worldwide by multifaceted societal changes during the last 30 years: the end of communism, international migration, growth of religious diversity, entering the European Union, the secularization processes, and human rights challenges.

This conference intends to highlight three intertwined aspects - religion, politics, and human rights - related to the global context of Orthodox Christianity.

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Global Orthodoxy and Politics
Chair: Paolo De Stefani, University of Padova
Alexander Agadjanian, Russian State University of the Humanities, Russia
Orthodox Holiness against Globalization: an Essay on Drawing Borders
Kathy Rousselet, Sciences Po, Centre de recherches internationales (CERI), CNRS, France
The Russian Orthodox Church and the Mapping of the World

10:15 - 10:30 Coffee Break

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Global Orthodoxy and Religion
Chair: Siniša Zrinščak, University of Zagreb, Croatia
Maria Hämmerli, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
Orthodoxy Going Global: the Quest for Identity
Alexei Krindatch, Research Coordinator, Assembly of Canonical Orthodox Bishops of the United States of America
Singing an Old Song in a New Land: How Orthodox Churches Contribute to America’s Diverse Religious Landscape

12:15 - 13:30 Parallel Session Two | Room Iqbal Masih
Chair: Maria Hämmerli, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
Georgios E. Trantas, University of Erfurt, Germany
Greek-Orthodox Cultural Heritage and its Strategic Importance to the ‘Representation of the Church of Cyprus to the European Union’
Marko Veković, University of Belgrade, Serbia
Where Religion Meets Politics: Orthodoxy in the Former Yugoslav States
Marco Guglielmi, University of Padova, Italy
Orthodox Christian Diasporas in Italy: Patterns of Negotiations in a Catholic Country

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Chair: Kathy Rousselet, Sciences Po, Centre de recherches internationales (CERI), CNRS, France
Roy R. Robson, Pennsylvania State University, USA
A “Community of Young Old Believers:” Patterns of Tradition, Acculturation, and Hybridization among First-Wave Old Believers in the United States
Maija Grizāne, Daugavpils University, Latvia
Old Orthodox (Old Believers) in Modern Latvia: Challenges and Prospectives
Anastasiya Cherkasova, researcher, Auckland, New Zealand
The Struggles and Joys of Orthodox Diaspora in New Zealand: Cases of Russian, Serbian and Greek Churches
Eleni Tseligka, Staffordshire University, UK
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Elizabeth H. Prodromou, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University, USA
Discovering Unity in Diversity as the Reality of a Global Church at the Pan-Orthodox Council of Crete, 2016: Identifying Possibilities for Orthodox Christian Contributions to Contemporary Human Rights Challenges
Sergey Trostyanskiy, Union Theological Seminary in the City of New York, USA
Is the Notion of Human Rights Compatible with the Orthodox Concept of Personhood? The Assessment of Human Rights by the Russian Orthodox Church
Ivan Zabaev, Saint-Tikhon University, Russia
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Olga Breskaya, University of Padova, Italy
Silviu Rogobete, West University of Timisoara, Romania
Religious Freedom in Context: A Comparison between Belarus and Romania

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Transnational Aspects of the Russian Orthodox Debate on Human Rights
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Orthodox Christianity and Human Rights: Local Problems, Global Challenges, Glocal Developments

18:45 - 19:00 Closing Remarks
20:00 Dinner