

## Global Orthodoxy Religion, Politics, and Human Rights

During the last decades, sociological interest in religion and globalization has grown due to the novelty of socio-political, economic, and cultural changes, which forced existing religious groups and organizations to revise and redesign their own institutional structures, practices, and agendas.

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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The Master's degree course provides students with the knowledge and the competences required to protect and promote human rights in multi-level governance contexts, locally to internationally. The scientific and value-based paradigm adopted is rooted in the principles of the international law of human rights, according to a trans-national and trans-cultural approach.

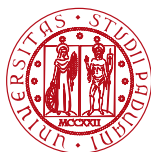
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The Joint PhD Degree in "Human Rights, Society, and Multi-level Governance" is a three-year, interdisciplinary, joint academic programme managed by Universities in Australia, Croatia, Greece, Italy, coordinated by the University of Padova (Italy).

The doctorate aims at forming researchers with a multi/interdisciplinary profile. The programme includes teaching, research, and training in the area of human rights studies, covering the various legal, political, social, philosophical, and economic approaches and methodologies, and different geographical areas.

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### 8:30 - 8:45 Welcome Addresses

**Marco Mascia**, Director of Human Rights Centre, University of Padova

**Giuseppe Giordan**, Coordinator of Joint PhD Programme “Human Rights, Society, and Multi-level Governance”, University of Padova

### 8:45 -10:15 Plenary Session One | Library

#### 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

### 10:30 -12:00 Plenary Session Two | Library

#### 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*

12:00 - 12:15 Coffee Break

### 12:15 - 13:30 Parallel Session One | Library

**Chair: Alexander Agadjanian**, Russian State University of the Humanities, Russia

**Emmanuel Clapsis**, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School, USA  
*Religion in a Participatory Democracy*

**Paul Gavrilyuk**, University of St. Thomas, USA  
*Patriarch Kirill's Ideology of Russkii Mir and the Geopolitics of the Council of Crete*

**Ekaterina Grishaeva**, Ural Federal University, Russia / Uppsala University, Sweden  
*Intertwinement of Religious and Political Discourses in Russia: from Orthodox anti-Westernism to Political Mistrust to Europe*

### 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*

13:30 - 15:00 Lunch

### 15:00 - 16:45 Parallel Session Three | Library

**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 Perspectives*

**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  
*The Centrality of Orthodoxy to Migrant Cultural Retention: The Case of Greeks in Germany*

### 15:00 - 16:45 Parallel Session Four | Room Iqbal Masih

**Chair: Vasilios N. Makrides**, University of Erfurt, Germany

**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  
*Humility, Dignity and Economy: Contemporary Russian Orthodox Church Practices and the Logic of Human Rights*

**Olga Breskaya**, University of Padova, Italy  
**Silviu Rogobete**, West University of Timisoara, Romania  
*Religious Freedom in Context: A Comparison between Belarus and Romania*

16:45 - 17:15 Coffee Break

### 17:15 - 18:45 Plenary Session Three | Library

#### Global Orthodoxy and Human Rights

**Chair: Giuseppe Giordan**, University of Padova

**Kristina Stöckl**, University of Innsbruck, Austria  
*Transnational Aspects of the Russian Orthodox Debate on Human Rights*

**Vasilios N. Makrides**, University of Erfurt, Germany  
*Orthodox Christianity and Human Rights: Local Problems, Global Challenges, Global Developments*

### 18:45 - 19:00 Closing Remarks

20:00 Dinner