

Evert van der Zweerde
Keeping God's Kingdom Out There – Orthodox Christian Political Theologies in 19th Century Russia

Regula Zwahlen
Sergei Bulgakov and Forms of Political Theology within the Russian Orthodox Diaspora



10.30–11.00
COFFEE BREAK

11.00–12.30

SESSION VII: ORTHODOX POLITICAL THEOLOGIES IN MODERN TIMES: THE CASES OF SERBIA AND BULGARIA

Moderator: Lucian Leustean

Vladimir Cvetković
Saint-Savahood (Svetosavlje) between Political Theology and Ideology of Nationalism: Nikolaj Velimirović and Justin Popović

Daniela Kalkandjieva
The Political Ecclesiology of the Bulgarian Orthodox Church

12.30–13.30
LUNCH BUFFET

13.30–15.00
CITY TOUR AND FREE TIME

15.00–17.00

SESSION VIII: ORTHODOX POLITICAL THEOLOGIES IN MODERN TIMES: THE CASES OF GREECE, ROMANIA AND RUSSIA

Moderator: Mihai-D. Grigore

Anastassios Anastasiadis
Between Oikonomia and Akriveia: Power Struggles, Social Concerns and the Quest for an Orthodox Political Theology in the Church of Greece, 1900s–1940s

Lucian Leustean
Social Apostolate and Political Nationalism in Romania

Kristina Stoeckl/Dmitry Uzlaner
Political Hesychasm in Soviet Russia and Today: a History of Continuities



17.00–17.30
COFFEE BREAK

17.30–19.00

SESSION IX: POLITICAL THEOLOGIES IN ORTHODOX MINORITY CONTEXTS

Moderator: Dimitris Stamatopoulos

Karl Pinggéra
Has there ever been a "Political Theology" in the Chalcedonian and the Non-Chalcedonian Churches of the Middle East?

Sebastian Rimestad
In the Shadow of a »Big Brother«– Political Theology in the Orthodox Minority Churches of Finland, Poland and Estonia

20.00
DINNER

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Orthodox Christian Political Theologies: History, Development, Specificities, Contextualisation

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**ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN
POLITICAL THEOLOGIES:**
HISTORY, DEVELOPMENT, SPECIFICITIES,
CONTEXTUALISATION

The international conference »Orthodox Christian Political Theologies: History, Development, Specificities, Contextualisation«, organised by Vasilios N. Makrides (Erfurt, University) and Mihai-D. Grigore (IEG), brings together experts on the topic from Germany and abroad. It aims at filling a research gap by examining Orthodox political theologies from a systematic, interdisciplinary and broader perspective. The focus is on the historical evolution of political theological discourses in Orthodox Christianity across time, from the fourth century until today. The conference will be also examining the historical background of Orthodox political theologies and their numerous forms, considering and analysing the specific parameters and factors that shaped them across time. The contributors attempt to locate and critically evaluate the reasons accounting for the specificities and particularities of Orthodox political theologies across history, as well as to contextualise the entire issue, first by comparing Orthodox with Western Christian political theologies, and second by looking at forms of political theologies in other contexts – beyond Christianity and the West.

Thursday, 26 April 2018

17.00–17.30

Welcome Address
Irene Dingel, Vasilios N. Makrides,
Mihai-D. Grigore

17.30–19.00

**SESSION I: POLITICAL THEOLOGIES
IN COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE**

Moderator: Vasilios N. Makrides

Jürgen Manemann
*Speaking of God in our Times – The
Challenge of the New Political Theology*

Vasileios Syros
*Rethinking Political Theologies in the
Orthodox and Islamic Traditions*

20.00
DINNER

Friday, 27 April 2018

9.00–11.00

**SESSION II:
BYZANTINE POLITICAL THEOLOGIES**

Moderator: Johannes Pahlitzsch

Daniel Benga
*Key Aspects and Main Changes in the
Political Theologies from Constantine
to Justinian*

Klaus-Peter Todt
*Rulers and Synods: Comparing Political
Theologies in Late Byzantium and
the Latin West*



11.00–11.30
COFFEE BREAK

11.30–13.00

**SESSION III: POLITICAL THEOLOGIES
IN THE LATE MIDDLE AGES AND
EARLY MODERN TIMES**

Moderator: Hans-Christian Maner

Boris A. Todorov
*Relics and Power: The Implications
of a Late Medieval Bulgarian-Serbian
Dichotomy*

Mihai-D. Grigore
*Politics, Theology, Political Theologies:
Four Examples from the Danubian
Principalities between the 14th and 16th
centuries*

13.00–14.00
LUNCH BUFFET AND FREE TIME

14.00–16.00

**SESSION IV: POLITICAL THEOLOGIES
IN THE RUSSIAN EMPIRE AND THEIR
INFLUENCE**

Moderator: Lora Gerd

Jan Kusber
*Autocracy as a Form of Political Theology?
Ruler and Church in Early Modern Muscovy
(1450s–1700)*

Nikolas Pissis
*Russian Tsars and Greek Hierarchs:
Political Theology and Symbolic
Legitimation in the 17th Century*

Iannis Carras
*Orthodox Political Theology in the Russian
Empire during the 18th Century*



16.00–16.30
COFFEE BREAK

16.30–18.00

**SESSION V: POLITICAL THEOLOGIES
IN THE AGE OF NATIONALISMS**

Moderator: Evert van der Zweerde

Lora Gerd
*Russian Political Theology in the 19th
and early 20th Century*

Dimitris Stamatopoulos
*When the New God is the New Enemy:
Political Theologies of Nationalism and
Ecumenism in the Late Ottoman Empire*

19.00
DINNER

Saturday, 28 April 2018

9.00–10.30

**SESSION VI: POLITICAL THEOLOGIES
IN RUSSIAN RELIGIOUS-PHILOSOPHICAL
THOUGHT**

Moderator: Dmitry Uzlaner

