# Conference Schedule

## Thursday 6 October

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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
Rafal Smoczynski (Polish Academy of Sciences, Poland)
Folk Devils Fight Back
**Religion, Culture, Science: Contrasting Approaches**

Chair: Agita Lūse  
*Riga 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*)

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 Adzinochanka (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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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 Entrambasaguas 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 (Riga Stradiņš University, Latvia)

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)

Rudite Vīksne (University of Latvia, Institute of History of Latvia, Latvia)
Kopīgais un atšķirīgais padomju varas atteiksmē 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 Mukupāvela (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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