

Venue

Institute for Habsburg and Balkan Studies
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Georg-Coch-Platz 2 (PSK Building)
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Convenor

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1st ORTHPOL Conference

Orthodoxy, Schism, Heresy in Early Modern Europe: The Loukaris 'Affair'



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The Loukaris 'Affair'

A spectre is haunting Eastern Christianity since Early Modern times – the spectre of Kyrillos Loukaris († 1638). The Greek Patriarch of Constantinople – Saint Hieromartyr, as of January 2022 – owes most of his enduring fame to a “Calvinist” Confession of faith that was published in Geneva, first in Latin, in 1629, then in Greek, with additions, in 1633. Translated into French, English, German, and Italian, and re-edited several times, this laconic text triggered passionate debates across Europe, forcing Eastern Christianity to address theological issues never tackled before. Yet there is much more to Loukaris than his Confession of faith, as the first ORTHPOL Conference will show.

Taking recent scholarship on Loukaris as starting point and favouring a source-oriented approach, the project members and their guests will discuss the catalytic role played by the controversial Patriarch in the making of Eastern Orthodoxy. The focus is on the factional shaping of “True Faith,” seen as a cultural system, at the crossroads of Christian and Islamic reforming currents.

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Friday May 5

10:00–10:45	INTRODUCTORY SESSION Oliver Jens Schmitt Opening Remarks
	Ovidiu Olar “Orthodoxies and Politics: The Tale of ORTHPOL”
10:45–11:00	Coffee & Cookies Break
11:00–12:30	CONTEXTS Chair: Grigor Boykov Evgenia Kermeli “Renewal and Custom in the 17 th Century Ottoman Society” Nikolas Pissis “Kyrillos Loukaris and the Confessional Blocks of the 17 th Century” Stauros Grimanis “Gavriil Seviros’ Autograph Draft of His Treatise Against Possevinio and the Metaxas-Loukaris Edition of 1627”
12:30–14:30	Lunch Break
14:30–15:30	POLITICAL PROJECTS Chair: Dariya Syroyid Eleni Gara “Anti-Ottoman Appeals, Greek-Orthodox Churchmen, and the Issue of Church Union (First Half of the 17 th Century)”

15:30–15:45
15:45–17:15

Vera Tchentsova “Abbot Daniel Oliveberg: Political Projects and Religious Fluctuations in Mid-17 th Century”	
Coffee & Cookies Break	
POLEMICS AND PREACHING Chair: Liliya Berezhnaya Octavian-Adrian Negoțiã Ovidiu Olar “To each his own dogmas:” Kyrillos Loukaris’ Stance on Purgatory Ionuț-Alexandru Tudorie “Patriarch Kyrillos Loukaris’ Sermons and His Theology on the Theotokos”	
Dimitris Paradoulakis “The Sermons of Kyrillos Loukaris at the National Library of Greece: From the Indications of Self-reflection to the Question of the Addressees”	
Dinner	19:00

Saturday May 6

10:00–11:30	NETWORKS Chair: Nikolaos A. Chrissidis Ovidiu Olar “‘For blessed reasons known to them:’ Reading a 1626 Synodical Letter Between the Lines” Vasileios Tsiotras “All the Master’s Men: The Goulianos and Theophilos Korydalleus’ Political Agenda” Kostas Sarris “‘Ill-minded’ or, rather, ‘free from... any calumny’? Between Church Politics and Historiography: Kyrillos Loukaris’ Uneasy Treatment by Dositheos of Jerusalem and Meletios of Athens”
11:30–11:45	Coffee & Cookies Break
11:45–13:00	FINAL SESSION Chair: Tijana Krstić Vasilios N. Makrides Concluding Remarks Discussions

ORTHPOL Advisory Board Meeting
Nikolaos A. Chrissidis; Bernard Heyberger (zoom);
Vassa Kontouma (zoom); **Tijana Krstić**;
Vasilios N. Makrides; Konrad Petrovsky