

Venue

Institute for Habsburg and Balkan Studies
Balkan Studies Research Unit – ORTHPOL Project
Georg-Coch-Platz 2 (PSK Building)
4th Floor – Seminar Room (4B20)
1010 Wien

Convenor

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1st ORTHPOL Conference

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



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5–6 May 2023
Austrian Academy
of Sciences, Vienna

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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ORTHPOL is hosted by the Institute for Habsburg and Balkan Studies of the Austrian Academy of Sciences (Vienna), and presents an interconnected view of the mid-seventeenth century East and South-East European religious reforms.



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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”

15:30–15:45

15:45–17:15

10:45–11:00 Coffee & Cookies Break

11:00–12:30 **CONTEXTS**

Chair: **Grigor Boykov**

Evgenia Kermeli

“Renewal and Custom in the 17th Century
Ottoman Society”

Nikolas Pissis

“Kyrillos Loukaris and the Confessional
Blocks of the 17th Century”

Stavros Grimanis

“Gavriil Seviros’ Autograph Draft of His
Treatise Against Possevino and the
Metaxas-Loukaris Edition of 1627”

19:00

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 17th Century)”

Vera Tchentsova

“Abbot Daniel Oliveberg: Political
Projects and Religious Fluctuations in
Mid-17th 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

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