

Challenges for Democracy: Religion, Law, and Dialogue in the CIS and Baltics

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Thursday, April 25, 2013

Opening Plenary Session

5:00-7:00 pm

Room 105

Welcomes:

Andrei Tatarchuk, Baltic International Academy, Latvia

Ekaterina Elbakian, Professor, Academy of Labor and Social Relations, Russia

W. Cole Durham, Jr., Director and Susa Young Gates Professor of Law, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, USA

Presentations:

Juris Jansons, Ombudsman of the Republic of Latvia

W. Cole Durham, Jr., Director and Susa Young Gates Professor of Law, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, J. Reuben Clark Law School, Brigham Young University, USA, *Religious Freedom as a Pillar of Democracy*

Ekaterina Elbakian, Professor, Academy of Labor and Social Relations, Russia, Globalization in an Epoch of Religion, *Religion in an Epoch of Globalization*

Merilin Kiviorg, Professor of Law, Wolfson College, University of Oxford, UK,
European Standards and Domestic Practices: New Trends in the ECtHR

Reception following at restaurant “Lido”

Friday, April 26th

Plenary Session

9:00-10:45 am

Room 105

Ringolds Balodis, Chief State Notary, Register of Enterprises of the Republic of Latvia and Head of Constitutional and Administrative Law Department, University of Latvia, Faculty of Law, *Relationship between the State and Church in Latvia after Restoration of Independence: Global Challenges and Practical Implementation of Religious Freedom*

Nikolai Mitrokhin, Forschungsstelle Osteuropa, University of Bremen, Germany, *Deep Reform of the Russian Orthodox Church under Patriarch Kirill in 2009-2013 as a Practical Response to the “Challenges of Globalization”*

Renata Uitz, Professor of Law and Chair, Constitutional Law Program, Central European University, Hungary, *Collective and Individual Dimensions of Freedom of Religion: Parallels and Tensions in Europe*

Jeroen Temperman, Assistant Professor of Public International Law, Erasmus University Rotterdam, *Extreme Speech and Religion in a Democracy: Defamation versus Incitement*

Elizabeth Clark, Associate Director, International Center for Law and Religion Studies, USA, *Converging Challenges to Religious Freedom in the Baltics and CIS*

10:45-11:00 am Break

Parallel Discussion Sessions

11:00 am -12:15 pm

**PANEL 1: Current Issues of Freedom of Religion in Latvian Legal Practice
Room 105**

Moderator: Edvīns Danoviskis, Lecturer in University of Latvia, Faculty of Law, Department of Constitutional and Administrative law

Panelists:

Jautrīte Briede, Senator of Supreme Court of the Republic of Latvia, Associate professor in University of Latvia, Faculty of Law, Department of Constitutional and Administrative law

Olga Zeile, Director Department of Sectoral Policy, Ministry of Justice of the Republic of Latvia

Kristīne Dupate, Assistant Professor of University of Latvia, Faculty of Law, Department of International and European Law Sciences

Artūrs Kučs, Advisor of Ombudsman of the Republic of Latvia, Associate professor in University of Latvia, Faculty of Law, Department of International and European Law Sciences

**PANEL 2: The Problem of Establishing Expert Religious Opinions
Room 207**

Moderator: Ekaterina Elbakian, Professor, Academy of Labor and Social Relations, Russia

Panelists:

Solveiga Kruminia-Konkova, Head Researcher, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Latvia University

Tomáš Bubik, Professor of Theology, University of Pardubice, Czech Republic

Henrik Hoffman, Professor, Head of the Institute of the History of Religions Religion, Jagiellonian University, Poland

Sergei Ivanenko, Doctor of Philosophy, Religious Studies

Vita Titarenko, Associate Professor, Researcher at the G.S. Skovorody Department of Religious Studies of the Institute of Philosophy, Ukraine

**PANEL 3: Democracy, Religion, and Dialogue in Russia
Room 201**

Moderator: Roman Lunkin, Institute of Europe, Academy of Sciences, Russia

Panelists:

Olga Sibireva, SOVA Center, Russia

Nikolai Shaburov, Professor, Head of the Center for Religious Studies, State University for the Humanities, Russia

Boris Falikov, Professor, Center for Religious Studies, Russian State University for the Humanities, Russia

12:15-1:15 pm Lunch

Parallel Discussion Sessions

1:15-2:30 pm

**PANEL 1: Interaction of Religion, Policy and Lawmaking in the Baltic States
Room 105**

Moderator: Merilin Kiviorg, Professor of Law, Wolfson College, University of Oxford, UK

Panelists:

Alar Kilp, Faculty of Social Sciences and Education, Institute of Government and Politics, Chair of Comparative Politics, University of Tartu, Estonia

Jolanta Kuznecoviene, Department of Sociology, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

Edvīns Danoviskis, Lecturer in University of Latvia, Faculty of Law, Department of Constitutional and Administrative Law

Donatas Glodenis, Chief Specialist, Division of Legal Entities and Religious Issues of the Ministry of Justice, Lithuania

**PANEL 2: Democratic Approaches to Integrating Religious Minorities
Room 207**

Moderator: Boris Falikov, Professor, Center for Religious Studies of the Russian State University for the Humanities, Russia

Panelists:

Inese Runce, Head Researcher, Institute of Philosophy and Sociology, Latvia University

Sergei Kuznetsov, Member of the Expert Council on Religious Extremism, Ministry of Justice; Director, Center on the Study of Extremism, Russia
Lyudmila Filipovich, Head of G.S. Skovorody Department of Religion and Religious Studies of the Institute of Practical Philosophy of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
Erik Terekhov, Head of the Latvian Buddhist Association

PANEL 3: The Role of Religious Organizations in Russian Society
Room 201

Moderator: Renata Uitz, Professor of Law and Chair, Constitutional Law Program, Central European University, Hungary

Panelists:

Oleg Goncharov, Member of the Presidential Council for Cooperation with Religious Organizations

Galina Shirokalova, Professor, Head of Department of Philosophy, Sociology and Political Science FGBOU VPO “Nizhny Novgorod Agricultural Academy”

Olga Sgibneva, Professor, Department of Sociology, Volgograd State University

William Schmidt, Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Religious Studies, and Ethno-Culturology, Russian Orthodox University of St. John the Evangelist

2:30-2:45 pm Break

Parallel Discussion Sessions

2:45-4:00 pm

PANEL 1: Dialogue among Religions in a Democratic State
Room 105

Moderator: Eduard Martynyuk, Associate Professor, Odessa State University, Ukraine

Panelists:

Ruslan Pankratov, Deputy of the Riga Duma, Committee on Culture, Education, and Youth, Latvia

Mikhail Sitnikov, Editor in Chief of Internet Resource “ReligioPolis,” Russia
Illarion Ivanovich Ivanov, Chairman, Old Believers’ Society of Latvia
Vita Titarenko, Associate Professor, Researcher at the G.S. Skovorody
Department of Religious Studies of the Institute of Philosophy, Ukraine

**PANEL 2: Interaction of Religion, Policy and Lawmaking in the CIS
Room 207**

Moderator: Elizabeth Clark, Associate Director, International Center for Law
and Religion Studies, USA

Panelists:

Andrei Sebentsov, Deputy Director of the Center for Education Law, Russia
Victor Yelensky, Professor at Ukrainian Catholic University, Ukraine
Stepan Danielyan, Chairman, Collaboration for Democracy Center, Armenia
Anatoly Kolodny, Professor, Deputy Director, Head of the G.S. Skovorody
Department of Religious Philosophy Institute of the National Academy of Sciences
of Ukraine, President of the Ukrainian Association of Religious Scholars

**PANEL 3: Legal Regulation of Religion in Russia
Room 201**

Moderator: Lev Simkin, Professor of Law, Russia

Panelists:

Elena Markova, Research Officer (Assistant) at the Chair of Constitutional and
Municipal Law and Head of Master of Law Program Department, Law Faculty of
Lomonosov Moscow State University, Russia
Roman Lunkin, Institute of Europe, Academy of Sciences, Russia
Galina Krylova, Attorney-at-law, Russia

Parallel Discussion Sessions

4:00-5:15 pm

**PANEL 1: Significance of New Religious Movements in the Baltics and CIS
Room 105**

Moderator: Lyudmila Filipovich, Head of G.S. Skovorody Department of Religion and Religious Studies of the Institute of Practical Philosophy of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

Panelists:

Ringo Ringvee, Adviser of the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Religious Affairs of Estonia

Boris Falikov, Professor, Center for Religious Studies of the Russian State University for the Humanities, Russia

Eduard Martinyuk, Associate Professor, Odessa State University, Ukraine

Yaroslav Panyutin, Researcher of Sociology and Management of Social Processes, Academy of Labour and Social Affairs, Russia

PANEL 2: Religion and Education in Russia
Room 207

Moderator: Nikolai Shaburov, Professor, Head of the Center for Religious Studies, State University for the Humanities, Russia

Panelists:

Elena Miroshnikova, Professor of Applied Ethics, Religious Studies and Theology at the L.N. Tolstoy Tula State Pedagogical University, Russia

Mikhail Zherebyatyev, Associate Professor of the Voronezh Branch of the Modern Humanities Academy

William Schmidt, Professor, Dean of the Faculty of Religious Studies, and Ethno-Culturology, Russian Orthodox University of St. John the Evangelist

PANEL 3: Secularism in the Contemporary Russian Media and Internet
Room 201

Moderator: Mikhail Sitnikov, Editor in Chief of Internet Resource “ReligioPolis”

Panelists:

Andrei Melnikov, Editor, *NG-Religiia*

Darya Krasnikova, Analyst for “The Apostle” Center for Political Technologies

Sergei Ivanenko, Doctor of Philosophy, Religious Studies

Saturday, April 27, 2013

Plenary Session

9:30-11:00 am

Reports from Panels

Room 105

11:00-11:30 am Break

Concluding Plenary Session

11:30 am-12:30 pm

Conference Summation

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