

Invited to participate in the conference: T. Antoshevsky (Lviv, Ukraine), D. Bazyka (Kyiv, Ukraine), V. Vitka (Moscow, Russia), A. Vlasenko (Kyiv, Ukraine), M. Havlinsky (Kyiv, Ukraine), N. Gavrilov (Kyiv, Ukraine), O. Dobrodum (Odessa, Ukraine), S. Kachurova (Kharkiv, Ukraine), I. Keller (Chernivtsi, Ukraine), O. Klymyshyn (Zaporozhye, Ukraine), Yuri Korolev (Kyiv, Ukraine), P. Kostylev (Moscow, Russia), O. Kotlyarov (Sevastopol, Ukraine), O. Kryvosheyenko (Kyiv, Ukraine), O. Manzhos (Moscow, Russia), P. Martyanov (Odessa, Ukraine), S. Morozyuk (sharp, Ukraine), V. Saveliev (Odessa, Ukraine), E. Savisko (Chernigov, Ukraine), I. Saletsky (Kiev, Ukraine), V. Soshyn (Poltava, Ukraine), A. Filimonov (Moscow, Russia), U. Havarivsky (Lviv, Ukraine), O. Chernyavskaya (Kharkiv, Ukraine), I. Shaban (Kyiv, Ukraine) and others.

Presentation of the new religious publications

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First Day of Work 20 May, Friday

10:30-11:45am Opening of the Conference. Director of the Institute of Philosophy in the name of G.S. Skovoroda NAS Ukraine, academic **Miroslav Popovych**

WELCOMING-ADDRESSES

- Adviser to the President - Head of the Department of Humanitarian and socio-political issues of the Administration of President of Ukraine **Hanna HERMAN**
- Chairman of the the parliamentary committee of Ukraine on Culture and Spirituality, MP **Volodymyr YAVORIVSKY**
- First Deputy Minister of Culture of Ukraine **Yuriy BOGUTSKY**
- Director of the International Center for Law and Religion Studies Professor **Cole DURHAM**
- Secretary General of the International Association of Religious Freedom **John GRATS**

11:45-12:00pm Break

12:00-2:30pm ROUND TABLE *“Twenty years of the law of ukraine on freedom of conscience and religious organizations”*

Moderators: Viktor Yelenskiy and Mikola Novichenko

Invited to discuss: the deputies of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, leaders of religious communities.

2:30-3:30pm Lunch

3:30-6:00PM FIRST PLENARY SESSION *“Freedom of religion and global changes in the world: status and perspective”*

Moderators: Anatoliy KOLODNYY and Cole Durham

Report: Cole Durham. Resistance to erosion of religious freedom: a comparative analysis

Co-report: Viktor Yelenskiy. Religious freedom: global dimensions

Miroslav Marinovich. Religious freedom: a global dimension to national imperative

Natalya Cave. Religious variety and challenges of globalization in the study of religions.

Invited to discuss: A. Sebentsov (Moscow, Russia), **L. Gulyako (Minsk, Belarus)**, P. Yarotskaya (Kyiv, Ukraine), R. Lunkin (Moscow, Russia), Y. Chernomorets (Kyiv, Ukraine), and others. etc.

**Second Day of Work
21 May, Saturday**

9:00-10:45am WORK OF THE FIRST SESSION “Freedom of Religion and the Public Sphere: politics, education, culture, media, civil society: the experience of individual countries.”

Moderators: Valery KLIMOV and Roman LUNKIN

Report: Sergey ZDIORUK. The influence of religion on society in the democratic development of modern time

Co-report: Natalia KUTUZOVA. Religious factor in socio-political relations in the Republic of Belarus

Willy FAUTRE. France: Anti-sectarian policies and social hostility, a human rights perspective

John SMITH. Many Faiths, One Nation: An American Perspective

Invited to discuss: V. Klimov (Kyiv, Ukraine), O. Nedavna (Kyiv, Ukraine), Y. Nedzelsky (Kyiv, Ukraine), L. Filipovic (Kyiv, Ukraine), V. Schmidt (Moscow, Russia), and others.

10:45-11:00am – break

11:00-12:45pm WORK OF THE SECOND SESSION “Interreligious dialogue in advancing freedom of religion and belief.”

Moderators: Peter YAROTSKAYA and William SCHMIDT

Report: Catherine ELBAKYAN. The dialogue of religions in a secular space

Co-Report: Emmanuel TAWIL: Dialogue between State and Religion: is there any place for Interreligious Dialogue? - The French experience

Invited to discuss: P. Hanulich (Kyiv, Ukraine), O. Gorkusha (Kyiv, Ukraine), O. Zayets (Kyiv, Ukraine), A. Kolodny (Kyiv, Ukraine), S. Kolchihin (Almaty, Kazakhstan) G. Kulagina (Kyiv, Ukraine), O. Meherya (Kyiv, Ukraine), S. Svistunov (Kyiv, Ukraine), M. Cherenkov (Kyiv, Ukraine), V. Shevchenko (Kyiv, Ukraine), A. Yurash (Lviv, Ukraine), and others.

12:45-1:00pm – break

1:00-2:30pm WORK OF THE THIRD SESSION “Religious minorities in freedom of religion”

Moderators: Alexander Sagan and Igor KANTEROV

Report: Ludmila FILIPOVIC. Religious minorities: the advantages and disadvantages status

Invited to discuss: A. Aristova (Kyiv, Ukraine), A. Bulatov (Simferopol, Crimea), O. Buchma (Kyiv, Ukraine), V. Lubchik (Kyiv, Ukraine), J. Riznykova (Odessa, Ukraine), V. Titarenko (Kyiv, Ukraine) and others.

2:30-3:30pm – lunch

3:30-5:45pm SECOND PLENARY SESSION “Legal problems of protection and freedom of religion: global and European trends.”

Moderators: Michael BABIY and Andrew SEBENTSOV

Report: Alexander SAGAN. Ensuring the right to freedom of conscience as a basic factor in the development of civil society

Co-report: Jeroen TEMPERMAN: Realizing and Protecting Freedom of Religion or Belief: A Comparative Inventory of Key Legal and de facto Obstacles

Louis-Leon CHRISTIANS: The European Legal Framework for interreligious public bodies or processes

Invited to discuss: M. Babiy (Kyiv, Ukraine), V. Bondarenko (Kyiv, Ukraine), M. Vasin (Kyiv, Ukraine), D. Vovk (Kharkiv, Ukraine), G. Druzenko (Kyiv, Ukraine), D. Mikaelyan (Yerevan, Armenia), K. Nedzelsky (Kherson, Ukraine), L. Simkin (Moscow, Russia) and others.

5:45-6:00pm CONCLUSIONS OF THE CONFERENCE

Moderators: Lyudmila FILIPOVIC and Cole Durham