

International interdisciplinary scientific conference
Interreligious Dialogue and Religious Syncretism

May 3-4, 2013
Gimnazijos str. 7, Kaunas, Lithuania

FRIDAY 3rd of May

9.00 – 9.45 Registration
9.45 – 10.00 Welcome speech

Session I Place: Aula Magna **Syncretism and Dialogue in the Religious Studies**

Chair Benas ULEVIČIUS

10.00 – 10.20 Agnė BUDRIŪNAITĖ. Forms of ‘Syncretic’ Religious Interaction

10.20 – 10.40 Mara KIOPE. Syncretic mentality and its limits: a philosophical approach to the difference between religiosity and spirituality

10.40 – 10.50 *Discussion*

10.50 – 11.00 *Coffee break*

Session II Place: Aula Magna **Inculturation and Interreligious Dialogue I**

Chair Jurga JONUTYTĖ

11.00 – 11.45 *Keynote speech* Boniface Nkem ANUSIEM. The Cult of the Ancestors in African Traditional Religions vs the Cult of the Saints in Christian (Catholic) Religion: Towards a Dialogical Platform for Inculturations

11.45 – 12.00 *Discussion*

12.00 – 12.30 Benas ULEVIČIUS. “I want to be saved”: Soteriology of Sioux Peyote Songs

12.30 – 12.50 SEO Jinseok. The Syncretism between Shamanism and Pentacostal Churches in Korea

12.50 – 13.00 *Discussion*

13.00 – 15.00 *Lunch break (on your own)* (14.45 – 15.00 *Coffee at the conference place*)

Session III Place: Aula Magna **Inculturation and Interreligious Dialogue II**

Chair Agnė BUDRIŪNAITĖ

15.00 – 15.20 Anke BISSCHOPS. Syncretism and Religious Transformation in the Netherlands

15.20 – 15.40 Solveiga KRUMIŅA-KONKOVA. Speaking on Inculturation of Christianity: the Case of Latvian Brethren Communities

15.40 – 16.00 Anita STASULANE. From Artistic Symbiosis to Religious Syncretism: the Mother of the World

16.00 – 16.20 Svetoslava Petrova TONCHEVA. Transnational Specifics of the New Religious Movements (The Anthroposophy in Central and Eastern Europe – Comparative Analysis)

16.20 – 16.40 Milda ALIŠAUSKIENĖ. Spirituality as strategy in the religious field: the case of contemporary Hinduism in Lithuania

16.40 – 17.00 *Discussion*

Session III-A Place:

Philosophical Approach to the Interreligious Dialogue (in Lithuanian)

Chair Valdas MACKELA

- 15.00 – 15.20 Bronė GUDAITYTĖ. Mokytojo Eckharto mistinis mokymas apie *žmogaus-tapimą-Sūnumi* budistinės *nesavastingumo* doktrinos kontekste / Master Eckhart's mystical teaching about *mans-becoming-the Son* in the context of Buddhist *no-self* theory
- 15.20 – 15.40 Ieva RUDŽIANSKAITĖ. Tarpreliginio dialogo galimybė „beviėtėje vietoje“ pagal J. Derrida/ The Possibility of Interreligious Dialogue in the “Place without Place” according to J. Derrida
- 15.40 – 16.00 Inga MITKUTĖ. Ikonos patirtis kaip ekumeninis fenomenas pagal J. L. Marion / Jean-Luc Marion's 'Icon' as Ecumenic Phenomenon
- 16.00 – 16.20 Saulius MATULEVIČIUS. Anthropology of Religion: how the theoretical misconceptions predetermine questions that are asked and answers that can be given

SATURDAY, 4th of May

Session IV Place: Maironis auditorium

Old and New Forms of Religious Interaction

Chair Agnė BUDRIŪNAITĖ

- 10.00 – 10.20 Moreno BONDA. On a Case of Veiled Religious Syncretism: Parallels between Mu'tazila and Thomism's Rationalism through Averroes' Interpretation
- 10.20 – 10.40 Stephen M. GARRETT. Hans Urs von Balthasar and Interreligious Dialogue: The Distinctiveness of Christian Prayer
- 10.40 – 11.00 Valdas MACKELA. The Question of Deification in the Late Antiquity: Responses from Judaism, Christianity, and Hellenistic Syncretism
- 11.00 – 11.10 *Discussion*
- 11.10 – 11.20 *Coffee break*

Session V Place: Maironis auditorium

Religion and Society I

Chair Darius PETKŪNAS

- 11.20 – 11.40 Ekaterina ANASTASOVA. European Identities between Religiousness and Nationality
- 11.40 – 12.00 Aušra KAIRAITYTĖ, Rasa RAČIŪNAITĖ-PAUŽUOLIENĖ. Manifestation of Religious Syncretism and National Identity: a Case Study of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary's Festival in Sofia
- 12.00 – 12.20 Maria ROGINSKA. On the crossroads of science and religion: syncretism or warfare narration?
- 12.20 – 12.40 Živilė ADVILONIENĖ. Religinė retorika reklamoje: vaizdinių, simbolių, sąvokų analizė / Religious rhetoric in advertising: analysis of images, symbols, concepts (*in Lithuanian*)
- 12.40 – 13.00 *Discussion*
- 13.00 – 13.20 *Coffee break*

Session VI Place: Maironis auditorium

Religion and Society II

Chair Aušra KAIRAITYTĖ

- 13.20 – 13.40 Jurga JONUTYTĖ. Religious identity in memories of political conflicts
- 13.40 – 14.00 Inese RUNCE. The ecumenism and interreligious dialogue in the Soviet times: a diary of cardinal of Latvian Roman Catholic Church Julijans Vaivods
- 14.00 – 14.20 Vladislavs MALAHOVSKIS. Cooperation between the Roman Catholic Church and the State in independent Latvia
- 14.20 – 14.40 Darius PETKŪNAS. The Introduction of Secular Rites of Passage in Lithuania – Communist Alternatives to Christian Rites
- 14.40 – 15.00 Alfonsas MOTUZAS. Liaudies katalikybė Lietuvoje: sinkretizmo ar inkultūracijos palikimas? / Folk Catholicism in Lithuania: legacy of syncretism or inculturation? (*In Lithuanian*)
- 15.00 – 15.20 *Discussion*
- 15.20 – 15.30 *Closing speeches*

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