

Summer Course 2020

Liturgy and Ecumenism

Vienna, July 6-9, 2020

Liturgy and Ecumenism are closely linked to each other in multiple aspects. Scholarship in the fields of Eastern and Western liturgy clearly is an ecumenical endeavour with various liturgical pastoral implications. Most liturgical topics dealing with Christian initiation, the Eucharist, prayer, ministry, the liturgical year, among others, all have ecumenical resonances, because they constitute identities of almost all Christians. As such, liturgy plays an important role in bi- and multilateral ecumenical dialogues and encounters. It is the field where both unity and divisions between the churches are manifest, and thus it features the potential of both ecumenical approach and distance. The PRO ORIENTE *Summer Course 2020* will, among others, focus on the following aspects:

- Chances and stumbling blocks for interdenominational common worship
- Interecclesial cross-fertilization and recasting/'ricasting'
- Liturgy as both legitimization of existing hierarchies and source of inspiration for the entire people of God
- Liturgy and Ecclesiology: searching for a balance between Baptismal Ecclesiology and Eucharistic Ecclesiology
- Liturgy as God's transforming gift to humankind
- The human being as "animal ceremoniale, liturgicum" (A. Grillo)
- Liturgy and the Arts

Speakers:

- Prof. Dr. Teresa Berger, Professor of Liturgical Studies and Thomas E. Golden Jr. Professor of Catholic Theology, Yale University (USA)
- Prof. Dr. Basilius Groen, Professor em. of Liturgical Studies, Christian Art and Hymnology, University of Graz (Austria)
- Dr. Dorothea Haspelmath-Finatti, Lecturer, Department of Practical Theology, University of Vienna (Austria)

- Prof. Dr. Paul Meyendorff, Alexander Schmemmann Professor em. of Liturgical Theology, St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, Yonkers, New York (USA)
- Dr. Predrag Bukovec, PhD, Fellow at Centre for Advanced Studies "Beyond Canon – Heterotopias of Religious Authority in Ancient Christianity", University of Regensburg (Germany)
- Dr. Dr. h.c. Jasmine Dum-Tragut, University Docent, Head of Center for Studies on the Christian East, Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Salzburg (Austria)
- Dr. Verena Hammes, Executive Secretary, "Arbeitsgemeinschaft Christlicher Kirchen in Deutschland" (National Working Committee of Christian Churches on Ecumenism), Frankfurt (Germany)

Organizers:

- Dr. Andrea Riedl, Department of Historical Theology, Faculty of Catholic Theology, University of Vienna; Board Member of PRO ORIENTE Foundation, Vienna (Austria)
- Dipl.-Theol. Bernd Mussinghoff, Secretary General of PRO ORIENTE, Vienna (Austria)

Requirements and Regulations:

The PRO ORIENTE Summer Course is addressed to postgraduate and postdoc students. Active participation and willingness to present a research project of one's own are required; presenters will be chosen by the organizers. PRO ORIENTE will cover accommodation expenses; travel costs are to be covered by the participants (application for a sponsorship is possible).

Venue: Kardinal-Koenig-Haus, Kardinal-Koenig-Platz 3, 1130 Wien (Austria)

Working language: English

Application documents:

- Motivation letter (max. 2 pages)
- Curriculum Vitae
- Exposé of the research project (max. 2 pages)
- Copies of Certificates (Bachelor's/Master's/Doctorate degree etc.)
- Letter of recommendation, by a (non-retired) professor or clergyman
- Application for travel costs (if needed)

Partner:

- University of Vienna, Faculty of Catholic Theology, Department of Historical Theology

Please send your application documents to PRO ORIENTE Secretary General Bernd Mussinghoff by email (office@pro-oriente.at), by April 30, 2020. You will receive an answer by end of May. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.