

Ecumenism in the Middle East: past and present.

Late Summer Course on Christianity in the Middle East
15th till 18th of September 2015, Bucharest

THE INSTITUTE OF EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES, Radboud University Nijmegen (The Netherlands) and PRO ORIENTE jointly organize a late summer course on Christianity in the Middle East with a focus on ecumenical thinking as developed in this region, both historically and to-day. The organizers believe that the long tradition of ecumenical thinking in this region and the way the wounds of the past have been acknowledged and overcome deserve to be better known in European theological faculties.

The course is intended for advanced Master or PhD students of Orthodox and Eastern Catholic theological faculties in Eastern Europe (15 students maximum).

The course will take place at the recently re-established ASSUMPTIONIST CENTER ST PETER AND ST ANDREW in Bucharest, in the pre-communist period a well known research center for Byzantine studies.

Speakers at the programme are:

Prof. Dr Dietmar WINKLER (University of Salzburg and PRO ORIENTE)

Prof. Dr Herman TEULE (University of Nijmegen and Louvain)

Dr. Antony O'MAHONY, (Heythrop College, University of London)

Prof. Dr. Heleen MURRE VAN DEN BERG (Institute Eastern christian Studies, Radboud University Nijmegen)

The programme is as follows:

- September 15nd: arrival of the participants
19h 30: Introduction by Prof. Herman Teule, Prof. Dietmar Winkler and Fr Dr Lucian Dinca (Bucharest).
- September 16rd:
1. Christianity in the Middle East. The beginning and the first divisions
2. Christianity in the Middle East in interrelation with the Islamic World
3. Contacts between East and West. Latin Christianity in the East. The Maronites
4. The beginning of ecumenical thinking: al-Arfadi, BarHebraeus, bar Malkon and Bar Brikha
- September 17th:
5. The Council of Trent and the Middle East: Religion and politics intertwined.
6. The emergence of Eastern-Catholic Churches. Political consequences.
7. Recent initiatives.
8. Conclusion
- September, 18th: Departure.
- Costs:** Travelling expenses, board and lodging will be covered by PRO ORIENTE and the Institute of Eastern Christian Studies.

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