

Ecumenism in the Middle East: Past and Present.

Conference on Christianity in the Middle East

9th till 12th of December 2015, Vienna

THE INSTITUTE OF EASTERN CHRISTIAN STUDIES, Radboud University Nijmegen (The Netherlands) and PRO ORIENTE jointly organize a conference 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 KARDINAL-KÖNIG-HAUS in Vienna.

Speakers:

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

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

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

Prof. Dr. Heleen MURRE VAN DEN BERG (University of Nijmegen)

Programme (see also attached timetable):

Dec. 9: Arrival

19h 30: Greeting Address (PRO ORIENTE President Dr. Johann MARTE)

Introduction (TEULE)

Dec. 10: 1. Christianity in the Middle East. The beginnings and the first divisions (WINKLER)
2. Christianity in the Middle East in interrelation with the Islamic World (TEULE)
3. Contacts between East and West. Time of the Crusades (WINKLER)
4. The beginning of ecumenical thinking: al-Arfadi, BarHebraeus, bar Malkon and Bar Brikha (TEULE)

Dec. 11: 5. The Council of Trent and the Middle East: Religion and politics intertwined (O'MAHONY)
6. The emergence of Eastern-Catholic Churches. Political consequences (O'MAHONY)
7. Protestant Churches in the Middle East and new Search for Identity (MURRE VAN DEN BERG)
8. Diaspora and Identity: Oriental Christianity in the West (MURRE VAN DEN BERG)
Conclusion

Dec. 12: Departure.

Costs: Travelling expenses, board and lodging will be covered by PRO ORIENTE (Vienna) and the Institute of Eastern Christian Studies (Nijmegen).

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Timetable

	Wednesday Dec. 9	Thursday Dec. 10	Friday Dec. 11	Saturday Dec. 12
09:00 – 10:30	A R R I V A L S	Winkler (Topic 1)	O'Mahony (Topic 5)	D E P A R T U R E S
10:30 – 11:00		<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>	
11:00 – 12:30		Teule (Topic 2)	O'Mahony (Topic 6)	
13:00		<i>Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch</i>	
15:00 – 16:30		Winkler (Topic 3)	Murre van den Berg (Topic 7)	
16:30 – 17:00		<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>	<i>Coffee/Tea Break</i>	
17:00 – 18:30		Teule (Topic 4)	Murre van den Berg (Topic 8)	
19:00		19:30 Opening Session	<i>Dinner</i>	
20:00-21:00			Conclusion	