

COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH IN VALUES AND PHILOSOPHY

THE SUMMER SEMINAR

The Role of Spirituality in Promoting Reconciliation

August 17-23, 2015

Constanta, Romania

A Cooperation with
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DRAFT PROGRAM

Monday, August 17

8.00 - Breakfast

8.30 – 9.00 – Opening Ceremony

Session I (*40 minutes presentation/40 minutes discussion*)

Moderator: Dan Chițoiu

9.00 – 10.20 - Archbishop Teodosie Petrescu, Ovidius University, Constanța, Romania: *Experience in the Authentic Spirituality – Way of communion between people and nations*

10.20 – 10.30 - Coffee break

10.30 – 11.50 - Edward J. Alam, Notre Dame Louaize University, Beirut, Lebanon : *A Little Meditation on the Relation between Genuine Spirituality and Reconciliation: The Reality of Lebanon*

11.50 – 12.00 – Coffee break

12.00 – 13.20 - Abdul Rashid - Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science & Technology, Pakistan: *Spirituality is a milestone for reconciliation: Pakistan Experience in a changing World*

13.30 – Launch

14.00 -20.00 – Free time

20.00 Dinner

Tuesday, August 18

8.30 - Breakfast

Session II (*40 minutes presentation/40 minutes discussion*)

Moderator: Noel Sheth

9.00 – 10.20 - Rolando Gripaldo, Editor, Philosophia, Quezon City, Philippines: *The Concept of Spirituality*

10.20 – 10.40 – Coffee break

10.40 – 12.00 - Dan Gabriel Sâmbotin, Romanian Academy, Iași Branch: *Believes and true. Do we have fundamentals for a universal true?*

13.30 Launch

Session III (*40 minutes presentation/40 minutes discussion*)

Moderator: Dan Chițoiu

18.00 – 19.20 - John Farina, John Mason University, USA: *Religion and Identity*

20.00 Dinner

Wednesday, August 19

Session IV (40 minutes presentation/40 minutes discussion)

Moderator: Edward Alam

9.00 – 10.20 – **Noel Sheth, S.J.**, Jnana-Deepa Vidyapeeth Pontifical Institute of Philosophy and Religion, Ramwadi, Pune, India: *The Distinctiveness of Buddhist Reconciliation, Based on its Distinctive Spirituality and Philosophy*

10.20 – 10.30 – Coffee break

10.30 – 11.50 - **Mohamed Ahmed Suleiman**, University of Beni Suef, Egypt: *Spirituality as Source for Religious Dialogue*

11.50 - 12.00 – Coffee break

12.00 – 13.20 - **Constantinos Athanasopoulos**, FHEA, Open University, United Kingdom: *Lessons in Reconciliation between Christianity and Islam in the Discussions of St Gregory Palamas with Ishmael, Chiones and Tasimanes.*

13.30 – Launch

16.00 - 20.00 – Cultural Program/Visit

20.00 Dinner

Thursday, August 20

8.30 – Breakfast

Session V (40 minutes presentation/40 minutes discussion)

Moderator: Osman Bilen

9.00 – 10.20 - Varghese Manimala, Henry Martin Institute, Hyderabad, India: *Sacred Secularity as Spirituality*

10.20 – 10.30 – Coffee break

10.30 – 11.50 - Firoozeh Papan-Matin, Senior Independent Scholar, USA: *The Spiritual Significance of Love in Islam*

11.50 – 12.00 – Coffee break

12.00 – 13.20 – Dan Chițoiu, Romanian Academy, Iași Branch: *The Practice of Spirituality as Way to Reconcile with the Other*

13.30 – Launch

14.00 -18.00 – Free time

18.00 – 19.30 – Round Table: *Spirituality Practices and Meanings of Reconciliation*

20.00 Dinner

Friday, August 21

8.30 – Breakfast

Session VI (*40 minutes presentation/40 minutes discussion*)

Moderator: Edward Alam

9.00 – 10.20 - Osman Bilen, Dokuz Eylul University, İzmir, Turkey: *Saving Face or Giving Spirit to the Letters: Reconciliation by Inspiring New Meaning and Value into Words*

10.20 – 10.30 – Coffee break

10.30 – 11.50 - Tone Svetlej, Merrimack College, Massachusetts, USA: *Universal Humanism – Global Spiritual Renaissance grounded on Forgiveness and Reconciliation*

11.50 – 12.00 – Coffee break

12.00 – 13.20 - Anthony Savari Raj, Manipal University Jaipur, Rajasthan, India: *Cosmic Confidence in Interreligious Spirituality*

13.30 – Launch

16.00 - 20.00 – Cultural Program/Visit

20.00 Dinner

Saturday, August 22

8.30 – Breakfast

Session VII (40 minutes presentation/40 minutes discussion)

Moderator: Dan Chițoiu

09.00 – 10.20 - Lazar Nikolic, Belgrade University, Serbia: *Process of reconciliation in the countries of former Yugoslavia - the role of religious communities*

10.20 – 10.30 – Coffee break

10.30 – 11.50 - Ioan Dura, Ovidius University, Constanța, Romania: *The Reconciliatory Dimension of Romanian Spirituality in Thinking of Fr. Dumitru Stăniloae*

11.50 – 12.00 – Coffee break

12.00 – 13.20 - Cornelia Margareta Găspărel, Romanian Academy, Iași Branch: *Woman and Reconciliation in Contemporary World Ethos*

13.20 – 13.50 – Closing Ceremony

14.00 – Launch

16.00 -19.30 – Cultural Program /Visit

20.00 Festive Dinner

Sunday, August 23

9.00 – 13.00 - Holy Liturgy/Cultural Program

13.30 – Launch

Leaving of Participants