

## Rewriting Global Orthodoxy: Oriental and Eastern Orthodox communities in a transnational world

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Thursday 25 to Saturday 27 January 2024, Huize Heyendaal, Nijmegen



Program outline (4/12/23)

Huize Heyendaal, Nijmegen		
<b>Thursday</b>		
9.00-10.30	Opening	Heleen Murre-van den Berg
	<b>Keynote I</b>	Heather Sharkey: Middle Eastern Churches in the Diaspora: Opportunities, Adaptations, and Challenges
	Project	Heleen Murre-van den Berg: Notes from the ERC-project
10.30-11.00	Break	
11.00-12.30	Session I	Christopher Sheklian: Shenouda Hayrapet: Armenian Translations and Oriental Orthodox Imaginaries Candace Lukasik: Diasporic Expertise: Religious Education and Colonial Remnants Between Egypt and the United States Nelly van Doorn-Harder: Written and virtual legacy of Mother Irini among Copts outside Egypt (1936-2006)
12.30-13.30	Lunch	
13.30-15.30	Session II	Martin Tamke: Reflections on Aiyleen Dardans "Tausendundein Schmerz" Viktar Niachayeu: Formation of Western Orthodoxy? A study of Orthodox converts from Germany and the Netherlands George Kiraz: "The Command is Your Command الامر امرکم" No More: The Shifting Balance of Power between Hierarchy and Laity in the American Diaspora Habtom Yohannes: Forced migration exposes Twahdos to non-institutional ecumenism
16.00-17.00	<b>Keynote II</b>	Anna Hager: The Oriental Orthodox Laity Going Global: New Opportunities and Old Patterns
<b>Friday</b>		
9.00-10.30	Session III	Magdalena Nordin: Researching Oriental and Eastern Orthodox Diasporic Churches - Conclusions and methodological experiences from the research project The making of the Syriac Orthodox church in Sweden

		Alfons Brüning: „For the Life of the World” – Or just for a part of it? Reflecting global debates around a recent document
		Sabina Hadžibulić Bodin: Everyday Religion among Serbian Immigrants in Sweden
10.30-11.00	Break	
11.00-12.00	<b>Keynote III</b>	Vlad Naumescu : Turning rites into rights: the remaking of global Orthodoxy through law and politics
12.00-13.00	Lunch	
13.00-15.30	Session IV	Claudia Rammelt & Dorina Seitz: “Encountering Theology” at the Ruhr University Bochum
		Jan Gehm: Syriac Orthodox teaching material in the diaspora: from catechism to textbooks
		Carolyn M. Ramzy: Re-Searching Coptic Digital Diaspora, North-American Online Activism, and Indigenous-Centered Methodologies
15.30-16.00	Break	
16.00-17.00	<b>Keynote IV</b>	Pooyan Tamimi Arab: Enlightenment Liberalism or Political Liberalism? Orthodoxy as a Political-Philosophical Problem
17.00	Reception	
<b>Saturday</b>		
9.00-10.30	Session V	Christine Chaillot: The teaching practices of the Oriental Orthodox Christians in the diaspora: [how to reinforce there a religious identity in the parishes, in order to keep faith and spirituality ? And what is the role of homeland traditions in this teaching?]
		Matija Miličić: Creating the Dutch Coptic community: migration, boundaries, and multiple belonging
		Petre Maican: The Conspicuous Absence of Disability in the Eastern Orthodox Theological Discourse
10.30-11.00	Break	
11.00-13.00	Session VI	Roxana Maria Aras: "Your Houses Have Become Churches:" Digital Worship Among Rum Orthodox in Lebanon
		Ramazan Turgut: Imagining Community, Navigating Identity: The Role of Kolo Suryoyo Magazine in the Syriac Orthodox Diaspora of Europe
		Heleen Murre-van den Berg: concluding notes
13.00-14.00	Lunch & goodbyes	