

## **‘Religion and Migration in the Eastern Orthodox World’ Workshop**

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### **Programme**

**Conference Room, 1st Floor, Courtyard Marriott Hotel  
Vase Čarapića 2-4, Belgrade 11000**

#### **Thursday 7 June**

3.30 – 4.00 pm: Registration (First Floor, Marriott Hotel; all participants)

4.00 – 4.15 pm: *Introduction*, Dr Lucian Leustean and Dr Aleksandra Djurić Milovanović

4.15 – 5.00 pm: Keynote Lecture

1. *Religion, Secularism and the Politics of the ‘Refugee Crisis’*, Dr Erin Wilson, Associate Professor of Politics and Religion, University of Groningen

5.00 – 6.30 pm: First session: *Religion and Migration in Turkey, Greece and Bulgaria*

1. *Syrian Migration Crisis: Transnational Social Question Challenging the State Capacity in Turkey*, Dr Kivanç Ulusoy, Associate Professor of Political Science, Istanbul University
2. *Paradigm Shift, Institutional Shift: The Greek Migratory Experience*, Dr Georgios Trantas, Marie Curie Postdoctoral Fellow, Aston University
3. *Religious Responses to the Refugee Crisis: The Case of Bulgaria*, Dr Daniela Kalkandjieva, Fellow, Centre for Advanced Study Sofia; Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski

#### **Friday 8 June**

9.00 – 10.00 am: Keynote Lecture

1. *What You Learn is What You Are. How Ecclesiastical Education Shaped the Behaviour of Serbian Orthodox and Other Religious Actors during the 20th Century*, Professor Klaus Buchenau, Professor for Southeast and East European History, University of Regensburg

10.00 – 11.00 am: Second session: *Religion, Migration and International Organisations*

1. *The Conference of European Churches*, Peter Pavlovic, Study Secretary, The Conference of European Churches and the Churches' Commission for Migrants in Europe, Brussels
2. *Religion and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe*, Kishan Manocha, Senior Adviser on Freedom of Religion and Belief, the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe

11.00 – 11.30 am: Tea/Coffee Break (First Floor, Marriott Hotel; all participants)

11.30 - 12.30 pm: Third session: *Religion and Migration in Serbia*

1. *The Changing Dynamics of Migrant's Support in Serbia: The Engagement of Faith-Based Organizations*, Dr Aleksandra Djurić Milovanović, Research Fellow, Institute for Balkan Studies of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts and Dr Marta Stojić Mitrović, Research Fellow, Institute for Ethnography of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts
2. *Holy Place Attachment after Displacement: Letnica at Kosovo*, Dr Biljana Sikimić, Research Fellow, Institute for Balkan Studies of the Serbian Academy of Sciences and Arts

12.30 - 2.00 pm: Lunch (First Floor, Marriott Hotel; all participants)

2.00 - 3.00 pm: Fourth session: *Religion and Migration in Serbia and Romania*

1. *The Serbian Orthodox Church and the Refugee Crises: Theory and Practice*, Dr Davor Džalto, Associate Professor and Programme Director for Art History and Religious Studies, American University of Rome
2. *Policies and Perspectives on Human Security, Development and Migration in the Romanian Orthodox Church. Method and Experiment*, Dr Iuliana Conovici, Secretariat for Religious Affairs and University of Bucharest

3.00 – 3.30 pm: Tea/Coffee Break (First Floor, Marriott Hotel; all participants)

3.30 – 5.45 pm: Keynote Lectures and Conclusion

1. *Religion and Welfare in Europe*, Grace Davie, Emeritus Professor in the Sociology of Religion, Exeter University
2. *Orthodoxy and Identity/Migration in the West*, Jean-François Mayer, Director of the Religioscope Institute, Switzerland
3. *Religion, Conflict and Reconciliation in Former Yugoslavia*, Professor Paul Mojzes, Rosemont College, Pennsylvania

## Saturday 9 June

Departure

More details on the British Academy project on 'Forced Migration, Religious Diplomacy and Human Security in the Eastern Orthodox World' are available at <http://www.aston.ac.uk/lss/research/lss-research/aston-centre-europe/projects-grants/forced-migration/> . For any queries please contact Dr Lucian Leustean, Aston University, at [l.leustean@aston.ac.uk](mailto:l.leustean@aston.ac.uk) .