

## 11.00 a.m. | Session VI

### Orthodox Christianity and Inter-Christian/Inter-Religious Relations

Pantelis Kalaitzidis (Leuven/Volos)  
Orthodoxy, Ecumenism and Inter-Christian Dialogue

Alexei Yudin (Moscow)  
The Time of Councils: Parallel Agendas of the Orthodox and Catholic Churches in the 20th Century

12.30 p.m. | Lunch

## 2.30 p.m. | Panel Discussion II

### Other Christian Perspectives on the Pan-Orthodox Council

Johannes Oeldemann (Paderborn)  
Karl Pinggéra (Marburg)  
Ivana Noble (Prague)  
Peter De Mey (Leuven)  
Chair: Anna Briskina-Müller (Halle/Saale)

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# International Conference The Pan-Orthodox Council of 2016 – a New Era for the Orthodox Church? Interdisciplinary Perspectives

**February 25-27, 2016  
Erfurt**

The Orthodox Church plans to convene a “Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church” close to the Pentecost Feast in 2016. This “Pan-Orthodox Council” is meant to be an attempt to address and possibly solve problems within the Orthodox world which have appeared since the 19<sup>th</sup> century, ranging from the relations between the different autocephalous (independent) Orthodox Churches and the organisation of church life outside of the traditional territories of these Churches to moral and ethical issues related to the globalised modern world. This conference focuses not only on the council as a theological event, but will also approach it and the issues it will address from a variety of perspectives, including (geo)political, historical and sociological ones. Moreover, representatives from a variety of geographical, scholarly and ecclesiastical standpoints have been invited, not primarily to present “their” own church’s view, but rather to highlight different perspectives on the intriguing questions pertaining to the Pan-Orthodox Council.

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## Interdisciplinary Perspectives

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25

#### 6.00 p.m. | Opening and Welcome Address

Gabriele Freitag (Berlin)  
Vasilios Makrides (Erfurt)

#### 6.15 p.m. | Lecture

##### The Notion of Council (Σύνοδος, Собор) in the Eastern Orthodox Tradition and Ecclesiology

Paul Valliere (Indianapolis)

Commentaries: Dimitrios Moschos (Athens) and Jennifer Wasmuth (Berlin)

8.30 p.m. | Reception

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

#### 9.00 a.m. | Session I

##### The Ecclesiastical Structure of the Modern Orthodox World

Aleksandr Kyrlezhev (Moscow)  
Orthodox Commonwealth: A Typology of Autocephalous Churches

Andrey Shishkov (Moscow)  
Autocephaly and Primacy as Ecclesiological Principles: Two Ways of Thinking the Orthodox Church Structure

10.30 a.m. | Coffee Break

#### 11.00 a.m. | Session II

##### The Orthodox Churches in the Modern (Geo)Political Arena

Daniela Kalkandjieva (Sofia)  
The International Activities of the Patriarchates of Moscow and Constantinople in the 20th Century as 'Ecclesiastical Geopolitics'

Lucian Leustean (Birmingham)  
Orthodox National Churches and Diasporic Communities: The Challenges of Nationalisation and Nationalism

12.30 p.m. | Lunch

#### 2.30 p.m. | Session III

##### Ecclesial Diversity within Modern Orthodox Christianity

Sebastian Rimestad (Erfurt)  
Who is not Invited to the Council? Non-Recognised and Alternative Orthodoxies

Vassilis Pnevmatikakis (Paris/Komotini)  
Are the Multiple Ecclesiastical Jurisdictions in the Orthodox Diaspora Really a Problem? A Critical Analysis of Geopolitics, based on the Cases of France and the USA

4.00 p.m. | Coffee Break

#### 4.30 p.m. | Session IV

##### The Local and the Global/Universal in Orthodoxy

Eva Synek (Vienna)  
Local Orthodoxies and Universal Orthodoxy: Perspectives from Canon Law

Kathy Rousselet (Paris)  
Orthodox Christianity and Globalisation: A Sociological Approach

6.00 p.m. | Dinner

#### 7.30 p.m. | Panel Discussion I

##### What Can and Should be Expected from the Pan-Orthodox Council? Various Orthodox Perspectives

Vladimir Khoulap (St. Petersburg)  
Georgios Vlantis (Munich)  
Christophe d'Aloisio (Brussels)  
Chair: Thomas Bremer (Münster)

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27

#### 9.00 a.m. | Session V

##### Orthodox Christianity and the (Post)Modern World

Alexander Agadjanian (Moscow)  
Constructing New Orthodox Identity/Identities in the Post-Communist Era

Aristotle Papanikolaou (New York)  
Orthodoxy and the Challenges of (Liberal) Democracy

10.30 a.m. | Coffee Break