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Bulgarian Forum for Inter-religious Dialogue and Partnership**

11th *Harmony in Diversity* Conference

10th December – the International Human Rights Day

**December 10th, 2024
ULSIT, campus 2,
69A, Shiptchenski prohod Blvd., Sofia**

P R O G R A M M E (GMT+2)

- 9.00-9.30** **Registration – foyer, floor 1**
- 9.30-9.50** **Opening panel – room 309, floor 3**
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- 10.00-12.00** **Panel sessions**
- 10.00-12.00** **Panel 1. *Religious diversity* - room 309, floor 3**
Moderator Chief Asst. Prof. Svetla Shapkalova, Ph.D.
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- 10.00-10.15 Prof. Ivan Ivanov (Kyumurdzhiyski), Ph.D. (Sofia University): Eucharistic angelology. Eastern and Western liturgical receptions in the study and interpretation of the “*Angel's Song*”
- 10.15-10.30 Assoc. Prof. Kostadin Nushev Ph.D. (Sofia University; Bulgarian Forum for Inter-religious Dialogue and Cooperation): Systematic theology in Bulgaria in the 20th century – academic traditions, representatives and guidelines
- 10.30-10.45 Jovan Jonovski, Ph.D. (Skopje Theological School, Evangelical Theological Institute, Kumanovo): Archbishopric of Ohrid and Macedonian nation building
- 10.45-11.00 Arif Abdullah, Ph.D. (Higher Islamic Institute – Sofia; Bulgarian Forum for Inter-religious Dialogue and Cooperation): Sufism as a hermeneutic method for reading and understanding the Qur'an: Ibn Ataullah es-Sekenderi and his “*Wisdoms*”
- 11.00-11.15 Yuri Iliev, Ph.D. student (Sofia University): Jesus Christ and the Last Supper. Creation of the Eucharist

- 11.15-11.30 Ivaylo Vassilev, Ph.D. (Sofia University): The prayer for the infant until the 40th day
- 11.30-11.45 Zhorzheta Ilieva, Ph.D. (Sofia University): St. Nicholas the Mystic – the diplomat patriarch
- 11.45-12.00 Chief Asst. Prof. Blagovest Varbakov Ph.D. (Sofia University): About the new Bulgarian Patriarch Daniil – between the canon and the law

10.00-12.00 Panel 2. Religious diversity - room 6, floor 1
Moderator Prof. Georgeta Nazarska, Ph.D.

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- 10.00-10.15 Prof. Vanya Lozanova-Stancheva, D.Sc. (Sofia University): "We are all children of mother and father": to fr. 591r of Sophocles' tragedy "Tereus"
- 10.15-10.30 Assoc. Prof. Inna V. Stepanova, Ph.D. (Chelyabinsk State Institute of Culture and Arts): The archetype of organizers of spectacles and festivities in the era of Antiquity
- 10.30-10.45 Galya Gospodinova, Ph.D. (Scientific Archive – BAS): Harmony and disharmony in the rites and customs of our lands (according to archival materials in the Scientific Archive of BAS)
- 10.45-11.00 Prof. Mirosław A. Michalski, Ph.D. (Christian Theological Academy – Warsaw): The role of religion in the process of intercultural integration
- 11.00-11.15 Damian Heratym, Ph.D. student (Christian Theological Academy, Warsaw): Organizing the Polish National Catholic Church as a religious community, in the culturally diverse American society at the end of the 19th century
- 11.15-11.30 Peter Atanasov, Ph.D.: Instrumentalization of religion
- 11.30-11.45 Prof. Georgeta Nazarska, Ph.D. (ULSIT): In search of unity between faith and reason: The Bulgarian branch of the Unity Church (1930s-1980s)
- 11.45-12.00 *Discussion*

10.00-12.00 Panel 3. Cultural diversity – room 5, floor 1
Moderator Prof. Magdalena Garvanova, Ph.D.

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- 10.00-10.15 Chief Asst. Prof. Sevdelina Nikolova, Ph.D. (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology – BAS): Atheism and religiosity in psychoanalysis
- 10.15-10.30 Chief Asst. Prof. Maria Ivanova, Ph.D. (Institute for Population and Human Studies – BAS): Religious coping and experiential system: an integrative perspective
- 10.30-10.45 Prof. Yury N. Oleynik, Ph.D. (Moscow University for the Humanities), Assoc. Prof. Mariana Nyagolova, Ph.D. ("St. St. Cyril and Methodius" Veliko Tarnovo University): The psychological views of the Russian religious-oriented thinkers of the end of the 19th century and the beginning of the 20th century in connection with the development of moral psychology
- 10.45-11.00 Kamelia Slavcheva, Ph.D. ("St. Trivellius" Higher Theological School, "Logos" Christian Counseling Center): Universality, altruism and belonging - key factors in group therapy

- 11.00-11.15 Kalina Peycheva, Ph.D. (ULSIT): Hospitality as a virtue and a favorable environment for dialogue and mutual assistance
- 11.15-11.30 Nikolay Neshev, Ph.D. (Sofia University; Bulgarian Forum for Inter-religious Dialogue and Cooperation): Risks in decision-making through artificial intelligence caused by algorithmic indeterminism
- 11.30-11.45 Rashid Sukhov: *Homo Sapiens de Futuro*: harmony in unity
- 11.45-12.00 *Discussion*

10.00-12.15 **Panel 4. Ethnic diversity – room 210, floor 2**
Moderator Assoc. Prof. Nina Debruyne, Ph.D.

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- 10.00-10.15 Marcel Israel, Ph.D. (“*Religions for Peace*” – Europe; Bulgarian Forum for Inter-religious Dialogue and Cooperation): Historical and linguistic study of the Ladino language used by the Sephardic Jews of the Balkans in the age of the Ottoman Empire
- 10.15-10.30 Ibrahim Karahasan-Çınar, Ph.D.: Shoumen – between the Orient and Europe
- 10.30-10.45 Gyulgyun S. Gaigadjova, Ph.D.: “*The painted brides*” – an element of the culture of the Pomaks in the Balkans
- 10.45-11.00 Prof. Ventzislav Velev, Ph.D. (ULSIT): People's community centers as cultural centers of ethnic communities
- 11:00-11:15 Assoc. Prof. Evgenia Ivanova, Ph.D. (Regional Museum of History – Stara Zagora), Velcho Krastev, Ph.D.: Genesis of Gypsy hamlets in the Bulgarian lands (16th century – 1878)
- 11.15-11.30 Prof. Yosif Nunev, D.Sc. (“*St. St. Cyril and Methodius*” Veliko Tarnovo University, Pedagogical College – Pleven): New trends in the development of the Roma community in our country
- 11.30-11.45 Darya N. Solnceva, Assoc. Prof. Olesya V. Grishanina-Moshkina, Ph.D. (Chelyabinsk State Institute of Culture and Arts): The concept of festive ethno tourism in the aspect of preserving ethnic culture
- 11.45-12.00 *Discussion*

12.00-13.00 ***Lunch break***
Opening exhibitions

13.00-15.00 *Panel sessions*

13.00-15.00 **Panel 5. *Religious diversity* - room 309, floor 3**
Moderator Chief Asst. Prof. Svetla Shapkalova, Ph.D.

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- 13.00-13.15 Assoc. Prof. Parush Parushev, Ph.D. ("*St. Trivellius*" Higher Theological School, Bulgarian Forum for Inter-religious Dialogue and Cooperation), Kalina Peycheva Ph.D. (ULSIT): Convictions and the structure of a comprehensive argument in interreligious dialogue
- 13.15-13.30 Liana Galabova: Problems of harmonizing interests in the socio-gender conditioned Eastern Orthodox Christian identity
- 13.30-13.45 Evgeni Velkov (ULSIT): Faith – thought in an interdisciplinary way
- 13.45-14.00 Angel Vassilev, Ph.D. Candidate (Sofia University): Religious experience as a gift from God
- 14.00-14.15 Chief Asst. Prof. Polina Spirova, Ph.D. (Sofia University): The "*God is love*" National Competition – a basis for cultural and religious dialogue in the Bulgarian school
- 14.15-14.30 Ognyan Uzunov (St. Metropolis of Ruse): Christian compassion and dignity (interactive lesson on literature for 6th grade)
- 14.30-14.45 Chief Asst. Prof. Svetla Shapkalova, Ph.D. (ULSIT; Bulgarian Forum for Inter-religious Dialogue and Cooperation): The harmonious spiritual need for the emergence of the different "*Zorana*" Christian radio
- 14.45-15.00 *Discussion*

13.00-15.00 **Panel 6. *Religious diversity* - room 6, floor 1**
Moderator Prof. Georgeta Nazarska, Ph.D.

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- 13.00-13.15 Prof. Valeria Fol, D.Sc. (ULSIT): Thracian burial dome buildings – ideology and communication
- 13.15-13.30 Eugenia Komarova-Kaziola, Ph.D. student (Sofia University): "*Adam's Lament*" in the sub-icon panels of the iconostasis during the period of the Bulgarian Revival
- 13.30-13.45 Nikolinka Klimukova, Ph.D. (National Vocational High School for Photography and Polygraphy, Sofia): The icon in the new modernity
- 13.45-14.00 Assoc. Prof. Tsvetelin Angelov, Ph.D. (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology – BAS): Specificity and essence of transcendental ideas as regulative principles of pure speculative reason in Kant's philosophy
- 14.00-14.15 Chief Asst. Prof. Miroslav Bachev, Ph.D. (Institute of Philosophy and Sociology – BAS): The avatars of the religious Logos in the interpretations of Rudolf Otto and John Hick
- 14.15-14.30 Assoc. Prof. Hristo Tutunarov, Ph.D. (ULSIT): Temporary marriages and "*Islamic State*"
- 14.30-14.45 Maya Mahmud ("*St. St. Cyril and Methodius*" National Library): The role and place of women in the "*Islamic State*"
- 14.45-15.00 *Discussion*

13,00-15,00 **Panel 7. Cultural diversity – room 5, floor 1**
Moderator Prof. Dr. Magdalena Garvanova

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- 13.00-13.15 Jacqueline Boudurova (Union of Scientists in Bulgaria – Varna; Bulgarian Forum for Inter-religious Dialogue and Cooperation): Controversies in the Armenian community in Bulgaria regarding pluralism in religious rights and freedoms in the diaspora (current issues)
- 13.15-13.30 Chief Asst. Prof. Berjuhi Yordanova, Ph.D. (Sofia University): Protecting the child's health as his right and moral value
- 13.30-13.45 Georgi Milkov, Ph.D. (“Center for Creative Justice” Association, Razgrad): “Hitchhiker's Journey” – a specialized program for perpetrators of domestic violence in Ludogorie
- 13.45-14.00 Chief Asst. Prof. Tina Petrova, Ph.D. (ULSIT): “Archives and Human Rights” Section – an example from the practice of the International Council of Archives
- 14.00-14.15 Volodya Zlatev, Ph.D.: Legal protection and fight against the trafficking of cultural values. European Union strategy and action plan
- 14.15-14.30 Assoc. Prof. Alexander Karakachanov, Ph.D. (ULSIT): Bulgarian political culture and the transition to democracy
- 14.30-14.45 Venelin Mihailov, Ph.D. student (ULSIT): Social and demographic problems of rural areas in Bulgaria from the end of the 20th and the beginning of the 21st century
- 14.45-15.00 *Discussion*

13,00-15,00 **Panel 8. Cultural diversity – room 210, floor 2**
Moderator Assoc. Prof. Nina Debruyne, Ph.D.

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- 13.00-13.15 Prof. Alexandra Kumanova, D.Sc. (ULSIT): The cultural dialogue about knowledge (unity of diversity in foreign encyclopedias)
- 13,15-13,30 Prof. Myumyun Tahirov, Ph.D. (ULSIT, Bulgarian Forum for Interreligious Dialogue and Cooperation): Is a tolerant society possible in the modern world?
- 13.30-13.45 Valya Simeonova, Ph.D. (Ministry of Defense): Influence of different cultures on business and the communication process
- 13.45-14.00 Victoria Lekova, Ph.D. student (Sofia University): Conceptual framework of cultural diplomacy: theoretical and institutional perspectives
- 14.00-14.15 Assoc. Prof. Tatyana I. Zharkova, Ph.D. (University of Finance, Chelyabinsk Branch), Anna F. Latysh (Chelyabinsk): The importance of empathy in the successful implementation of the dialogue of cultures
- 14.15-14.30 Yulia V. Safronova, Assoc. Dr. Olesya V. Grishanina-Moshkina (Chelyabinsk State Institute of Culture and Arts): The role of the artistic image in multimedia holiday projects (using the example of comparing the All-Russian Spartakiad of 1991 in Moscow and the All-Russian Spartakiad of 2024 in Chelyabinsk)
- 14.30-14.45 Alexandra Fol, Ph.D. (“St. James” United Church, Montreal): From cohabitation to pluralism: promoting Canadian music as a tool of nation building

14.45-15.00	<i>Discussion</i>
15.00-15.15	Coffee break
15.15-17.15	<i>Panel sessions</i>
15,15-17,15	Panel 9. Cultural diversity - room 309, floor 3 <i>Moderators Chief Asst. Prof. Svetla Shapkalova, Ph.D., and Prof. Georgeta Nazarska, Ph.D.</i>
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15.15-15.30	Assoc. Prof. Svetlana Angelova, Ph.D. (New Bulgarian University): Cultural differences as a value in the context of formation of intercultural competences through intercultural education of elementary school students
15.30-15.45	Assoc. Prof. Rositsa Penkova, Ph.D. (“ <i>St. St. Cyril and Methodius</i> ” Veliko Tarnovo University, Pedagogical College – Pleven): Application of theatrical-pedagogical skills when working with an artistic text in the teaching of literature in the second grade
15.45-16.00	Assoc. Prof. Evgenia Topolska, Ph.D. (New Bulgarian University): Design of learning through cooperation - an alternative to overcome differences among students in the educational process
16.00-16.15	Assoc. Prof. Maria Dishkova, Ph.D. (“ <i>Prof. Dr. A. Zlatarov</i> ” University, Bourgas): Creation of means of additional and alternative communication for children with SEN and their application in pedagogical practice
16.15-16.30	Assoc. Prof. Hristina Gergova, Ph.D. (“ <i>St. St. Cyril and Methodius</i> ” Veliko Tarnovo University, Pedagogical College – Pleven): Formation of reading competence in second-graders Roma. state of the problem (teacher survey analysis)
16.30-16.45	Assoc. Prof. Ventsislav Petrov, Ph.D. (“ <i>St. St. Cyril and Methodius</i> ” Veliko Tarnovo University, Pedagogical College – Pleven): Intercultural competence among music educators
16.45-17.00	Veronika S. Nikitina (Chelyabinsk State Institute of Culture and Arts): Game theater as a way of developing creative initiative in children
17.00-17.15	<i>Discussion</i>