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# CHALLENGES FACING RELIGION AND THE CHURCH IN POSTMODERN DIGITAL SOCIETY

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# SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Friday, September 5, 2025

12:00 – 12:15

## Opening of the international scientific conference

**Goran BAŠIĆ**, PhD, Director of the Institute of Social Sciences, Principal Research Fellow, IDN, Belgrade

**Mirko BLAGOJEVIĆ**, PhD, Head of the Forum for Religious Issues of the Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade

**Nena VASOJEVIĆ**, PhD, Head of the Centre for Sociological and Anthropological Research of the Institute of Social Sciences, Belgrade

**Zorica KUBURIĆ**, PhD, Head of the Center for Empirical Research of Religion, Novi Sad

## 1st Session

## CHALLENGES FACING RELIGION AND THE CHURCH IN POSTMODERN DIGITAL SOCIETY (I)

Moderator: Danica IGRUTINOVIĆ, PhD

12:15 – 12:30

**Vesna ZABJAKIN CHATLESKA, Marijana MAKSIMOVIĆ, Ruzica CACANOSKA**  
THE IMPACT OF DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY ON LEADERSHIP IN RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES

12:30 – 12:45

**Bojan M. TOMIĆ, Nebojša RADOVANOVIĆ**  
ETHICS AND IMPACT OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:  
A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

12:45 – 13:00

**Zlatko MATIĆ**  
ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND CHRISTIAN ANTHROPOLOGY:  
CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES

13:00 – 13:15

**Dragana RADISAVLJEVIĆ-ĆIPARIZOVIĆ**  
VIRTUAL PILGRIMAGE IN THE INFORMATIC SOCIETY OF LATE MODERNITY

13:15 – 13:30

**Olga SMOLINA**  
MODERNIZATION OF THE ORTHODOXY: NECESSITY, POSSIBILITY, REALITY  
(on the example of the ROC and the UOC)

13:30 – 13:50

## Discussion

13:50 – 14:15

## COFFEE BREAK

## 2nd Session

# CHALLENGES FACING RELIGION AND THE CHURCH IN POSTMODERN DIGITAL SOCIETY (II)

Moderator: Zlatko MATIĆ, PhD

14:15 – 14:30

**Zorica KUBURIĆ**

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES AND RELIGION –Presence of Religion in Virtual Space: Theological Conversations on the YouTube Platform

14:30 – 14:45

**Ivana ARSIĆ**

CONSTRUCTING THE MUSLIM “OTHER”: NATIONAL IDENTITY, HISTORICAL EXCLUSION AND DIGITAL DEMAGOGUERY IN CONTEMPORARY SPAIN

14:45 – 15:00

**Neven CVETIĆANIN, Aleksandar STANKOVIĆ**

HIGHER AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE

15:00 – 15:15

**Krasimira MARULEVSKA, Mirela KYUCHOVA**

PREPARATION AND QUALIFICATION OF RELIGION TEACHERS IN THE CONTEMPORARY BULGARIAN SCHOOL IN THE CONTEXT OF THE COMPETENCE–BASED APPROACH IN EDUCATION

15:15 – 15:30

**Ivan BLAZHEVSKI, Ruzhica CACANOSKA, Aleksandar GRIZHEV**

THE ENGAGEMENT OF RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN NORTH MACEDONIA ON SOCIAL MEDIA PLATFORMS

15:30 – 15:55

**Discussion**

15:55 – 16:20

**COFFEE BREAK**

## 3rd Session

# DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE, RELIGION AND PERSONALITY (I)

Moderator: Vladimir BAKRAČ, PhD

16:20 – 16:35

**Armin JAŠAREVIĆ**

RELIGION AND BELIEF IN THE DITAL AGE:  
TECHO–RELIGIOSITY AND NEW FORMS OF RELIGIOSITY

16:35 – 16:50

**Dragana STOJANOVIĆ**

DIGITAL CULTURE AS (NOT QUITE) A PARADIGM SHIFT:  
JUDAISM’S ADAPTABILITY ON TRIAL

16:50 – 17:05

**Dušica KOVAČEVIĆ**

DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES, RELIGIOUS IDENTITY AND AUTONOMY:  
RE-EXAMINING FREEDOM IN THE AGE OF ALGORITHMIC CONTROL

17:05 – 17:20

**Svetlana MARJANOV, Dionisije DEJAN NIKOLIĆ**

DIGITAL Gnosticism, TechnoFeudalism and Spiritual Culture I  
The Third Millennium

17:20 – 17:35

**Nebojša PETROVIĆ**

SOULS IN A DISCONNECTED WORLD: PEKIĆ'S ATLANTIS, DIGITAL  
DEHUMANIZATION AND SPIRITUAL MISSION OF RELIGION

17:30 – 17:55

**Discussion**

17:55 – 18:20

**COFFEE BREAK**

#### 4th Session

## **DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY, ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE RELIGION AND PERSONALITY (II)**

Moderator: Nena VASOJEVIĆ, PhD

18:20 – 18:35

**Marko MANDIĆ, Pavle NEDIĆ**

CHRISTIAN REALISM OF REINHOLD NIEBUHR: INTERSECTION OF ETHICS,  
POLITICS AND THE DISTRIBUTION OF POWER

18:35 – 18:50

**Nebojša STEVANOVIĆ**

CHRISTIANITY FACING THE CHALLENGES OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE:  
THEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS ON CONTEMPORARY TECHNOLOGICAL  
DISCOURSE

18:50 – 19:05

**Davor ŽABARAC**

ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR HUMAN PERSONALITY

19:05 – 19:20

**Branislav MUŠKATIROVIĆ**

TECHNOLOGY, (DE)SECULARIZATION AND NEW SPIRITUALITY:  
A System Theory and Cybernetic Analysis of Digital Transformations in  
interactions between Religious institutions and Believers

19:20 – 19:35

**Svetlana JANKOVIĆ**

FASTING IN THE DIGITAL SPACE

19:35 – 20:00

**Discussion**

20:00 –

**DINNER**

1st Session

## RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES IN THE CHALLENGES OF LATE MODERNITY

Moderator: Mirko BLAGOJEVIĆ, PhD

9:00 – 9:15

**Anđelija MILADINOVIĆ**

TEMPORAL DIMENSIONS OF RELIGIOUS DIPLOMACY: THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH AND THE CHALLENGES OF POSTMODERNITY

9:15 – 9:30

**Zorica MRŠEVIĆ**

COVERING WOMEN DURING THE ORTHODOX LITURGY: OBLIGATION OR CUSTOM?

9:30 – 9:45

**Slavoljub VUJOVIĆ, Sara STANIĆ-JOVANOVIĆ, Milorad ŠOLEVIĆ**

POSSIBILITIES OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE LIGHT OF SPIRITUAL VALUES

9:45 – 10:00

**Danica LAZOVIĆ, Đurđica STANKOVIĆ**

SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH AND SOCIAL MOVEMENTS – INFLUENCE, ATTITUDES AND ACTIONS DURING STUDENT AND CIVIC PROTESTS IN SERBIA

10:00 – 10:20

**Discussion**

10:20 – 10:55

**COFFEE BREAK**

2nd Session

## RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES AND MEDIA IN THE CHALLENGES OF LATE MODERNITY

Moderator: Vladimir MENTUS, PhD

10:55 – 11:10

**Dejan MASLIKOVIĆ, Natalija VULIKIĆ**

BELIEVERS ON (IN) SOCIAL MEDIA

11:10 – 11:25

**Milica JANKOVIĆ**

THE ROLE OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE USA IN SHAPING RELIGIOUS DISCOURSE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

11:25 – 11:40

**Ognjen STANKOVIĆ**

DEMOCRATIC RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN RELIGION AND MEDIA IN THE DIGITAL POLIS

11:40 – 11:55

**Aleksandar MILANKOVIĆ**

RELIGIOUS COMMUNICATION AND DIGITAL SPACE – THREE OPEN QUESTIONS

11:55 – 12:15

Discussion

12:15 – 12:50

COFFEE BREAK

### 3rd Session

## RELIGIOSITY, SPIRITUALITY AND MODERN INFORMATION SOCIETY

Moderator: Danica LAZOVIĆ, Msr

12:50 – 13:05

**Nena VASOJEVIĆ, Milica JANKOVIĆ, Jelena RIZNIĆ**

SPIRITUALITY AND RELIGIOSITY AMONG INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS: THE CONTEXT OF SERBIA

13:05 – 13:20

**Ljiljana ĆUMURA, Vladimir BAKRAČ**

RELIGIOUS PRACTICE DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC IN THE WESTERN BALKANS AND MEDITERRANEAN

13:20 – 13:35

**Amra HALILOVIĆ**

RELIGION, SCIENCE AND DIGITAL SOCIETY

13:35 – 13:50

**Muamer HALILOVIĆ**

UNDERSTANDING TRUTH AND RELIGION IN THE POSTMODERN ERA

13:50 – 14:10

Discussion

14:10 – 15:10

LUNCH

### 4th Session

## OTHER TOPICS (I)

Moderator: Ljiljana ĆUMURA, Msr

15:10 – 15:25

**Slaviša KOSTIĆ**

SOME PRESUPPOSITIONS ON DISABILITY THEOLOGY IN ORTHODOX CHURCH

15:25 – 15:40

**Aleksandar VASILJEVIĆ**

BIOETHICAL DILEMMAS AND RESPONSES OF THE ORTHODOX CHURCHES

15:40 – 15:55

**Miloš MILOVANOVIĆ, Gordana MEDIĆ-SIMIĆ**

ON THE CHARACTER OF THE STUDENT BLOCKADES: MILLENARIANISM OF A MYTHICAL NATION

15:55 – 16:10

**Vuk JOVANOVIĆ**  
HANDLE WITH CARE: STUDENTS’ PROTESTS OF 2024/25 AS  
THEOLOGICAL, POLITICAL AND IDENTITY ISSUES

16:10 – 16:30

Discussion

16:30 – 16:55

COFFEE BREAK

5th Session

**OTHER TOPICS (II)**

Moderator: Đurđica STANKOVIĆ, Msr

16:55 – 17:10

**Danica IGRUTINOVIĆ**  
COMMUNITY AND COMMUNION SINCE THE TIME OF COVID-19

17:10 – 17:25

**Анатолий МИЛОВАНОВИЧ, Лильяна ЧУМУРА**  
ЗАПРЕТ БОГОСЛУЖЕНИЙ ИЗ-ЗА ЭПИДЕМИОЛОГИЧЕСКИХ МЕР:  
БЕЗОПАСНОСТЬ И ЮРИДЕЧЕСКИЕ ПОСЛЕДСТВИЯ

17:25 – 17:40

**Александр ERĚMENKO**  
ВОЗМОЖНО ПОНТИЙ ПИЛАТ ПОБЕДИТ ИИСУСА ХРИСТА В  
ИСТОРИЧЕСКОЙ ПЕРСПЕКТИВЕ

17:40 – 17:55

**Njegoš VUJADINOVIĆ, Emilija MIJIĆ, Nevena NOVAKOVIĆ**  
COMMODIFICATION OF PUBLIC SPACE IN SERBIA – CAPITAL AS AN  
AXIOM IN THE REPURPOSING OF URBAN PUBLIC AREAS: The Case of  
Serbian Orthodox Church and Investor Urbanism

17:55 – 18:15

COFFEE BREAK

18:15 – 18:30

**Sofija LJUBIŠIĆ**  
CONFESSIONAL AFFILIATION AS A PREDICTOR OF VALUE DIFFERENCES  
BETWEEN COUNTRIES IN EUROPE: THE IMPACT ON POLITICAL CULTURE  
AND ELECTORAL BEHAVIOR

18:30 – 18:45

**Dejan PETKOVIĆ**  
“AND THE WORD BECAME SILICON”: FIVE CRUCIAL INTERSECTIONS  
AND INFLUENCES AI AND RELIGION

18:45 – 19:00

**Vladimir MENTUS**  
TRENDS OF SOCIAL ACCEPTANCE OF HOMOSEXUALITY ACROSS  
EUROPE

19:00 – 20:00

Discussion, a summary of conclusions, and the ending of the  
conference

20:00 –

DINNER





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