PROGRAM

Friday, 21th of October 2016:

Location: Chamber of Deputies - Romanian Parliament, Bucharest
“Mihai Viteazul” Conference room; Language in use; Romanian and English (simultaneous translation),
09.00 - 10.00: Registration
10.00 - 11.30: Moderator: Drd. Ana-Maria GHEORGHE, Vice-president of the RAYS
(Romanian Association of Young Scholars) PhD. candidate at the Doctoral School of Political Science, University of Bucharest

Opening Ceremony - under the High Patronage of the President of the Chamber of Deputies
Welcome - Prof. Dr. Romiță IUCU, Rector-Interim of State University of Bucharest, 5 min
Mr. Florin IORDACHE, The President of the Chamber of Deputies, 10 min
Message of the President of Romania - Dr. Sergiu NISTOR, Presidential counsellor - Department of Culture, Religious Affairs and Centenary, 5 min

Short video-presentation - University of Bucharest and Parliament House, 5 min
Ministry of National Education and Scientific Research - Romania, Prof. Dr. (Monica ANISIE - tbc.) - State secretary, 10 min

Details of the conference organizing
Prof. Dr. Ednan ASLAN, University of Vienna, 5 min
Dr. Laurentiu D. TANASE, University of Bucharest, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, 5 min

Institutional speeches and greetings of welcome
State Secretariat for the Religious Affairs - Romania, Dl. Victor OPASCHI, 5 min
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, - Irina COMAROSCHI, General Director - communication, public diplomacy and culture, 5 min
Mr. Ambassador of Austria to Romania: H.E. Mr. Gerhard REJWEGER, 5 min
Representative of the Romanian Orthodox Church, 5 min
Representative of the Jewish Community of Romania (tbc), 5 min
Representative of the Islamic Community of Romania, 5 min

Musical performance - Young Religious Choir: (10 - 15 min.)
Short break - institutional departures (5min.),

A. Plenary session: 11.30 - 13.00: Religions, education and human values;
Chairman: Moderator: GREAT BRITAIN, (Farid PANJWANI, (London),

Keynote speakers:

ROMANIA: Răzvan THEODORESCU member of the Romanian Academy, former Minister of Culture and Religious Affairs; “An European space of tolerance”

LATVIA: Dzintra ILISKO (Daugavpils); “Building bridges over troubled waters or learning to live together”

ROMANIA: Pr. Dr. Stefan BUCHIU, Dean of the Faculty of Orthodox Theology, University of Bucharest: “Religious education, not a dogma in public schools, but an investment for future generations moral behavior”

Discussant and debates: AUSTRIA, Gerhard LANGER, (Vienna);

13.00-14.30: Lunch, Swedish buffet - conference hall, Parliament
13.30 - 14.15: Visiting tour - Romanian Parliament
II. Afternoon: Friday, 21th of October 2016:

B. Plenary session - Religion and the pedagogical principles
14.30-16.30: (3+1) Chairman: Moderator: ROMANIA, Dr. Aurel MIHAI, Univ. Bucharest,
Faculty of Orthodox Theology
30 min/pers + 30min. discussions

14.30 - 15.00 NETHERLANDS: Cok BAKKER (Utrecht); “The unavoidable subjective
representation of a religion and the RE-teacher as moral agent”
15.00 - 15.30 GREAT BRITAIN: Farid PANJWANI (London); “Teaching
History: the case of Islam and modernist historiography”
15.30 - 16.00 ROMANIA: Dr. Vasile TIMIS, Univ.”Babes-Bolyai” Cluj-Napoca,
“Religious education and the challenges of globalization - ecclesial perspectives
reflected in educational catechetical-homiletic activities of Religious
Denominations”
16.00 - 16.30: Discussant and debates: CYPRUS: Areti DEMOSTHENOUS (Nicosia)
16.30 - 17.00: Coffee break

C. Plenary session - Education at school between legal principles and challenges of contemporary
society (I)
17.00-19.45: (4+1) Chairman: Moderator: ROMANIA, Dr. Laurentiu TĂNASE, Univ. Bucharest,
Faculty of Orthodox Theology

Keynote speaker:
17.00 - 17.45: AUSTRIA: Gerhard LANGER (Vienna); “Religious Education in Judaism
between Fundamentalism and political powerlessness”

Speakers
17.45 - 18.15 AUSTRIA: Martin ROTHGANGEL (Vienna); "Anti-Semitism as a
Challenge for Religious Education"
18.15 - 18.45 CYPRUS: Areti DEMOSTHENOUS (Nicosia); “Peace Education in Cyprus
at a time of Conflicts and Radicalization”
18.45 - 19.15 SPAIN: Juan Ferreiro GALGUERA (Coruna); “Spain: teaching or religion in
public school in a Non Confessional (or secular) State. The constitutional
principle of cooperation makes the difference of the Spanish legal perspective”
20.00 Dinner - Restaurant of Chamber of Deputies

III. Saturday, 22th of October 2016 a.m.

Location: University of Bucharest - Faculty of Law, Bd. Mihail Kogălniceanu nr. 36-46, sector 5

D. Parallel sessions - Young Researchers; Saturday 22th of October
30 min/pers. + 30 min. discussions

a) Session: 8.00 - 10.00: (4+1): Religious Radicalism and modern societies: (Romanian language)
Chairman: Moderator: ROMANIA, Dr. Valentin ILIE Univ. Bucharest,
Faculty of Orthodox Theology
8.00-8.30; 8.30-9.00; 9.00-9.30; 9.30-10.00,

1) ROMANIA, Drd. Daniel CERGAN, Univ.”Babes-Bolyai” Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of
Orthodox Theology, “Religious Education in Romanian public schools, from the
human rights perspective”
2) ROMANIA: Prof. Drd. Daniela STAN, Univ.”Ovidius”, Faculty of Orthodox
Theology, Constanta, “Religious education in Dobrogea, an important element of social
construction”
3) CRAIOVA, Dr. Ioniță APOSTOLACHE, Dr. Adrian George BOLDIŞOR, Univ.
of Craiova, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, „The religious and interreligious
education in the context of secular challenges. Key issues in Oltenia region”
4) ROMANIA, Mrd. Marius OBLU, Bucharest, National Intelligence Academy, The
role of religious education in developing the concept “security culture”
Discussant and debates: ROMANIA, Dr. Vasile CRETU, Univ. Bucharest, Faculty of
Orthodox Theology
10.00 - 10.30 Coffee break
b) Session: 8.00 - 10.00: *Religion and the pedagogical principles* (English language)
Chairman: Moderator: AUSTRIA, Kohki TOTSUKA

1) ITALY Sara COLANTONIO (Sapienza University of Rome, Department of History, Culture, Religions), “Crisis of authority and Islamic catechism: an Italian case study” (apologies - cancellation)

2) FRANCE, Paris-Sorbonne, CIRLAN Lucian, “Religious Education and Laïcité in France. From separation to cooperation”

3) ITALY Rossana M. SALERNO, University of Enna studies “Kore”. Women and the Sacred. The Dialogue in the Name of S. Rosalia”

4) ROMANIA, Cezar DASCALU, Univ. of Bucharest, Faculty of political sciences, “Religious education versus Sexual education in Romania. Secularization, Radicalism and Tolerance”

9.30 - 10.00 Discussant and debates: MOLDOVA: Viorica GORAS-POSTICA (Chisinau)

10.00 - 10.30 Coffee break

E. Plenary session: 10.30 - 12.00: (2+1) *Religious education limits and religious radicalism risks*
Chairman: Moderator: Ednan ASLAN, Austria

10.30 - 11.00 DENMARK: Mark SEDGWICK (Aarhus); “The Traditional Islam movement as counter-radicalism"

11.00 - 11.30 ISRAEL: Ayman AGBARIA (Haifa); “Engaging critically with religious authority in Islamic education: A socio-theological perspective on intellectual rigidity”

11.30 - 12.00 Discussant and debates: AUSTRIA: Martin ROTHGANGEL (Vienna);

12.00 - 12.10 Short break

Keynote speaker: 12.10 - 13.00
GERMANY: Friedrich SCHWEITZER (Tübingen); *Education for tolerance: Secular or religious?*
13.00-14.30 Lunch, Swedish buffet - Senate conference room, University

IV. Saturday, 22th of October 2016 p.m.
20 min/pers. (4) + 20’ discussions

F. Plenary session: 14.30-16.10: (4+1) *Religious education and pluralism, regional perspective*
Chairman: Moderator: ROMANIA, Dr. Vasile TIMIS (Cluj-Napoca);

14.30 - 14.50 ROMANIA, Dr. Adriana CUPCEA, (Cluj-Napoca); Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities; “Islam in Dobruja (Romania), interactions between local tradition and transnational influences”

14.50 - 15.10 ROMANIA, Dr. Liviu VIDICAN-MANCI Univ. “Babes-Bolyai” Cluj-Napoca, Faculty of Orthodox Theology; “Religious education in the context of religious pluralism in Transylvania; from a diachronic perspective”

15.10 - 15.30 ROMANIA, Dr. Valentin ILIE, Univ. of Bucharest, Faculty of Orthodox Theology; “Religion” as a discipline of study in the public schools: religious education or spiritual initiation?”

15.30 - 15.50 ROMANIA, Dr. Constantin Iulian DAMIAN, (Iasi) Univ. Alexandru Ioan Cuza, Faculty of Orthodox Theology; “History and Philosophy of Religions in Orthodox Theological Schools: An Antidote to Religious Radicalisation?”

15.50 - 16.10 Discussant and debates: ISRAEL: Ayman AGBARIA (Haifa)

16.10-16.30: Coffee break
Plenary session - 16.30-18.30 (4+1); Teaching religious education in public schools
Chairman: Moderator: TURKEY: Nuri DYNAZ (Istanbul) - Marmara Univ.

Keynote speaker: 16.30 - 17.15

ROUMANIA: Dr. Otniel BUNACIU, (Bucharest), professor, Faculty of Baptist Theology, Learning from the other about living together; a Baptist perspective on religious freedom and reconciliation in the context of contemporary religious challenges

17.15 - 17.45 MOLDOVA: Viorica GORAS-POSTICA; “Religious Education in Republic of Moldova; official approaches, problems and successful practices”

17.45 - 18.15 ITALY: Mariachiara GIORDA (Bologna - skype, video - recorded); “The Trojan Horse? Religious education in Italy”

18.15 - 18.30 Discussant and debates: DENMARK: Mark SEDGWICK (Aarhus)

18.30 - 19.30 Back to the hotel (by cars); preparing for official dinner;
19.30: departure (by cars) from the hotel lobby, for official dinner to Casa Universitarilor - Romanian, folkloric and cultural programme -

Under high patronage of Prof. Dr. Mircea DUMITRU, Minister of Education

20.00 - 23.00: Official Dinner -
Restaurant of University of Bucharest - Casa Universitarilor (University House)

V. SUNDAY, morning, 23th of October 2015: checkout hotel rooms - the luggage will be stored in the special room in the reception of the Hotel Ibis

Location: Faculty of Orthodox Theology - Bucharest, conference room - amphitheatre I.G.Coman
8.00 - 8.45: Short prayer of blessing, from Sunday morning. Church of “St. Catherine”, near the Faculty of Orthodox Theology

8.45 - 9.00: Coffee break

H. Plenary session: 9.00 - 11.30: (2+1), Muslim Religious education and secular society (I)
Chairman: Moderator: ROUMANIA, Dr. Mircea BOTESCU, (Bucharest), Faculty of Sociology and Social Assistance

9.00 - 9.30 ISRAEL: Ayman AGBARIA (Haifa); “Engaging critically with religious authority in Islamic education: A socio-theological ISRAEL: Ayman perspective on intellectual rigidity”

9.30 - 10.00 TURKEY: Osman TAŞTAN (Ankara); “Human Rights and Religious Education through Islamic Legal Theory”

10.00 - 10.30 FINLAND: Arto KALLIONIEMI (Helsinki); “Developing Muslim Religious Education and Muslim Teacher Education - an Approach from Finland”

10.30- 11.00 TURKEY: Nuri DYNAZ (Istanbul) - Marmara Univ; “The Importance of Secular State Religious Education Policies for the Sake of Tolerance and Moderate Religiosity – The Case of Turkey”

11.00 - 11.30: Discussant and debates: NETHERLANDS: Cok BAKKER (Utrecht);
11.30 - 12.00: Coffee break

I. Plenary session - Special guest: 12.00 - 13.30:
Chairman: Moderator: CYPRUS: Areti DEMOSTHENOUS (Nicosia);

1. ROUMANIA: Yusuf MURAT - The Great Mufty (Constanta): Islamic religious education in Romania; it is also possible peaceful coexistence of religions?

2. ROUMANIA: Mircea DUMITRU, University of Bucharest - Minister of Education On Toleration, Charity, and the Dialogue between the Religions

Discussant and debates: GERMANY: Friedrich SCHWEITZER (Tübingen);

J. The session of the CLOSURE panel of the Conference; conclusions
Ednan ASLAN; Laurentiu TANASE, Gerhard LANGER (Vienna);

13.30 - 14.00: Lunch, sandwich
14.00: Back to the hotel (by cars); preparing departures

- Good luck and success!