

LITURGY, POLITICS, AND WAR IN CONTEMPORARY CENTRAL, EASTERN, AND SOUTH-EASTERN EUROPE

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Religion with its rites was not only a crucial agent of politics in premodern eras, as seminally elaborated by recent historiography but remains to contribute to political affairs today. This issue is especially evident in the recent Russian aggression on Ukraine, during which the Christian Orthodox religion has been manipulated to serve particular Russian imperialist agenda. This workshop seeks to demystify the recent uses and abuses of religion in contemporary politics, especially in the former communist countries of Central, Eastern, and South-Eastern Europe, where religion is key to understanding the local societies with their entangled history. The focus of our analysis is on liturgy in particular for we believe that even today Christian worship serves as the dynamic force for shaping not only individual beliefs but also communal identities and public policies.

PROGRAM

8.45-9.00

Harald Buchinger (Universität Regensburg)

Welcome and Introduction to the Workshop

SESSION 1 — *Presider:* **Harald Buchinger (Universität Regensburg)**

9.00-9.45

Daniel Galadza (Pontificio Istituto Orientale)

Liturgy and Identity on the Ecclesiastical Frontlines of Ukraine

9.45-10.30

Nadieszda Kizenko (University at Albany, State University of New York)

Lex orandi, lex credendi? Contemporary Liturgical Practices in Ukrainian Orthodox Churches and their Implications.

10.30-11.00

Coffee Break

SESSION 2 — *Presider:* **Timothy Nunan (Universität Regensburg)**

11.00-11.45

Sean Griffin (Collegium for Advanced Studies, University of Helsinki)

Putin's Holy War of the Fatherland: Sacred Memory and the Russian Invasion of Ukraine

11.45-12.30

Paweł Figurski (Universität Regensburg & Polish Academy of Sciences)

Liturgical Origins of Polish Messianism

12.30-14.30

Lunch Break

SESSION 3 — *Presider:* **Klaus Buchenau (Universität Regensburg)**

14.30-15.15

Nina Glibetić (University of Notre Dame)

Church and Politics during the Collapse of Tito's Yugoslavia

15.15-16.00

Klaus Buchenau (Universität Regensburg)

Concluding Discussion

*If you would like to participate in the event, please register by Ms. Gabriele Kaiser at gabriele.kaiser@theologie.uni-regensburg.de no later than **May 24, 2023**.*

We are looking forward to seeing you at the workshop!