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Announcements

Upcoming ASEC Conference!

The Association for the Study of Eastern Christian History and Culture (<http://easternchristianity.org>) will mark the millennial anniversary of the beginning of Grand Prince Iaroslav Premudryi's reign by holding **our eighth biennial conference from the evening of the 21st to the 23rd of February 2019 at Arizona State University in Tempe, Arizona**. We will soon issue a formal call for papers, which can examine any issue, period, or region related to Eastern Christian history and culture. Scholars from all disciplines are welcome to participate. **For more information, please feel free to contact the ASEC officers Scott Kenworthy (kenwors@muohio.edu), Eugene Clay (clay@asu.edu), Heather Bailey (hbail2@uis.edu), or Chris Johnson (chris.johnson@uwc.edu).**

New Academic Organization's Inaugural Conference

I would like to bring to the attention of ASEC members the creation of the **International Orthodox Theological Association (IOTA)** and the organization's Inaugural Conference in Iasi, Romania on 9-12 January 2019: <https://iota-web.org/general-info/>

IOTA includes historians, Slavists, sociologists, philosophers of religion, theologians, political scientists, and professionals. IOTA's 25 permanent groups include Slavic Orthodoxy, Byzantine Orthodoxy, Orthodoxy & International Relations, and well as Christianity in the Middle East groups. ASEC members are welcome to join IOTA and take part in its conference.

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Call for Papers!

**SYMPOSIUM: Eclecticism at the Edges:
Medieval Art and Architecture at the Crossroads of the
Latin, Greek, and Slavic Cultural Spheres
(c.1300-c.1550)**

Date: April 5-6, 2019
Location: Princeton University

Organizers:
Alice Isabella Sullivan, Ph.D. (University of Michigan)
Maria Alessia Rossi, Ph.D. (The Index of Medieval Art, Princeton University)

Interested scholars should submit a paper title, a 500-word abstract, and a CV by August 15, 2018 to the organizers at: eclecticism.symposium@gmail.com

Recent Conference: Fifth Annual Workshop Everyday Diplomacy: Religious Encounters from the Baltics to the Black Sea

14 -16 June 2018 Kyiv, Ukraine

Convenor: Catherine Wanner

Organizers: Tetiana Kalenychenko, Iuliia Buyskykh

Organizing Committee:

Olena Bogdan, Oleg Kyselov, Denis Brylov

The Working Group on Religion in the Black Sea Region brings together scholars from around the world and from different disciplinary backgrounds to consider how religion has shaped the histories, cultures and politics of the peoples of the Black Sea region over time. By conceptualizing a broad geographic area as a common research site, from the Balkans to the Caucasus mountains to the Ukrainian and Russian steppe to Anatolia, this Group aims to think critically about how such categories as “region,” “nation” and “border” and the role religion - and its twin secularism - have played in organizing political space in this part of the world. The Working Group supports research on institutionalized religion and contemporary forms of “lived religiosity” by sponsoring publications and three annual events: a conference, a workshop for junior scholars, and a two-week summer school on anthropological theory and ethnographic methods. An open Call is issued for each event. Catherine Wanner is the convenor of the Working Group on Religion in the Black Sea Region. The Group’s events are funded by the Center for Governance and Culture in Europe, University of St. Gallen, Switzerland.

In 2018, the theme of the Working Group on Religion in the Black Sea Region’s fifth conference was Everyday Diplomacy: Religious Encounters from the Baltics to the Black Sea. Everyday diplomacy refers to forms of interaction and exchange that occur over religion in imperial frontier contact zones (Marsden, Ibanez-Tirado, Henig 2016). These everyday encounters serve as a means to know and engage otherness by maintaining trade, civility, cosmopolitan outlooks, and often ambiguity. Such encounters play a vital role in creating or quelling tension and conflict. A focus on “everyday diplomacy” allows scholars to engage in comparative research that moves beyond local, nation-state or confessional frames to consider how historicity and geopolitics shape religious practices, memory issues, and socio-political change more broadly.

Workshop Program

Day 1

Keynote Lecture by Magnus Marsden

University of Sussex, Great Britain

**Diplomacy and Civility: Trust and dissimulation
in transnational Afghan trading networks**

**Roundtable discussion: Religion as a Source of Conflict and Means
of Reconciliation**

Moderator: Tetiana Kalenychenko

National Pedagogical Dragomanov University, Ukraine

Speakers: Viktor Yelensky

National Pedagogical Dragomanov University, Ukraine

Liudmyla Fylypovych

Skovoroda Philosophy Institute, Ukraine

Olena Bogdan

National University Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine

Conference: Religious Encounters (con’t)

Tornike Metreveli

University of St. Gallen, Switzerland Nikolai Mitrokhin

Research Center for East-European Studies at

the University of Bremen, Germany

Mykhailo Cherenkov

Ukrainian Catholic University, Ukraine

Sergiy Tymchenko

National Pedagogical Dragomanov University, Ukraine

Denis Brylov

National Pedagogical Dragomanov University, Ukraine

Day 2

Keynote Lecture by Magnus Marsden

University of Sussex, Great Britain

**Diplomacy and Civility: Trust and dissimulation
in transnational Afghan trading networks**

Panel I. Overlapping Sovereignties and Identities:

The Ethics of Immediacy After Violence

Ketevan Gurchiani

Iliia State University, Georgia

**Performing peace in a multi-ethnic and
multi-religious village in Georgia**

Tornike Metreveli

University of St. Gallen, Switzerland

**The Bishop’s Gambit: Contrasting Visibility
of Orthodox Churches in Serbia and Georgia**

Panel II. From Lived Religion to New Religious Movements

Aušra Kairaitytė-Užupė

Centre for Cultural Studies, Vytautas Magnus University,
Lithuania

**Popular Religion and the Religious Identity in
Ethnographic Lithuanian Regions**

Elena Ostrovskaya

Saint-Petersburg State University, Russia

**Diplomacy of Transborders: Post-Soviet
Observant Jewry**

Mariya Lesiv

Memorial University of Newfoundland, Canada

**Crossing Boundaries: Everyday Diplomacy and
Krishna Consciousness Continuum in Ukraine**

Day 3

**Panel I. Religion and Memory: Looking for Identities,
Forging Continuities with the Past**

Kathryn David

New York University, USA

**Burying the dead, Resurrecting the Nation:
Panakhydy in Nazi-Occupied Galicia**

Yulia Yurchuk

Södertörn University, Stockholm, Sweden

**Religious Encounters in the Formation of Commemorative Culture
in Ukraine**

Workshop: Religious Encounters (con't)

Jeanne Kormina

National Research University Higher School of
Economics, Russia

**Ancestors and the Ghosts: The Soviet Past in Russian Religious
Imagination in the Post-Truth Era**

Panel II. Muslim Communities in Post-Socialist Europe

Konrad Pędziwiatr

Cracow University of Economics and Centre for
Migration Research, University of Warsaw, Poland

**Muslims in Poland in the Era of Civilizationism
and Unprecedented Politisation of Islam**

Giuseppe Tateo

Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology, Germany

**Bless to Spoil: Preventing Mosque Construction
through Ritual Practice in Bucharest, Romania**

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International Biblical Studies Conference in Commemoration of the 270th Anniversary of Kostroma Orthodox Theological Seminary

In May 2017 A group of Asbury Theological Seminary and Asbury University faculty and graduates visited the Kostroma Orthodox Theological Seminary at the invitation of Kostroma Orthodox Theological Seminary Rector Georgi Andrianov to participate in an international biblical studies conference in commemoration of the 270th anniversary of the seminary's founding. Here is a program of the papers given at the conference.

Editor's Note: Apologies that this is coming out so late. I received the information right after compiling the previous issue of September 2017.

Day 1

Metropolitan of Kostroma & Nerekhta Ferapont (Kashin)

Kostroma Theological Seminary

Opening Address

Mark Elliott

Asbury & Samford Universities; Wheaton College

**The Lord's Prayer: A Blessing and a Mercy to Believers: In All Times
in All Places**

Fr. Superior Arseny (Sokolov)

Representative of the Patriarch and All Russia to the Syrian Patriarch of
Antioch and All the East

The Prophet Hosea Concerning the Syro-Ephraimite War

International Biblical Studies Conference (con't)

Chris Bounds

Asbury University

**The Biblical Basis for Christian Teaching on Divinization/Sancti-
fication**

Alexei Sergeevich Kashkin

Saratov Theological Seminary

**Noah and His Sons: A Comparative Study of Traditional Judaic
and Orthodox Christian Commentaries on Genesis 9:20-27**

Victor Hamilton

Asbury University

**An Overview of Prophetic Literature in Scripture and How the In-
stitution of Prophecy Functioned in Ancient Israel**

Archpriest Gennady Fast

Bible Scholar; author of books on interpretation of Scripture

**Attempts to Interpret Two Apocalyptic Witnesses of The Song of
Songs: Meanings and Interpretations**

Tony Headley

Asbury Theological Seminary

**Biblical Advice for Priests Counseling Alcoholics and Their Fam-
ilies**

Sarah Bellew

Asbury University

The Biblical Basis for Parish Charity

Archpriest Georgy Edelstein

Head of Philology Studies

Kostroma Theological Seminary

Principles of Biblical Translation

George Steiner

President, Orphan's Tree

Biblical Teaching Concerning Ministry to Orphans

Bishop of Galich and Makariev Alexy (Eliseev)

Kostroma Theological Seminary

The Oak of Mamre: The Archeology of the Holy Site

Archpriest Dmitry Yurevich

St. Petersburg Theological Seminary

**Jesus Christ and John the Baptist (Matthew 11:2-19): The Historical
Context and the Church's Tradition of Interpretation**

Christine Pohl

Asbury Theological Seminary

The Meaning of Biblical Teaching on Hospitality

Chris Bounds

Asbury University

**The Patristic Basis for Christian Teaching on Divinization/Sanctifi-
cation**

Steve Seamands

Asbury Theological Seminary

Psalms 110 and the Biblical Meaning of the Ascension

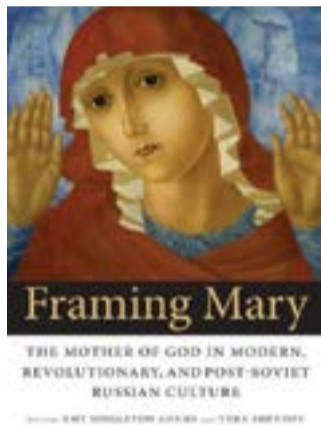
International Biblical Studies Conference (con't)

Priest Georgy Andrianov
Rector, Kostroma Theological Seminary
St. Hilarion, Archbishop of Vereya, as a Biblical Scholar

Daryl Diddle
Senior Pastor, Wilmore Free Methodist Church
Jesus as Shepherd: The Biblical Model for Pastoral Care Based on John 10:11-15

Archpriest Yevgeny Ivanov
Head of Media, Archdiocese of Kazakhstan
Animal Imagery in Scripture: Allegories and Parables

New Book! *Framing Mary: The Mother of God in Modern, Revolutionary and Post-Soviet Russia*. Ed. and intro.



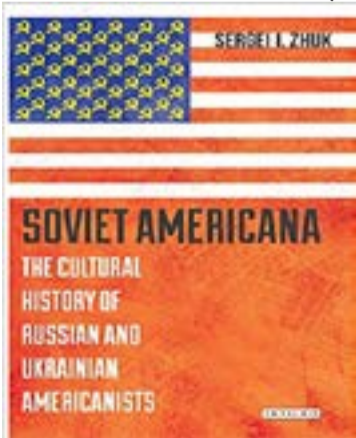
by Amy Singleton Adams and Vera Shevzov. DeKalb, IL: Northern Illinois University Press.

“*Framing Mary* introduces readers to the cultural life of Mary from the seventeenth century to the post-Soviet era. It examines a broad spectrum of engagements among a variety of people—pilgrims and poets, clergy and laity, politicians and political activists—and the woman they knew as the *Bogoroditsa*

Contributing authors include: Elena N. Boeck, Christine Worobec, Sarah Pratt, William G. Wagner, Amy Sigleton Adams, Alexandra Smith, Wendy Salmond, Natalia Ermolaev, Roy R. Robson, Elizabeth Skomp, Stella Rock and Vera Shevzov.”

New Book! *Soviet Americana: The Cultural History of Russian and Ukrainian Americanists (Library of Modern Russian History)* by Sergei Zhuk. London: I. B. Taurus.

“In 1991, there were more than 1,000 “Americanists” – experts in U.S. history and politics – working in the Soviet Union. The Americanist community played a vital role in the Cold War, as well as in large part directing the cultural consumption of Soviet society and shaping perceptions of the U.S. To shed light onto this important, yet under-studied, academic community, Sergei Zhuk explores the personal histories



of prominent Soviet Americanists, considering the myriad cultural influences – from John Wayne's bravado in the film *Stagecoach* to Miles Davis – that shaped their identities, careers, and academic interests.

Zhuk's compelling account draws on a wide range of understudied archival documents, periodicals, letters, and diaries as well as more than 100 exclusive interviews with prominent Americanists to take the

reader from the post-war origins of American studies, via the extremes of the Cold War, thaw and perestroika, to Putin's Russia.”

Illustrations and descriptions for both books were taken from amazon.com

Special Journal Issue! (In honor of the 500-year anniversary of the Protestant Reformation)

ВИБЛЮФИКА: E-Journal of Eighteenth-Century Russian Studies

Vol 5 (2017): Special Issue on Protestantism in Russia

During the Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries.



Articles:

Protestantism in Russia During the Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries: Introductory Remarks (1-4)
Ingrid Schierle

О протестантских влияниях действительных и мнимых: православные катехизисы от Стефана Зизания до Феофана Прокоповича (5-17)

Детское Чтение (1785-1789) и Детския Забавы (1792): Рецепция немецкого протестантизма в детских изданиях XVIII в. (18-39)

Виталий Симанков

The Impact of Pietist and Anglican Spirituality in Catherinian Russia: Works of St. Tikhon of Zadonsk (40-72)

Andrey V Ivanov

Russia's Scriptural “Reformation” in the Late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries (73-102)

Barbara Skinner

Неизвестные стихотворения Василия Рубана (103-142)

Alexander Averbuch

<http://vivliofika.library.duke.edu/issue/view/2280>

Members' Activities

John P. Burgess, *Pittsburgh Theological Seminary*

Holy Rus': The Rebirth of Orthodoxy in the New Russia (New Haven: Yale University Press, 2017)

“The Orthodox Liturgy as Political Resistance,” in *The Dangerous God: Christianity and the Soviet Experiment*, ed. Dominic Erdozain (DeKalb, IL: Northern Illinois University Press, 2017), 158-169

“Religious Persecution and Religious Freedom: The Witness of Russia's New Martyrs and Holy Elders,” in *Theology as Interdisciplinary Inquiry* (Grand Rapids: Eerdmans, 2017), 91-111

J. Eugene Clay, *Arizona State University*

“Marian Revelations in the Russian Context: The Cosmopolitics of Blessed John,” in *Nova Religio* 21, no. 2 (November 2017): 26-42, DOI: 10.1525/nr.2017.21.2.26. This article analyzes the religious movement of a contemporary Russian Marian prophet, John Bereslavsky, who has successfully established communities from Spain to Buriatia. Bereslavsky's movement arose as a reaction to and a rejection of Soviet modernity.

Members' Activities (con't)

Lucien Frary, Rider University

"The Russian Consulate in the Morea and the Coming of the Greek Revolution (1816-1821)." In Mika Suonpää and Owain Wright, eds., *Diplomacy and Intelligence in the Nineteenth-Century Mediterranean World*. Bloomsbury Academic Publishing, forthcoming.

"Russian Foreign Policy and the Change of Dynasty in Greece, 1862-1864." In *Iosif Volotskii and Eastern Orthodoxy: Essays across Seventeen Centuries*, eds. David Goldfrank, Valeria Z. Nollan, and Jennifer Spock. Washington, DC: New Academia Publishing, 2017, 307-32.

"P.A. Tolstoi," "Nikita Zotov," "Johan Gustav Christian von Struve," "V.M. Dolgorukov," "Metvei Mironov". In *Christian-Muslim Relations: A Bibliographical History 1500-1900*, ed. David Thomas. Leiden: Brill, 2018, forthcoming.

"New Perspectives on the Muslims of Bulgaria." *Balkanistica* 30.1 (2017): 273-83.

Review of Yiğit Akin. *When the War Came Home: The Ottomans' Great War and the Devastation of an Empire*. Stanford: Stanford University Press, 2018. *Journal of Military History* (July 2018)

Review of Oliver Jens Schmitt, ed. *The Ottoman Conquest of the Balkans: Interpretations and Research Debates*. Wein: Verlag der Österreichischen Akademie der Wissenschaften, 2016. *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas* (2018).

Review of Evrydiki Sifneos. *Imperial Odessa: Peoples, Spaces, Identities*. Boston, Leiden: Brill, 2018. *Ab Imperio* 3 (2018), forthcoming.

Review of R. P. Grišina, et al. *Balkany v evropejskikh političeskikh proektach XIX-XXI vv. Sbornik statej*. Moskva, RAN, 2014. *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas* (2018), forthcoming.

Review of Olga Katsiardi-Hering and Maria A. Stassinopoulou, eds. *Across the Danube Southeastern Europeans and Their Travelling Identities (17th-19th C.)*. Leiden: Brill, 2017. *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas* (2018), forthcoming.

Review of Denis Vovchenko. *Containing Balkan Nationalism: Imperial Russia and Ottoman Christians, 1856-1914*. New York: Oxford University Press. 2016. *American Historical Review* 122.4 (2017): 1344-45.

Review of Andreas Schönle, Andrei Zorin, and Alexei Evstratov, eds. *The Europeanized Elite in Russia, 1762-1825: Public Role and Subjective Self*. Dekalb, IL: Northern Illinois Press, 2016. *Ab Imperio* 3 (2017): 471-72.

Review of Michail V. Škarovskij. *Konstantinopol'skij patriarhat i Russkaja Pravoslavnaia Cerkov' v pervoj polovine XX veka*. Moscow: Indrik, 2014. *Jahrbücher für Geschichte Osteuropas, jgo.e-reviews* 2018 - 1.

Review of Brian L. Davies. *The Russo-Turkish War, 1768-1774: Catherine II and the Ottoman Empire*. London: Bloomsbury, 2016. *Journal of Military History* 81.2 (April 2017): 554-56.

Members' Activities (con't)

David Goldfrank, Georgetown University

Both of David Goldfrank's major projects (completing, editing, and indexing the late Andrei Pliguzov's Archive of the Metropolitan of Kiev and all Rus for Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute, and the translation of Iosif Volotskii's *Prosvetitel*--now in collaboration T. Allan Smith) are proceeding well. Also the third conference volume of *Prepodobnyi Iosif Volotskii i ego obitel* (vols. 1-2 Moscow: Iosifo-Volotskii stavropigialnyi muzhskoi monastyr/ Istoriko-Arkhitekturno i khudozhvennyy muzei "Novyi Ierusalim", 2008, 2013) has just been published and contains, inter alia, Goldfrank's "Иосиф «Силлогистикос»: К изучению «Просветителя»".

Scott Kenworthy, Miami University

"Rethinking the Russian Orthodox Church and the Bolshevik Revolution," *Revolutionary Russia*, DOI: 10.1080/09546545.2018.1480893

Nina Shultz, American Theological Library Association

Nina intends to present her work on the theme of aesthetics in **Orthodox Native Alaskan liturgical singing** at a conference entitled "**Music and the Sacred**". The conference is sponsored by the **Finnish Society for Ethnomusicology and the Finnish Society for Hymnology and Liturgy** and is scheduled to take place **November 12-14, 2018 in Helsinki, Finland**.

Barbara Skinner, Indiana State University

"Russia's Scriptural "Reformation" in the Late Eighteenth and Early Nineteenth Centuries," *Vivliofika: E-Journal of Eighteenth-Century Russian Studies*, Vol. 5 (2017): 73-102.

Alice Isabella Sullivan, University of Michigan

News:

In August 2017, I completed my Ph.D. in the Department of History of Art at the University of Michigan, with a dissertation titled "The Painted Fortified Monastic Churches of Moldavia: Bastions of Orthodoxy in a Post-Byzantine World."

2018-2020 Secretary and Treasurer, Society of Historians of East European, Eurasian, and Russian Art and Architecture (SHERA)

2017- Editorial Board Member, CARMEN Monographs and Studies

Publications:

"Visions of Byzantium: The Siege of Constantinople in Sixteenth-Century Moldavia," *The Art Bulletin* 99, no. 4 (December 2017): 31-68.

"Monastic Art and Architecture in Medieval Moldavia," *International Center of Medieval Art Newsletter*, ed. Heidi Gearhart, no. 1 (Spring 2018): 12-15.

Members' Activities (con't)

Alice Isabella Sullivan (con't)

Items of Interest:

Co-organizer, two sessions: "North of Byzantium: Art and Architecture at the Crossroads of the Latin, Greek, and Slavic Cultural Spheres, c.1300-c.1550 (I) and (II)," sponsored by the Mary Jaharis Center for Byzantine Art and Culture, The 44th Annual Byzantine Studies Conference, San Antonio, Texas. 4-7 October 2018.

Co-organizer, session: "The Spatial, Visual, and Social Effects of Surface in Architecture," The 72nd Annual International Conference of the Society of Architectural Historians, Providence, Rhode Island. 24-28 April 2019.

Co-organizer, symposium: "Eclecticism at the Edges: Medieval Art and Architecture at the Crossroads of the Latin, Greek, and Slavic Cultural Spheres," Princeton University. 5-6 April 2019.

Matthew A. Sutton, *Independent Scholar*

I have two articles in progress (nearly ready to resubmit, and to submit for the first time, respectively), titled (tentatively)

"The Riddle of the Animal in 'Musk Ox' and 'Wild Beast' by Nikolai Leskov" and "The Animal Side of Nikolai Leskov's 'Sheramur.'"

Sergei Zhuk, *Ball State University*

Books:

Soviet Americana: The Cultural History of Russian and Ukrainian Americanists (London and New York: I.B. Tauris, 2018);

Nikolai Bolkhovitinov and American Studies in the USSR: People's Diplomacy in the Cold War (Lanham, MD and Boulder, CO: Rowman and Littlefield's Lexington Press, 2017)

Articles:

"Maliovanttsy: Orthodox Christianity and the Ukrainian 'Evangelical' Peasants of Late Imperial Russia," *Orthodox Christian Renewal Movements in Eastern Europe*, Ed. by Aleksandra Djurić Milovanović and Radmila Radić (London: Palgrave Macmillan, 2017), 77-102

"The 'KGB People,' Soviet Americanists and Soviet-American Academic Exchanges, 1958-1985," *The Soviet and Post-Soviet Review*, 2017, vol. 44, No. 2, 133-167

"The Disco Mafia' and 'Komsomol Capitalism' in Soviet Ukraine during Late Socialism," *Material Culture in Russia and the USSR: Things, Values, Identities*, Edited by Graham H. Roberts (London and Oxford: Bloomsbury Publishing, 2017), 173-195