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Religions in Cold War
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SCAN ME

17.00–19.00 – LH 101 (KTH)

Georgios Vlantis (München/D)
*Orthodoxe Kirchen und Ökumene
im Kalten Krieg. Eine Spurensuche*

9.00–9.30
Greetings

9.30–11.00
Cold War Discourses

Thea Sumalvico (Halle a. Saale/D)
*Real Poles and better Democrats? The
Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession
in Poland in the first years of the Cold War*

Marco Lavopa (Paris/FRA)
*From the religious spirit to the spirit of Helsinki.
The Holy See and the Polish Catholic Church in
the construction of the «Common European
Home» (1950-1977)*

Katharina Kunter (Helsinki/FIN)
*The Helsinki Process – An event that made
history – and Helsinki, 50 years later*

11.00–11.30
Coffee Break

11.30–13.00
Orthodox Christianities

Karina Khasnulina (Leipzig/D)
*The Russian Orthodox Split and Transnational
Mobility of the Émigré Communities in China
during the Early Cold War Period*

Nuri Korkmaz (Bursa/TUR)
*Creation of the Macedonian Orthodox Church
and Strengthening the Macedonian National
Identity by Yugoslavia Times*

Alfons Brüning (Nijmegen/NL)
*The Soviet Roots of Russian Orthodox
Post-Soviet Moral Discourses*

13.00–14.30
Lunch

14.30–16.00
Catholic Actors

Kristian Geßner (Marburg/D)
*Werenfried van Straaten – God's last General of
the Cold War?*

Karim Schelkens (Tilburg/NL)
*John Willebrands, a 'cardinal' figure in the
tensions between Rome, Moscow and Kyiv
during the Cold War Era*

Maximilian Aigner (Salzburg/AUT)
*Valentin Pfeifenberger – Dispector Procul –
Observer from a local distance*

16.00–16.30
Coffee Break

16.30–18.00
Female Actors

Stephanie Jungo (Fribourg/CH)
*Christian female activists in the context of the
women's movement and the Cold War*

Nadezhda Beliakova (Bielefeld/D)
*Religious Women from the Eastern Bloc as
Actors of Communication during the Cold War:
A Multidenominational Dimension*

Daria Bochkova (Bielefeld/D)
*Christian Women's Dissidence in Leningrad:
Soviet Resistance During the Cold War*

19.30
Dinner

Müllner Bräu Salzburg

9.30–11.00

**Christianity on other side of
the Iron Curtain**

Sebastian Holzbrecher (Hamburg/D)
*The European Aid Fund. Church networks
during the Cold War (1970-1994)*

Anja Schade (Hildesheim/D)
*Insight into the support of the South African
liberation struggle by the Protestant church in
the GDR and its significance for ANC exiles*

Julian Sandhagen (Rome/IT)
*From Victims to Martyrs. Pope Pius XII, Bishop
Joseph P. Hurley and the struggle for
Catholicism in Socialist Yugoslavia*

11.00–11.30
Coffee Break

11.30–13.00
**Religion resistance from inside
and the strength of the
religious tools**

Sourajit Ghosh (Nālandā, Rajgir/IND)
*Lotus in Sea of Fire: Nipponzan Myōhōji
Pacifism in the Nuclear Age and Nuclear
Disarmament Advocacy Based Peace
Movements in Cold War Period*

Marion Dotter (Munich/D)
*With Faith against Communism: Austrian
Pastoral and Symbolic Support for the Catholic
Church in the East as Part of an Anti-Communist
Strategy in the Cold War (1945-1968)*

Erik Sidenvall (Lund/SWE)
Public Praying in the Cold War



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**Kick-off
Lecture**

Sept. 25th

5-7pm

LH 101

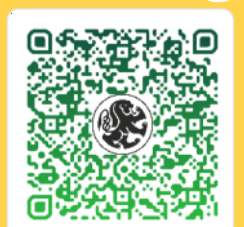
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Complete Program



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Religions, churches and theologies have faced – at least in the last 100 years and are facing still – the challenges of bi- and increasingly multipolar world orders.

The actions, reactions and concepts with which these increasingly existential problems were addressed after the Second World War and the following Cold War will be subject of this international conference in Salzburg.