

Online Seminar
“The Impact of the War on Religious Life: A Focus on Ukraine”
February 24-25, 2023
Draft programme

Day 1	
15:00-16:00	<p>Plenary session.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Welcoming speeches. Kim Knott, Jenny Berglund, Liudmila Fylypovych. 2. Keynote speech. Viktor Yelenskyi. ““Then What Are We Fighting For?” Freedom Of Conscience Versus Religious Persecution In The Russian-Ukrainian War”
16:00-17:45	<p>Panel discussion 1. The Influence of Religion on the War. Myth, Ideology, Propaganda</p> <p><i>Topics for discussion:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How religious institutions function within the frameworks of authoritarian (exclusivism) and democratic (pluralism) social orders, and against the background of Russia's current invasion of Ukraine. 2. The appeal to religious ideologies, claims, and symbols as a key element of propaganda and mobilization during contemporary military conflicts. <p><i>Speakers:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Per-Arne Bodin (Stockholm University). “The triad of Uvarov and the Russian world. Similarities and differences” - Liudmyla Fylypovych, Oksana Horkusha (H.Skovoroda Institute of Philosophy of the NAS of Ukraine). ““Ruskiy mir” and “Ukrainskiy svit”: Ontological and anthropological antagonists” - Massimo Introvigne (Center for Studies on New Religions (CESNUR)). “Russian Anti-Cult Conspiracy Theories and the War in Ukraine” - Cyril Hovorun (Sankt Ignatios College, University College Stockholm). “The Ukrainian War and the World Council of Churches” <p><i>Moderators:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Rasa Pranskevičiūtė-Amoson (Vilnius University, Institute of Asian and Transcultural Studies) - Kateryna Zorya (Södertörn University) <p>Q&A Session</p>
Day 2	
15:00-16:45	<p>Panel discussion 2. The Response of Different Denominations to the War. Competition vs Collaboration</p> <p><i>Topics for discussion:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The impact of Ukraine`s religious pluralism, as a dimension of societal resilience, amid the invasion.

	<p>2. The effects of the war on the religious landscape and daily life of Ukraine, religious activism, new networks.</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Catherine Wanner (Pennsylvania State University) - Regina Elsner (ZOiS - Centre for East European and International Studies). “Challenges of Orthodox co-existence in times of war” - Roman Soloviy (Eastern European Institute of Theology). “Russian aggression against Ukraine: the response of national and international Protestant communities” - Mykhaylo Yakubovych (Oriental Seminar, Freiburg University / Centre for Trust Peace and Social Relations, Coventry University). “Reconsidering jihad? Contemporary narratives of “Islamic just war theory” in the Muslim communities of Ukraine and Russia” <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Iryna Fenno (Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich) <p>Q&A Session</p>
<p>17:00-18:45</p>	<p>Panel discussion 3. Religious organizations and clergymen under the attack</p> <p>Topics for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The violations of the International Humanitarian Law during the Russia`s invasion. 2. Religious figures persecuted, and religious buildings damaged. <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dmytro Vovk (Center for Rule of Law and Religion Studies at the Yaroslav Mudryi National Law University). “The Russia-Ukraine War and Its Impact on Religious Freedom” - Tetiana Kalenychenko (European Center for Strategic Analytics). “The Call of War. Religious Dimension of Rapid Changes from 2022 in Ukraine” - Anna Maria Basauri Ziuzina (Workshop for the Academic Study of Religions / Department of Religious Studies at the University of Alabama) “Scholars on Fire: How to conduct a Religious Studies research during the war” - Maksim Vasin (Institute for Religious Freedom) <p>Moderators:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Maria Bardyn (Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv) <p>Q&A Session</p>
<p>18:45-19.00</p>	<p>Closing Remarks. Ruslan Khalikov</p>