

**The Centre for Eastern Christianity
Heythrop College, University of London**

Conference Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th June 2018

***Eastern Christian Tradition in the World Today:
Dialogues, Ecumenism, Theology and Ecclesiology***

Outline: This conference will seek to engage with the various modern and contemporary challenges and contexts that the Eastern Christian tradition confronts today. Speakers will address the situation of Christianity in the Middle East; Ecumenical relations between the Eastern and Western churches; the Eastern Catholic churches - the question of mission and ecclesial identity; Armenian and Syriac Christian traditions. The Conference will also be an occasion to celebrate the recent publication of *Christianity in North Africa and West Asia* (Edinburgh: University Press, 2018) with special panel sessions that will include the Editors and several of the contributors who are associated with The Centre for Eastern Christianity, Heythrop College, University of London.

PROGRAMME

Monday 18th June in the Walker Room

10.00	Coffee/Tea
11.00	Welcome Introduction
11.15 – 12.15	Hratch Tchilingirian <i>Christianity in the Middle East – challenges and contexts</i>
12.15 – 1.15	Sebastian Brock <i>The Syriac Tradition and East-West Christian Ecumenism</i>
1.15 – 2.00	Lunch
2.00 - 3.00	Erica Hunter SOAS <i>Christianity and Muslim-Christian relations in Syria Today - reflections on a recent visit</i>
3.00 - 4.00	Book launch Part One: <i>Christianity in North Africa and West Asia</i> Edinburgh University Press Panel: Kenneth Ross, Mariz Tadros, John Eibner, Hratch Tchilingirian, Anthony O'Mahony
4.00 - 4.15	Coffee/Tea
4.15 - 5.30	Book launch Part Two: <i>Christianity in North Africa and West Asia</i> Panel: Kenneth Ross, Mariz Tadros, John Eibner, Hratch Tchilingirian, Anthony O'Mahony

Tuesday 19th June in the Walker Room

- 10.00 **Coffee/Tea**
- 11.00 **Welcome Introduction**
- 11.15 - 12.05 **Robin Gibbons**
The Little Ones of God: Prophets of a Wider Communion – studies in Melkite ecclesiology and ecumenical theology
- 12.05 – 1.00 **Peter Colwell**
From Crisis to Grace: Theological Reflections on Developing Trends in Jewish-Catholic relations, through aspects of the work of David Neuhaus SJ
- 1.00 – 1.45 **Lunch**
1. 45 – 2.30 **Anthony O’Mahony**
Eastern Catholic churches in the Middle East: modern history and future challenges
- 2.30 – 3.15 **John Whooley**
Armenian Catholic Church in Livorno, Italy: Context and Vicissitudes
- 3.15 – 3.30 **Tea/|Coffee**
- 3.30 - 4.15 **Dr Jeremy Pilch**
Russian Religious Thought on Christian Unity – Bulgakov and Tyszkiewicz
- 4.15 – 5.00 **Stefanie Hugh Donovan**
Olivier Clément and Russian Catholics/Eastern Catholics in Europe

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Refreshments and Lunch provided

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