Sacralization of History in (contemporary) Eastern Europe.
Actors – Networks – Topics

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10.00-10.10 am OPENING REMARKS
Heidi Hein-Kircher (Marburg), Liliya Berezhnaya (Leuven), Johannes Paulmann (Mainz)

10.10–10.45 am KEYNOTE
Johannes Paulmann (Mainz):
Sacralization – Historical Concepts and Practices

Break

11.00–12.30 am SECTION I: INTERCONFESSIONAL AND MNEMONIC CONFLICTS
Moderation: Liliya Berezhnaya (Leuven)
Radu Nedici (Bucharest):
Remembering Religious Dissent Through Its Martyrs: The Orthodox Church and the Appropriation of Historical Memory in Postsocialist Romania
Wiktoria Kudela-Świątek (Kraków):
The (Ab)Use of Orthodox Marian Iconography in the Holodomor Visual Culture
Ursula Woolley (London):
“Holier Than Thou?” Russian Sacralization of History and Ecclesiastical Politicization in Ukraine in Discursive Competition Over Ukrainian Autocephaly

Discussion

Lunch Break (1 hour)

1.30–3.30 pm SECTION II: MARTYRS OF FAITH AND NATION
Moderation: Heidi Hein-Kircher (Marburg)
Tatiana Nikonorova (Aprelevka):
Nicholas II in Modern Russia: Between Sacralization and Politics
Yuliya Yurchuk (Stockholm), Andriy Fert (Kyiv):
Sacralization of Memory of Euromaidan Protests from a Postsecular Perspective
Paweł Duber (Birmingham): Two Coffins: Right-Wing Politics of Memory and the “Sacralisation” of History in Poland after 2000

Irina Paert (Tartu): Passion According to Nationalists: Martyrs for Faith and Sacralization of History in the Baltic Provinces and Estonia

Discussion

Break

3.45–4.45 pm SECTION III: NEW PAGANISM AND THE SACRALIZATION/INVENTION OF TRADITION
Moderation: Johannes Paulmann (Mainz)

Karin Reichenbach (Leipzig): “Nacjopoganie”? Sacralization and Politicization of the Pre-Christian Past in Polish Modern Paganism and Related Cultural Fields

István Povedák (Budapest): Re-Inventing Sacred Hungarianness: From Grassroots Neo Mythologies to High Politics

Discussion

Break

5.00–5.30 pm CONCLUDING REMARKS
Piotr Kisiel (Erkner)

5.30–6.00 pm FINAL DISCUSSION