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‘Science and Religion’

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Institute of Historical Research / National Hellenic Research Foundation

Athens, September 3-5

Venue: National Hellenic Research Foundation, [www.eie.gr](http://www.eie.gr)

**Thursday September 3**

Plenary Sessions

*Theater Zervas*

9h15 Welcome speeches

Chair: **Kriton Crysochoides**, National Hellenic Research Foundation

9h30 – 11h00

Presentation of Narses results: Science and Eastern Orthodoxy, 4<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> c.

**Efthymios Nicolaidis**, **Eudoxie Delli**, **Nikolaos Livanos** (National Hellenic Research Foundation)

Commentator: **Anne Laurence Caudano**, University of Winnipeg

11h00-11h30

Coffee break

Chair: **Kriton Crysochoides**, National Hellenic Research Foundation

11h30-12h15

Presentation of Narses results: Science and the Orthodox communities of the Ottoman Empire (17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> c.)

**George Vlahakis**, Hellenic Open University and National Hellenic Research Foundation

Commentator: **H. Floris Cohen**, Descartes Centre, Utrecht University

12h15-13h15

Presentation of Narses results: Science and religion in the Greek state (19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> c.)

**Constantine Tampakis**, **Maria Darmou** (National Hellenic Research Foundation)

Commentator: **Ronald Numbers**, University of Wisconsin

13h15-15h15

Lunch

Chair: **Kostas Gavroglu**, University of Athens  
15h15-16h00  
Discussion on Narses results

16h00-16h30  
**Ronald Numbers**, University of Wisconsin, USA and **John Hedley Brooke**, University of Oxford, UK  
Into All the World: Expanding the History of Science and Religion beyond the Abrahamic Faiths.

16h30-17h00  
Coffee break

Chair: **Theodore Arabatzis**, University of Athens  
17h00-17h30  
**Christopher Knight**, International Society of Science and Religion and Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge  
Is the Current Western Dialogue Between Science and Theology Relevant to Orthodox Christianity?

17h30-18h00  
**Alexei Nesteruk**, University of Portsmouth, UK and St Andrew's Theological Institute, Moscow, Russia  
Orthodox Theology and Science: from a Neo-Patristic Legacy to Radical Theological Commitment.

**Friday September 4**  
Plenary Sessions  
*Theater Zervas*

Chair: **Vassilios Constantoudis**, National Center for Scientific Research Demokritos  
9h30-10h00  
**Baudouin Decharneux**, Centre Interdisciplinaire d'Etudes des Religions et Laïcité, Brussels, Belgium  
Le logos dans l'oeuvre de Philon d'Alexandrie: entre judaïsme et philosophie grecque.

10h00-10h30  
**Irini Viltanioti**, University of Oxford, UK  
The Harmony of the Sirens from Homer to Early Christianity: a Myth Between Science and Religion.

10h30-11h00  
**Anne Laurence Caudano**, University of Winnipeg, Canada  
Cosmography, Asceticism and Female Patronage in Late Byzantine and Slavic Miscellanies.

11h00-11h30  
Coffee break

Chair: **George Toliás**, National Hellenic Research Foundation  
11h30-12h00

**Emmanuel Bermon**, Université Bordeaux Montaigne, France  
The Finitude of the World According to Augustine.  
12h00-12h30

**Michael Shank**, University of Wisconsin, USA  
The Almagest and Apocalypticism in the conflict between Bessarion and George of Trebizond.

12h30-13h00

**Alice Lamy**, Ecole normale supérieure, Paris, France  
Le statut ontologique de la matière dans les théologies de la création à Prague (1390-1410): l'héritage d'Augustin et de John Wyclif.

13h00-15h00

Lunch

Chair: **Petros Panagiotopoulos**, Faculty of Theology, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki  
15h00-15h30

**Peter Harrison**, University of Queensland, Australia  
Revisiting the Religious Origins of Modern Science.

15h30-16h00

**H. Floris Cohen**, Descartes Centre, Utrecht University, Netherlands  
The Galileo affair compared.

16h00-16h30

**Yakov M. Rabkin**, Université de Montréal, Canada  
Evolution of Judaic Attitudes to Modern Science.

16h30-17h00

Coffee break

Chair: **Constantine Skordoulis**, University of Athens  
17h00 – 17h30

**Constantin Canavas**, Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, Germany  
Commenting on the void and the clepsydra argument: cosmological background, pneumatic devices, and untrodden crossroads of Christian and Muslim theology.

17h30-18h00

**Liu Dun**, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China  
Platonic Solids and the Five-Ringed Tower.

18h00-18h30

**Lu Dalong**, Chinese Society for the History of Science  
Religious factors of the Chinese calendars in Qing Dynasty (1644-1911).

**Saturday September 5**  
Parallel Sessions

**Theater Zervas**

Chair: **Nikolaos Livanos**, National Hellenic Research Foundation

10h00-10h25

**George H. Baralis**, University of Athens

Calculation of moveable religious feasts in Arithmetic of Glyzouios.

10h25-10h50

**Harald Gropp**, University of Heidelberg

Calendars and Easter dates in Greece, Russia and the Ottoman Empire.

10h50-11h15

**Constantine Tampakis**, National Hellenic Research Foundation

Global religion, international science and local science: Calendar Reformation in 20th century Greece.

11h15-11h45

Coffee Break

Chair: **Vangelis Koutalis**, National Hellenic Research Foundation

11h45-12h10

**Gustaaf C. Cornelis**, Vrije Universiteit Brussel and Universiteit Antwerpen

Transcending the conflict between science and theology: Lemaitre and ibn-Rushd compared.

12h10-12h35

**Tomislav Petkovic**, University of Zagreb

R. J. Bošković as European Scientist and Theologian at Work on the Bridges of „Science & Religion“.

12h35-13h00

**Alicia Grant**, UK

Religion and Variolation. Fiction and Fact: religion versus Ottoman immunization.

13h00-15h00

Lunch Break

Chair: **Gerasimos Merianos**, National Hellenic Research Foundation

15h00-15h25

**Elias Tempelis**, Hellenic Naval Academy

Θεϊκή και ανθρώπινη ευδαιμονία στη γνωσιοθεωρία του ιατροφιλόσοφου Θωμά Μανδακάση (Divine and human happiness in the epistemology of the iatrophilosopher Thomas Mandakassis).

15h25-15h50

**Maria Terdimou**, Hellenic Open University

Science and Religion during the period of the Greek Enlightenment: the case of Benjamin Lsvios.

15h50-16h15

**George Vlahakis**, Hellenic Open University

Scientists' God in the independent Greek state.

16h15-16h45 Coffee Break

Chair: **Michalis Assimakopoulos**, National Technical University of Athens

16h45-17h10

**Gianna Katsiampoura**, National Hellenic Research Foundation

Secular science and faith in Byzantine Canon Law.

17h10-17h35

**Yael Kedar**, University of Haifa

Are Laws of Nature Legislated by God? Roger Bacon (1120-1292) and Voluntarism.

17h35-18h00

**Christine Phili**, Hellenic Open University

Nicholas of Cusa and his conceptions regarding the nature of number and the constitution of the universe.

18h00-18h25

**Matjaž Vesel**, Institute of Philosophy, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts

Copernicus and the Bible.

## Conference Room

Chair: **George-Arsenius Meskos**, Dr of Theology

10h00-10h25

**Manolis Kartsonakis**, Hellenic Open University

Το εκκρεμές του Φιλόπονου: Η Φυσική μεταξύ θρησκείας και επιστήμης τον 6<sup>ο</sup> αι. μ.Χ. (The pendulum of Philoponus: Physics between Religion and Science during the 6th c.)

10h25-10h50

**Antonia Goulia** and **Gianna Katsiampoura**, University of Athens and National Hellenic Research Foundation

Ο μοναχός διδάσκαλος και ο Αριστοτέλης: Νικηφόρος Βλεμμύδης, Επιτομή Φυσικής (The scholar monk and Aristotle: Nicephorus Vlemmydes, Epitome of Physics).

10h50-11h15

**Grigoris Karafylis**, University of Ioannina

Θρησκεία και επιστήμη στον επίσκοπο Νίκαιας και Καρδινάλιο Βησσαρίωνα (Science and Religion of the Bishop of Nicea and Cardinal Bessarion).

11h15-11h45

Coffee Break

Chair: **Ourania Polycandrioti**, National Hellenic Research Foundation

11h45-12h10

**Dimitris Skordos** and **Constantine Skordoulis**, University of Athens

Η Διακήρυξη της Χριστιανικής Ένωσης Επιστημόνων του 1946 μέσα από τα ΕΑΜογενή έντυπα. Η αντιπαράθεση για τον ρόλο της επιστήμης και η σχέση της με την θρησκεία στις συνθήκες του Εμφυλίου Πολέμου στην Ελλάδα (The Declaration of the Christian Association of Scientists in 1946 and the Press of the National Front for Independence. The controversy for the role of science and its relations with religion in the context of civil war).

12h10-12h35

**Michael Kourkoulos** and **Costas Tzanakis**, University of Athens

Greek Students of Today Discussing Pascal's Wager.

12h30-15h00

Lunch Break

Chair: **Constantine Canavas**, Hamburg University of Applied Sciences

15h00-15h25

**Flora Vafea**, PhD University Paris 7

The astronomical instruments in Saint Catherine's iconography at the Holly Monastery of Sinai

15h25-15h50

**Mikhal B. Konashev**, Russia

Evolutionary Theory and the "Revival of Russia".

15h50-16h15

**Renny Thomas**, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi  
Beyond Conflict and Complementarity: On 'Science and Religion' in Contemporary India.

16h15-16h45 Coffee Break

Chair: **George Vlahakis**, Hellenic Open University and National Hellenic Research Foundation

16h45-17h10

**Georgios Papadopoulos**, University of Athens  
Religion, Science and the Rejection of Spiritual Entities in 17<sup>th</sup> c.

17h10-17h35

**Constantine Skordoulis** and **Ploutarchos Psomiadis**, University of Athens  
Positioning Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle in the Science-Religion Debate.

**Poster:**

**Vassilios Constantoudis**, National Center for Scientific Research Demokritos, Athens  
Can religion inspire science today?

**Exhibition:**

During the Conference an exhibition of Greek books about science and religion will be organized by **George Vlahakis**, Hellenic Open University and National Hellenic Research Foundation.