

**Orthodoxy and Innovation
in the Greek-speaking world
from Byzantium to the 21st century**



**Interdisciplinary Symposium, 5-6 June 2009
Modern Greek Studies
Department of Cross-Cultural and Regional Studies
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PROGRAMME

Friday 5 June

**Venue: Lecture Room 8, Metro Annex, University of Copenhagen,
Fiolstræde 4-6**

09.00-09.30: Registration

09.30-10.00: Welcome and Opening: Trine Stauning Willert

10.00-11.00: Lecture:

Vasilios Makrides (University of Erfurt):

"Orthodox Christianity and Innovation – A Contradiction in Terms?"

11.00-11.15: Coffee and tea

11.15-12.00: Lecture:

Nikos Kokosalakis (University of Liverpool):

"The Greek Orthodox tradition in a pluralist post-secular society?"

12.00-13.30: Lunch at "Ellas", Fiolstraede 21

13.30-15.00: Paper session 1: **MUSIC AND ART**

Chair: Sysse Engberg (University of Copenhagen)

Christian Troelsgård (University of Copenhagen):

"Innovation in Byzantine Hymnography?"

Tore Tvarnø Lind (University of Copenhagen):
*"The musical revival of authenticity at Vatopaidi
(Mount Athos)"*

Lina Molokotos-Liederman (independent scholar):
"The Free Monks: Sacred Words in a Secular Beat"

15.00-15.30: Coffee and tea

15.30-17.00: Paper session 2: **INTELLECTUAL TENDENCIES**
Chair: Charles Lock (University of Copenhagen)

Samuel Rubenson (University of Lund, Sweden) and
Lillian Larsen (Redlands University, California):
*"Classical Culture and Monastic Learning: Continuity and
Innovation"*

Elisabeth Kontogiorgi (Research Centre for the Study of
Modern Greek History, Academy of Athens):
*"Alexandros Lykourgos (1827-1875), Archbishop of Syros:
continuity and renewal in his ideas"*

Nikolaos Asproulis (Hellenic Open University):
*"The human person in the context of the post-modern world:
a study of John Zizioulas' theology"*

17.15-18.15: Lecture:
Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia (**Timothy Ware**)
(University of Oxford):
*"Tradition and Renewal in Greek Monastic Life: the Case of
Mount Athos 1968-2008"*

18.15: Reception in memory of Sophia Scopetea

19.30: Dinner for speakers and organizers at:
"Madklubben", Store Kongensgade 66



Mehmed II making Gennadios Scholarios Patriarch of Constantinople, 20th C Mosaic, Ecumenical Patriarchate, Istanbul

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Saturday 6 June

**Venue: Lecture Room 8, Metro Annex, University of Copenhagen,
Fiolstræde 4-6**

09.00-10.00: Lecture:

Elizabeth Prodromou (Boston University):

"Debates on Just War, Holy War and Peace: Orthodox Christian Thought and Byzantine Imperial Attitudes towards War"

10.00-11.00: Lecture:

Effie Fokas (London School of Economics):

"Moving beyond stereotypes on Orthodoxy and nationalism: the role of agency"

11.00-11.30: Coffee and tea

11.30-13.00: Paper session 3: **INSTITUTIONS**

Chair: Elizabeth Prodromou (Boston University)

Eftichia Arvaniti (University of Vienna):

"Orthodox and Catholics in one Church: Shared Churches on the Greek Islands and some indications of their double usage (15th to 18th centuries)"

Katerina Seraidari (Centre d'Anthropologie Sociale, LISST -Toulouse):

"Innovative Initiatives and Conservative Ideology: the Shrine of Evagellistria on Tinos"

Karsten Fledelius (University of Copenhagen):

"The Church Leader as Ethnarch and Global Agenda Setter: innovative aspects of Greek Orthodoxy since the 7th century"

13.00-14.30: Lunch at "Ellas", Fiolstraede 21

14.30-16.00: Paper session 4: **IDENTITIES**
Chair: Trine S. Willert (University of Copenhagen)

Eleni Kasselouri-Hatzivassiliadi (Volos Academy for Theological Studies):
"The challenges of Feminist Theologies: a Greek Orthodox Reading"

Spyridoula Athanasopoulou-Kypriou (Hellenic Open University):
"Theousses": The neo-Orthodox Representation of Women's Role and Sexuality within the Zoe Movement in Greece"

Marios Koukounaras Liagis (Independent scholar):
"Reflections on Religious Education in a multicultural Greek Secondary School: the impact of a Theatre in Education project on student's attitudes to religious diversity"

16.00-16.30: Coffee and tea

16.30-17.30: Lecture in honour of Sysse Engberg:
Maria Politi (Greek Palaeographical Society): *"Greek Orthodox Prelates and Innovation: a New Style in 17th century Manuscripts"*

17.30-18.00: Closing remarks by the organizers

19.30: Dinner at Huks Fluks, Gråbrødre Torv 6

This symposium is held in honour of two learned colleagues. We remember in sadness Sophia Scopetea (1946-2007), who gave many years of service to Modern Greek Studies at the University of Copenhagen; and we celebrate the founder of Modern Greek Studies in Denmark, Sysse Engberg, on the occasion of her fortieth anniversary at University of Copenhagen and her seventieth birthday.



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