

Summer Course 2018

The World Council of Churches (WCC) Commemorating 70 Years of Ecumenism

Vienna, July 9-12, 2018

After the Second World War, the World Council of Churches (WCC) was founded in 1948 as part of a grand peace project after the wartime atrocities. Leading persons from the ecumenical moment such as Willem Visser't Hooft and John R. Mott intended a fellowship of churches which confesses the Lord Jesus Christ as God and Saviour according to the Scriptures.

Today the churches in the WCC pursue the vision of ecumenism as they seek visible unity in one faith and one Eucharistic fellowship. The WCC promotes common witness in work for mission and evangelism, and engages in Christian service by meeting human need, breaking down barriers between people, seeking justice and peace, and upholding the integrity of creation.

In the beginning most of the member churches were from Europe, including the Ecumenical Patriarchate and some Eastern churches. During the 1960s, the influx of the Orthodox Churches from then communist Eastern Europe and the churches from southern Africa brought new perspectives.

It is a challenge that the Catholic Church is not a member of the WCC. However, it is a full member of the Faith & Order Commission and has representatives participating in many working groups and national ecumenical institutions.

The PRO ORIENTE Summer Course focuses on:

- The history of and changes in the ecumenical movement
- The Joint Working Group between the Catholic Church and the WCC
- New churches – new members
- Local and national ecumenical work
- The document 'The Church: Towards a Common Vision', published by the Faith & Order Commission in 2013

Speakers:

- Rev. Olav Fykse Tveit, General Secretary of the WCC, Geneva, Switzerland
- Rev. Esther Handschin, Methodist, Member of the Austrian Council of Churches, Vienna, Austria
- Fr. Dr. William Henn OFM Cap., professor at the Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome
- Dr. habil. Katharina Kunter, historian, Frankfurt am Main, Germany
- Dr. Theophilose Kuriakose, Metropolitan of the Malankara Syrian Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kerala, India
- Prof. Dr. Annemarie Mayer, professor at the Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Leuven, Belgium

Moderator:

Prof. Dr. Dietmar W. Winkler, professor at the University of Salzburg, member of the board of PRO ORIENTE

Concept by:

- Dr. Regina Augustin, General Secretary of PRO ORIENTE
- Fr. Frans Bouwen MAfr., Jerusalem, consultant of PRO ORIENTE
- Prof. Dr. Dietmar W. Winkler

Requirement for participation:

The PRO ORIENTE Summer Course addresses postgraduate students (those with at least a Bachelor's degree) and postdoc scholars. It is expected that participants actively participate in the discussions and are willing to present their own research project. Presenters will be chosen by PRO ORIENTE and accommodation costs will be covered by PRO ORIENTE. Travel expenses are to be paid by the participant, but it is possible to apply for a sponsorship.

The Summer Course will take place in English in the Kardinal König Haus in Vienna.

Please send your application to the address below, including:

- Letter of motivation (max. 2 pages)
- Curriculum vitae
- Exposé of your research project (max. 2 pages)
- Academic certificates (Bachelor, Master or Doctor)
- A recommendation letter from a professor or an official representative of your church who is well acquainted with your academic achievements (not older than six months)
- Application for travel costs (if needed)

Partners:

- University of Vienna
- Centre of Eastern Christian studies, University of Salzburg
- Master of Arts in Syriac Theology study program, University of Salzburg
- Institute of Ecumenical Theology, Eastern Orthodoxy and Patristics, University of Graz
- Johann-Adam-Möhler Institute of Ecumenism in Paderborn
- Institute of Liturgy, Christian Art and Hymnology, University of Graz
- Institute of Eastern Churches, University of Würzburg
- Centrul de Cercetare Ecumenică Sibiu (CCES)
- Kardinal König Haus, Vienna
- Educational Institution of Orthodox Theology, Ludwig-Maximilians University, Munich
- Centre for Religious Studies, University of Münster

Please submit your application by April 28, 2018 to Dr. Regina Augustin at PRO ORIENTE via e-mail: augustin@pro-oriente.at. You will receive an answer by the end of May.
If you have any further questions, do not hesitate to contact Dr. Augustin.