THE SUMMER SEMINAR

THE ROLE OF SPIRITUALITY IN PROMOTING RECONCILIATION

A COOPERATION WITH:

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AUGUST 17 - 23, 2015
SAINT HELENA MONASTERY, CONSTANTA
Monday, August 17, 2015

8.00 - Breakfast

8.30 – 9.00 – Opening Ceremony

Session I (40 minutes presentation/40 minutes discussion)
Moderator: Dan Chițoiu

9.00 – 10.20 – Archbishop Teodosie Petrescu, Ovidius University, Constanța, Romania: Experience in the Authentic Spirituality – Way of communion between people and nations

10.20 – 10.30 - Coffee break

10.30 – 11.50 - Edward J. Alam, Notre Dame Louaize University, Beirut, Lebanon: A Little Meditation on the Relation between Genuine Spirituality and Reconciliation: The Reality of Lebanon

11.50 – 12.00 – Coffee break

12.00 – 13.20 - Abdul Rashid - Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science & Technology, Pakistan: Spirituality is a milestone for reconciliation: Pakistan Experience in a changing World

13.30 – Launch

14.00 -20.00 – Free time

20.00 Dinner
Tuesday, August 18, 2015

8.30 - Breakfast

Session II *(40 minutes presentation/40 minutes discussion)*
*Moderator: Noel Sheth*

9.00 – 10.20 - Rolando Gripaldo, Editor, Philosophia, Quezon City, Philippines: *The Concept of Spirituality*

10.20 – 10.40 – Coffee break

10.40 – 12.00 - Dan Gabriel Sâmbotin, Romanian Academy, Iaşi Branch: *Believes and true. Do we have fundaments for a universal true?*

13.30 Launch

Session III *(40 minutes presentation/40 minutes discussion)*
*Moderator: Dan Chiţoiu*

18.00 – 19.20 - John Farina, George Mason University, USA: *Religion and Identity*

20.00 Dinner
Wednesday, August 19, 2015

8.30 - Breakfast

Session IV (40 minutes presentation/40 minutes discussion)
Moderator: Edward Alam

9.00 – 10.20 – Noel Sheth, St. Xavier’s College (Autonomous), Mumbai, India: The Distinctiveness of Buddhist Reconciliation, Based on its Distinctive Spirituality and Philosophy

10.20 – 10.30 – Coffee break


11.50 - 12.00 – Coffee break

12.00 – 13.20 - Constantinos Athanasopoulos, FHEA, Open University, United Kingdom: Lessons in Reconciliation between Christianity and Islam in the Discussions of St Gregory Palamas with Ishmael, Chiones and Tasimanes.

13.30 – Launch

16.00 - 20.00 – Cultural Program/Visit

20.00 Dinner
Thursday, August 20, 2015

8.30 – Breakfast

**Session V** *(40 minutes presentation/40 minutes discussion)*

*Moderator: Osman Bilen*

9.00 – 10.20 - Varghese Manimala, Henry Martin Institute, Hyderabad, India: *Sacred Secularity as Spirituality*

10.20 – 10.30 – Coffee break

10.30 – 11.50 - Firoozeh Papan-Matin, Senior Independent Scholar, USA: *The Spiritual Significance of Love in Islam*

11.50 – 12.00 – Coffee break

12.00 – 13.20 – Dan Chițoiu, Romanian Academy, Iași Branch: *The Practice of Spirituality as Way to Reconcile with the Other*

13.30 – Launch

14.00 – 18.00 – Free time

18.00 – 19.30 – Round Table: *Spirituality Practices and Meanings of Reconciliation*

20.00 Dinner
Program

Friday, August 21

8.30 – Breakfast

Session VI (40 minutes presentation/40 minutes discussion)
Moderator: Edward Alam

9.00 – 10.20 - Osman Bilen, Dokuz Eylul University, İzmir, Turkey: Saving Face or Giving Spirit to the Letters: Reconciliation by Inspiring New Meaning and Value into Words

10.20 – 10.30 – Coffee break

10.30 – 11.50 - Tone Svetlej, Merrimack College, Massachusetts, USA: Universal Humanism – Global Spiritual Renaissance grounded on Forgiveness and Reconciliation

11.50 – 12.00 – Coffee break

12.00 – 13.20 - Anthony Savari Raj, Manipal University Jaipur, Rajasthan, India: Cosmic Confidence in Interreligious Spirituality

13.30 – Launch

16.00 - 20.00 – Cultural Program/Visit

20.00 Dinner
Program

Saturday, August 22

8.30 – Breakfast

Session VII (40 minutes presentation/40 minutes discussion)
Moderator: Dan Chițoiu

09.00 – 10.20 - Lazar Nikolic, Belgrade University, Serbia: Process of reconciliation in the countries of former Yugoslavia - the role of religious communities

10.20 – 10.30 – Coffee break

10.30 – 11.50 - Ioan Dura, Ovidius University, Constanța, Romania: The Reconciliatory Dimension of Romanian Spirituality in Thinking of Fr. Dumitru Stăniloae

11.50 – 12.00 – Coffee break

12.00 – 13.20 - Cornelia Margareta Gășpărel, Romanian Academy, Iași Branch: Woman and Reconciliation in Contemporary World Ethos

13.20 – 13.50 – Closing Ceremony

14.00 – Launch

16.00 -19.30 – Cultural Program /Visit

20.00 Festive Dinner
Program

Sunday, August 23

9.00 – 13.00 - Holy Liturgy/Cultural Program

13.30 – Lunch