

Institute of Religion and Society Ukrainian Catholic University

XI All-Ukrainian Academic Conference for Students and Young Researchers

CONFLICTS AND RECONCILIATION THROUGH THE PRISM OF FAITH

11-12 of April 2008, Lviv, Ukraine

“Peace be with you!”
(Torah)

“Peace be with you!”
(Gospel)

“Peace be with you!”
(Koran)

*Recognition of the inherent dignity
and of the equal and inalienable rights
of all members of the human family
is the foundation of freedom, justice and peace in the world
(Preamble of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights)*

In 2008, the worldwide community will mark several important dates:

- The 60th anniversary of ratification by the United Nations of the *Universal Declaration of Human Rights*;
- The 60th anniversary of the death of Mahatma Gandhi;
- The 45th anniversary of the publication of the encyclical of Pope John XXIII, *Peace on earth*.

We are convinced that these documents, and the person of Gandhi, bear profound significance for the world today, and will help us in our search for paths toward conflict resolution in the world, and particularly in Ukraine.

Our conference is meant to include several aspects of the terms ‘conflict’ and ‘peacemaking.’ It is post-confessional and inter-religious; among its participants are not only Christians – Catholic, Orthodox, and Protestant – but also Muslims and Jews.

The chief purpose of our conferences is exchange of knowledge and experience among different generations and academic milieus. We aim to create a venue for meeting and dialogue in order to support and inspire one another toward new investigations and actions. We believe that such joint efforts can further mutual understanding and the peaceful coexistence of different views, and help the formation of a truly pluralistic, democratic, and law-based society in Ukraine.

SPEAKERS:



Christina Hantel-Fraser, Ph.D., M.T.S., Adjunct Professor of Human and Social Development at the Institute for Dispute Resolution (University of Victoria). Dr. Hantel-Fraser has taught conflict management and organizational psychology at a variety of organizations, including a UN-sponsored project in Crimea, the Foreign Ministries of Hungary and Indonesia, and the Department of Foreign Affairs in Ottawa, as well as at universities in Canada, the US, Germany, Hungary, Greece and Ukraine.



Anatoliy Hrycenko, Ph.D., Head of the Parliament Committee for National Security and Defense. Dr. Hrycenko has formerly served as Minister of Defense of Ukraine (2005–2007), and is the author and coauthor of more than 100 books, including *Military reform in Ukraine: a start or another false start?* (2000) and *Ukraine's Defense Sector in Transition: Impacts on Foreign and Security Policy* (1999).



Katrien Hertog, Ph.D., Researcher at the Centre for Peace Research and Strategic Studies of the Catholic University of Leuven, Belgium, and author of the doctoral thesis *Ethics of war and peace in the Orthodox and Islamic traditions of contemporary Russia: an analysis of the conflict in Chechnya*.



Myroslaw Marynovych, Vice-rector of the Ukrainian Catholic University and President of the Institute of Religion and Society. Mr. Marynovych is an attorney, a former dissident and political prisoner under the Soviet regime, and the author of multiple publications in Ukrainian and in English.

Conference Schedule

Friday, April 11

- 14.30 – 15.00 *Arrival and registration of conference participants*
15.00 – 15.15 Opening of the conference –welcoming addresses
15.15 – 16.15 I plenary session
15.15 **Christina Hantel-Fraser**
15.35 **Anatoliy Hrycenko**
15.55 **Katrien Hertog**
16.15 **Myroslav Marynovych**
17.00 – 18.30 Discussion
18.30 – 19.30 Meeting with representatives of Ukrainian peace-keeping forces
19.30 – 21.00 *Dinner*

Saturday, April 12

- 8.30 – 9.30 *Breakfast*
9.30 – 12.30 Working groups:
✓ Conflicts and reconciliation in Holy Scripture (*in Ukrainian*)
✓ Experience in reconciliation in Ukraine, Europe, and worldwide (*in Ukrainian*)
✓ Methodology and effectiveness of peacemaking approaches (*in Ukrainian*)
✓ Belief formation: the role of culture, education and the media in situations of conflict (*in Ukrainian*)
✓ Conflict in light of faith (*in English*)
12.30 – 13.00 *Coffee break*
13.00 – 14.00 II plenary session – drawing conclusions and closing of conference
14.00 – 15.00 *Lunch*

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Every spring, the Institute of Religion and Society holds an all-Ukrainian conference for students and young scholars to discuss urgent problems of religious and social life in Ukraine. Over the last ten years, we have had the honor of hosting many academics, politicians, journalists, and religious and social activists known in Ukraine as well as abroad. Each year, the Institute welcomes between 40 and 80 students and scholars from both secular and religious institutes of higher education in Ukraine and other countries, in particular Poland and Belarus.

Themes and top speakers:

- Dialogue of people and cultures as the path of new humanism (2007)* Patriarch Lubomyr Husar (Kyiv), Leonid Finberg (Kyiv), Refat Chubarov (Kyiv), Eugen Zakharov (Kharkiv)
- Dignity, solidarity, subsidiarity: Towards civil society in Ukraine (2006)* Petro Rabinovych (Lviv), Pavlo Yaremchuk (Odessa), Jose Casanova (New York), Maria Marko (Lviv)
- Ukraine and the European Union: Christian roots and perspectives (2005)* Cardinal Francis J. George (Chicago), Fr Ivan Dacko (Lviv), Stephanie Dupasque (Paris)
- Social communication: Challenges of the XXI century (2004)* Zbigniew Nosowski (Warsaw), Mykhailo Perun (Rome), Yuriy Makarov (Kyiv), Natalia Habor (Lviv)
- Veritas versus Voluntas: The ethos of modern culture (2003)* Bishop Yulian Gbur (Striy), Maria Zubrytska (Lviv), Fr. Adam Fredro-Bonecky (Warsaw)
- Culture of love or culture of violence: Personally and socially motivated choice (2002)* Abbot Veniamin Novik (Saint-Petersburg), Agnieszka Kievskia (Lublin), Fr Stephan Batrukh (Lublin), Chantal Delson (Sorbonne)
- The phenomenon of modern piety: Theological, philosophical, historical and sociological aspects (2001 p.)* Fr Robert Taft (Rome), Fr Borys Gudziak (Lviv), Alexander Slobodyan (Kyiv), Andriy Dkhniy (Lviv), Myroslav Marynovych (Lviv)
- Ecumenism in church history: Achievements, losses, perspectives (2000)* Eugen Svertyk (Kyiv), Fr Petro Galadza (Ottawa), Alexander Slobodyan (Kyiv), Taras Voznyak (Lviv)
- Social problems in post-totalitarian society and the resources of the Church (1999)* Archbishop Ihor Isichenko (Kharkiv), Fr Andriy Tkachov (Kyiv), Viktoria Liybashchenko (Lviv), Andriy Kostiuk (Lviv)
- Relations between Church and state: Confrontation, separation, or collaboration? (1998)* Fr Ivan Havanio (Drohobych), Fr Mykhailo Dymyd (Lviv), Viktor Yelensky (Kyiv)

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