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***ECUMENISM AND CULTURE IN THE GLOBALIZATION ERA:
THE PATHS OF PEACE***

**Archangelos Auditorium
Nicosia, Cyprus**

May 2-5, 2003

TENTATIVE PROGRAM

Friday, May 2, 2003

Opening Session

18:00-18:45

Chair:

- **Vassilios Youltsis**, Professor, Department of Theology, *Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*, Greece.

Welcome Address on behalf of the Organizing Committee:

- **Yanos Andreadis**, Professor, Chairman, Department of Communications, Media and Culture, *Panteion University*, Athens, Greece.

Introductory speeches:

- The Holy Bishop of *Cyprus* **Mr. Nikiforos**, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- **Evangelos Venizelos**, Minister of Culture, Athens, Greece.
- *Prestigious distinction to celebrities and institutions.*

18:45-19:45 Addresses:

- **Tassos Papadopoulos**, President of the *Republic of Cyprus*, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- Bishop of Paphos **Mr. Chrysostomos**, Cyprus.
- Representative of Ecumenical Patriarch.*
- Patriarch of Alexandria **Mr. Petros**, Egypt.*
- Patriarch of Antioch **Mr. Ignatios IV**, Syria.*
- Archbishop **Aristarxos** of Constantinople. Message for the Patriarch of Jerusalem, Israel.
- Representative of Russian Church.*
- Representative of the President of Iran.*
- **Harbeant Singh**, *Shiromani Gudwara Parbandhak Committee*, Sri Amristar, India.
- Patriarch of Serbia, **Mr. Pavel**.*
- Patriarch of Bulgaria **Mr. Maximos**.*
- Archbishop of Thyateira and Great Britain **Mr. Grigorios**, London, United Kingdom.

- Message from the Archbishop of Athens **Mr. Christodoulos**.
- Archbishop **Sambi Pietro**, Representative of the Holy See, Apostolic Nuncio to Cyprus and Israel.

19:45-20:00 Coffee Break.

20:00-21:00 Addresses:

- **Michalis Papadopoulos**, Rector, *Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*, Greece.
- **Ioannis Vavouras**, Rector, *Panteion University*, Athens, Greece.
- **Vassilios Benos**, Rector, *University of Piraeus*, Greece.
- **Theodosios Pelegrinis**, Dean, School of Humanities, *University of Athens*, Greece.
- Reverent **Dr. Riad Jarjour**, General Secretary, *Middle East Council of Churches (MECC)*, Limassol, Cyprus.
- **Kalliopi Bourdara**, Vice-Mayor, *Municipality of Athens*, Greece. Message from the Mayor of Athens.
- **Nikos Konomis**, Former President of the *Academy of Athens*, Greece.
- **Jonathan Peled**, Executive Director, *Friendship Village, International Center of Education for a Multicultural Society*, Israel.
- Most Reverend **Clive Handford**, President Bishop, *Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East*; Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf, Nicosia, Cyprus. Message from the Archbishop of Canterbury Rowan Williams.
- **Kapilla Vatsyayan**, Writer, New Delhi, India.

21:30 Reception in the Gardens of Metochio Kykkou.

Saturday, May 3, 2003

Morning Session

10:00-12:00 Religions and Cultures in the Face of Globalization. Pretext, Necessity or Invention?

Chair:

- **Constantinos Tsoukalas**, Professor, *University of Athens*, Greece.

Speakers:

- **Abdul Aziz Said**, Professor and Director, *Center for Global Peace*, Washington DC, U.S.A.
Islam and the West: A Dialogue of Reconciliation and Coexistence.
- **Regis Debray**, Professor, Paris, France.
- **Yiorgos Veltsos**, Professor, Department of Communication, Media and Culture, *Panteion University*, Athens, Greece.
Nihil Videt et Omnia Videt.
- Rabbi **Joseph H. Ehrenkranz**, Executive Director, *Center for Christain-Jewish Understanding*, Sacred Heart University, Fairfield CT, U.S.A.
Is War Normal? Is Terror Normal? Is Peace Normal?
- **Dimitri Nanopoulos**, Chair in Theoretical Physic, *Academy of Athens*; Mitchell/Heep, Chair in High Energy Physics, *Texas A&M University*, U.S.A.
The Matter of the Spirit.
- **Ilai Alon**, Professor, *The Lester and Sally Entin Faculty of Humanities*, Department of Philosophy, *Tel Aviv University*, Israel.
Emotive Lexicon: A Tool for Cross-Cultural Empathy.
- **Brady Kiesling**, Former American Foreign Service Officer, Athens, Greece.
Culture or Crusade: American Universalism at the Crossroads.
- **Emanuel Clapsis**, Dean, Professor of Systematic Theology, *Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology*, Brookline MA, U.S.A.
Violence and the Christian Churches.
- **Yannaras Christos**, Professor Emeritus, *Panteion University*, Athens, Greece.
Inter-religious and Inter-cultural Dynamics of "High" Literature. The Example of Dostoyevsky.
- Archimandrite **Dr. Panteleimon Tsorbatzoglou**, Head of the Ecclesiastical and Theological Seminary, *Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain*, London, United Kingdom.

The Comprehension of Cultures beyond the Tolerance of Cultural Diversities.

12:00-12:30 Discussion.

12:30-12:45 Coffee Break.

12:45-14:15 From the Globalization of Markets to the Ecumenicity of Politics and Culture.

Chair:

- **Theodore Pelagidis**, Assistant Professor, Department of International and European Studies, *Panteion University*, Athens, Greece.

Speakers:

- **Constantinos Vergopoulos**, Professor, Department of International and European Studies, *Panteion University*, Athens, Greece.
Clash of Civilizations or the End of History and the Last Man?
- **Ioanna Tsivakou**, Visiting Professor, Department of Communication, Media and Culture, *Panteion University*, Athens, Greece.
Autonomy and Authenticity in the Era of Functional Cohesion.
- **Luigi Caranti**, Dr., *Institute of International Studies, University LUISS*, Roma, Italy.
Globalization and Human Rights. A Survey of Contemporary Theories in Ethics of International Relations.
- **Panos Panayiotopoulos**, Member of the Parliament, *New Democracy Party*, Athens, Greece.
- **Gerasimos Arsenis**, Member of the Parliament, *Panhellenic Socialist Movement*, Athens, Greece.
- **Kyryl Topalov**, Professor, *University of Sofia*; Writer; Ambassador ret; President, *Academy of Balkan Culture*; President, *Institute of Euroatlantic Security*, Sofia, Bulgaria.
Is Globalization an Unknown or a Known Thing?
- **Dieter Oberndoerfer**, Professor, Dr., Chairman, *Arnold Bergstraesser Institute and Freiburg Research Group of Elections, University of Freiburg*, Germany.
The Impact of Migration on the Cultures of Europe and its Challenge for European Political Systems.
- **Ninon Colneric**, Judge, *Court of Justice of the European Community*, Luxembourg.
War and Law.

14:15-14:45 Discussion

Afternoon Session

17:30-18:45 From Globalization in Arms to a World Peace Contract: Justice, Solidarity, Cohesion.

Chair:

- **Christodoulos Yallouridis**, Associate Professor, Department of International and European Studies, *Panteion University*, Athens, Greece.

Speakers:

- **Andre Gunder Frank**, Senior Fellow, *World History Center, Northeastern University*, Boston MA, U.S.A.
Destroying Civilization to Save It.
- **Grahame F. Thompson**, Professor of Political Economy, Head of the Department of Government and Politics, *The Open University*, Milton Keynes, United Kingdom.
The Politics of International Peace and Toleration: How to Tolerate the Intolerant but not the Intolerable in the International System.
- **Luis Godart**, Counsellor of the President of the Italian Democracy; Professor, *University of Napoli Federico II*, Italy.
Emigration in the Mediterranean and Religious Tolerance.
- **Hannes Swoboda**, Member of the European Parliament, Vice President, *SPE Fraction Brussels*, Belgium.
Cultural Diversity in a Strong Europe.
- **Elizabeth Prodromou**, Dr., Associate Director, *Institute on Religion and World Affairs*; Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations, *Boston University*, Brooklyn MA, U.S.A.

- *God is Not Neutral: Religion and American Foreign Policy.*
- **Costas Yfantis**, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science and Public Administration, *University of Athens*, Greece.
- **Dimitri Keridis**, Director, *Kokkalis Foundation*; Assistant Professor, Department of Balkan, Slavic and Eastern Studies, *University of Macedonia*, Thessaloniki, Greece.
Cultural Determinism: Growth, Co-existence and Conflict in the Beginnings of the 21st Century.

18:45-19:15 Discussion.

19:15-19:30 Coffee Break.

19:30-20:30 Roundtable Discussion: *Globalization and Media*

Chairman

- **Yangos Andreadis**, Professor, Chairman, Department of Communication, Media and Culture, *Panteion University*, Athens, Greece.

Participants

- **Dileep Padgaonkar**, Executive Managing Director, *The Times of India*, India.
Many Voices, one Word.
- **Mehmet Ali Birand**, Journalist, *CNN Turk*, Istanbul, Turkey.
Turkey after Iraq War.
- **Furio Colombo**, Director, *L'Unita*, Roma, Italy.
- **Stefano Mosti**, Director, *Observatory of Pavia*, Italy.
- **Stavros Lygeros**, Journalist, *Kathimerini* Newspaper, Athens, Greece.
- **Vassilis Mouloupoulos**, Managing Director, *To Vima* Newspaper, Athens, Greece.
- **Alexis Papahelas**, Journalist, *To Vima* Newspaper; MEGA Channel, Athens, Greece.
- **Yannis Vlastaris**, Director, *Sunday's Eleftherotypia*, Athens, Greece.
- **Anthos Lykavgis**, Director, *Fileleftheros* Newspaper, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- **Costis Chatzicostis**, Director, *Simerini* Newspaper, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- **Tassos Papadopoulos**, News and Program Director, *Alpha*, Athens, Greece.

20:30-21:00 Discussion.

Sunday, May 4, 2003

Morning Session

11:30-12:45 Religions and Identities between War and Peace.

Chair:

- **Christos Economou**, Professor, Department of Theology, *Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*, Greece.

Speakers:

- Reverent **Heinz Klautke**, Co-moderator, *Islam in Europe Committee, Conference of European Churches (CEC) and the (Roman-Catholic) Council of European Bishops Conferences (CCEE)*; Former Secretary for *Islam Relations of the Evangelical Church (EKD)*.
From Differences towards Just Peace.
- **Serif Damatoglou Sukri**, Imam of Kos island, Greece.
Religions and Cultures in the Face of Globalization.
- **Stelios Papatthemelis**, Member of the Parliament, *Panhellenic Socialist Movement*, Athens, Greece.
Churches and Ethnic Cultures as Mound to Globalization.
- **Cherubini Roberto**, *Community of Sant Egidio*, Roma, Italy.
The Spirit of Assisi and the Course of Inter-religious and Ecumenical Dialogue during the Last Decades. The Experience of the Society of St. Egidio.
- **Bishop of Trimythountos Vassilios**, Holy Archdiocese of Cyprus, Nicosia, Cyprus.
Orthodox Spiritual Values and the Contemporary World.
- **Faedon Papadopoulos**, Dr. of Religion-Religionist, Nicosia, Cyprus.
Co-existence of Christianity and Islam in Cyprus Yesterday and Today. The Prospect of Tomorrow.

- **Areti Dimosthenous**, Dr., *Institute of Historical Research for Peace*; Visiting Lecturer, Department of Turkish Studies, *University of Cyprus*, Nicosia, Cyprus.
The Reconciliation Between Turk-Cypriots and Greek-Cypriots as a Religious and Cultural Duty of the Church.

12:45-13:00 Coffee Break.

13:00-14:00 Religions and Identities between War and Peace (continue).

Chair:

- **Stavros Epameinondas**, Ambassador of the Republic of Cyprus, Vienna, Austria.

Speakers:

- **Christos Iakovou**, Lecturer, Department of Turkish Studies, *University of Cyprus*, Nicosia, Cyprus.
Islam and the West: Irreconcilable Relations?
- **Grigoris Ziakas**, Professor, Department of Theology, *Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*, Greece.
Religions and the Message of Peace in the Era of Globalization.
- **Nicolaos Zaharopoulos**, Former Secretary, *Ministry of National Education*, President for Dialogue Among Shiites and Orthodoxes; Professor Emeritus, *Aristotle University of Thessaloniki*, Greece.
Conditions of Shaping Globalization. The Example of the Past that Lights the Present.
- **Marios Bezgos**, Associate Professor, Department of Theology, *University of Athens*, Greece.
The Ecumenism as a Criterion of Globalization.
- **Vlassios Feidas**, Professor, Department of Theology, *University of Athens*, Greece.
Globalization and Human Rights.
- **Adnan Eksigil**, Lecturer, *University of Yeditepe*, Istanbul, Turkey.
The Role of Orthodoxy in the Deepening Abyss between Christianity and Islam.

14:00-14:30 Discussion.

Evening Session

17:00-18:45 The Paths of Peace in World Culture.

Chair:

- **Vassilis Karapostolis**, Professor, *University of Athens*, Greece.
Instead of Violence: Modern Morals and Peace.

Speakers:

- **Kapilla Vatsyayan**, Writer, New Delhi, India.
- **Seyyed Ataollah Mohajerani**, President, *International Center for Dialogue Among Civilizations*, Tehran, Iran.
- **Catherine Stenou**, Director, Division of Cultural Policies; Director, Division of Intercultural Dialogue, *UNESCO*, Paris, France.
The Intercultural Dialogue, the Best Guarantee of Peace.
- **Monica Ehrhardt-Lakony**, Writer, Vice President, *German Writers' Association*; President, *Delphic Council*, Germany.
The Secret Poetic and Musical Traditions of Religions and Cultures as Bridges of Peace.
- **Pepi Rigopoulou**, Associate Professor, Department of Communication of Media, *University of Athens*, Greece.
Civitates Dei and Men's Cities: Religion and Ideology.
- **Myrto Rigou**, Associate Professor, Department of Communication and Mass Media, *University of Athens*, Greece.
Culture as Source of Universality.
- **Dimitri Dimiroulis**, Professor, Department of Communication, Media and Culture, *Panteion University*, Athens, Greece.
Universality of Kavvafis or the Crossroads of the "Other"?
- **Hans-Guergen Grundmann**, Film Director, Munich, Germany.
Close to God and the People.

- **Popi Moskof**, Psychological Counselor of Mental Health, Athens, Greece.
Greek Logos Meets Arab Culture Through the Dialogue for Poetry, Science and Religion: The Case of Costis Moskof and his Ten Year long Work in the Middle East.

18:45-19:15 **Discussion.**

19:15-19:30 **Coffee Break.**

19:30 **Conclusions – Resolutions.**

- **Bishop of Trimythountos Vassilios**, *Holy Archdiocese of Cyprus*, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- **Christodoulos Yallouridis**, Associate Professor, Department of International and European Studies, *Panteion University*, Athens, Greece.
- **Areti Dimosthenous**, Dr., Institute of Historical Research for Peace; Visiting Lecturer, Department of Turkish Studies, *University of Cyprus*, Nicosia, Cyprus.
- **Georg Albrecht**, Officer ret., *Evangelic Church*, Düsseldorf, Germany.