

# **Minorities and Majorities in the Middle East and Asia Conference Programme**

**Organizers:** Department of Comparative Religion, Comenius University in Bratislava  
Slovak Association for the Study of Religions

**Venue:** Comenius University in Bratislava, Faculty of Arts, 2 Gondova St.

## **Wednesday, 14<sup>th</sup> September 2016**

**Venue:** Moyzes Hall, 2 Gondova St.

**9. 00 – 10. 00 Registration**

**10. 00 – 13. 00 Openings**

**Rudolf Macuch – A Life Dedicated to the Study of Minorities**

*Prof. Dr. em. Maria Macuch, Institut für Iranistik, Freie Universität Berlin, Germany*

**Professor Rudolf Macúch at the University of Tehran**

*Dr. Mahmoud Jaafari-Dehaghi, University of Tehran*

**Rudolf Macúch's Contributions to the Mandaean Studies in the Light of Current Research**

*Jiří Gebelt, ThD., Hussite Theological Faculty, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic*

**13. 00 – 14. 30 Reception**

**14. 30 – 16. 30 PANEL 1      Dušan Deák, PhD.**

**Venue:** Šafárik Sq., Building of the Faculty of Law, Room S2

### **Diasporas**

**On Being a Multiple Minority: 'Indian Muslims' in Singapore between 'Race' and 'Religion'**

*Jr. Prof. Torsten Tschacher, Freie Universität, Berlin, Germany*

**The Near Orient? The Transfer of "Otherness" to European Contexts**

*Martin Klapetek, PhD., Department of Philosophy and Religious Studies, South Bohemian University, České Budějovice, Czech Republic*

**The Iraqi Christian Community in Slovakia**

*Mgr. Katarína Šomodiová, Department of Comparative Religion, Comenius University, Bratislava*

**An Analysis of the Daily Life of the Yazidi Community and Attitudes towards it in the Western Media**

*Mgr. Marek Zeman, Department of Comparative Religion, Comenius University, Bratislava*

**17.00 – 19.00 Guided Walking City Tour**

## Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

9. 00 – 10.30 PANEL 2

Miklós Sárközy, PhD.

Venue: Šafárik Sq., Building of the Faculty of Law, Room S2

### Multiplied and fragmented minorities

#### **The Fragmented Middle East: Ethnicity, Nationalism, and Religion**

*Alam Saleh, PhD.*, Institute of Arab & Islamic Studies, University of Exeter, United Kingdom

#### **Minority-Majority Dynamics and the Public Space in the Old City of Jerusalem: A Visual Approach**

*Attila Kovács, PhD.*, Department of Comparative Religion, Comenius University, Bratislava

#### **Emplacing the Saintliness: Rural Muslim Religiosity between Vaishnavas Sufis and Demons**

*Dušan Deák, PhD.*, Department of Comparative Religion, Comenius University, Bratislava

10. 30 – 11. 00 Coffee Break

11. 00 – 13. 00 PANEL 3

Mgr. Katarína Šomodiová

Venue: Šafárik Sq., Building of the Faculty of Law, Room S2

### Minorities and majorities in literature & writing

#### **Classifications of Difficulties of Some Verbal Roots and Homonyms in the Senaya Dialect of Neo-Aramaic**

*Estiphan Panoussi, PhD.*, Antelope Valley College, Lancaster, California

#### **Popular Islamic Literature and Muslim Minoritization in India**

*Deepra Dandekar, PhD.*, Cluster of Excellence “Asia and Europe in a Global Context”, Karl Jaspers Centre for Advanced Transcultural Studies, University of Heidelberg Germany

#### **Wladimir Ivanow and his memoirs about Iranian Ismailis and Gypsies**

*Miklós Sárközy, PhD.*, Department of Ancient History and Auxiliary Historical Sciences, Institute of History, Faculty of Humanities, Károli Gáspár University of the Hungarian Calvinist Church in Budapest Hungary

#### **Writing Systems and the Minorities**

*Lukasz Byrski, M. A.*, Jagiellonian University in Cracow, Poland

11. 00 – 12. 30 PANEL 5

doc. PhDr. Luboš Bělka, Csc.

Venue: Šafárik Sq., Building of the Faculty of Law, Room S3

### Minorities and Religious Dogmatics

#### **Exploring Islam's View about the Men of the Book**

*Alireza Bahrami, M. A.*, Research Institute of the Qur'an and Hadith Qom Iran

#### **Present-Day Reflections of the Viewpoints of Ibn Taymiyya on Non-Muslim Communities**

*Mgr. Lukáš Větrovec*, Department of Comparative Religion, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

#### **Religious Minorities ‘the Self’ or ‘the Other’ in the Islamic Government as Presented in the Shi'a School of Thought**

*Qasem Muhammadi, M. A.*, International Institute for Islamic Studies Qom Iran

12. 30 – 14. 00 Lunch Break

**14. 00 – 16. 00 PANEL 5**      **doc. Attila Kovács, PhD.**  
**Venue: Šafárik Sq., Building of the Faculty of Law, Room S2**

**Religious fractions and groups**

**Modern Assyrian Culture and Prof Rudolf Macuch**

*Eden Naby, PhD., Harvard University*

**Christian sannyasis and Christian ashram movement in India: minors amongst Hindus or Christians?**

*Matej Karásek, PhD., University of SS Cyril and Methodius in Trnava*

**Yārsān-a religious minority in Iran**

*Seyedeh Behnaz Hosseini PhD., University of Vienna Austria*

**Are Mandaean Men of the Book? A Study of the Evolution of Shi'a Jurists' Ideas about Mandaean As Men of the Book**

*Muhammad Allahdadi, M.A., Research Institute of the Qur'an and Hadith, Qom Iran*

**14. 00 – 16. 00 PANEL 6**      **Martin Klapetek, PhD.**  
**Venue: Šafárik Sq., Building of the Faculty of Law, Room S3**

**Minority policies**

**Minority Religion: The History of Russia's Policy towards Tibetan Buddhism in Buryatia (1717-2016)**

*doc. PhDr. Luboš Bělka, Csc., Department for the Study of Religions, Faculty of Arts, Masaryk University*

**Religion and Nation-Building among the Yezidis of Iraq**

*Eszter Spät, PhD., Hungary*

**Buddhism in the East of Iran**

*Dr. Mahmoud Jafari-Dehaghi, Department of Ancient Iranian Languages and Culture, University of Tehran Iran*

**Uyghur Separatism: A Fight for Cultural or Religious Identity?**

*Marko Jovanović, M. A., The Institute of Social Sciences Belgrade, Serbia*

**16. 00 – 16. 30 Coffee Break**

**16. 30 – 17. 00 Closing Session**