



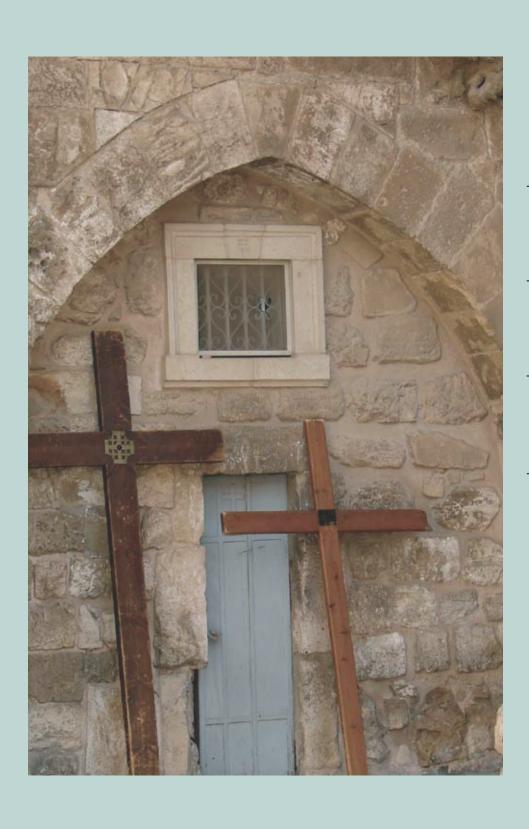




The Competition For Souls:

The Contemporary Christian Communities In The Holy Land

Monday-Tuesday, 13-14 June 2011



Monday, 13 June 2011

at the French Research Center in Jerusalem

09:00

Visit to Bethlehem University (for invitees only)

16:00

Gathering at the CRFJ

16:15-16:30

Opening Remarks: Olivier Tourny, Director of the CRFJ

16:30-18:30

Local Christianity and the Islamic Revival

Chair: Merav Mack, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Shifra Sagy and **Anan Srour,** Ben-Gurion University of the Negev

Collective Narratives among Minority Groups: The Case of Palestinian-Christians in the Holy Land

Rima Farah, University of Haifa

Identity and Culture among Israeli Christians in the Shadow of the Islamic Revival

Tuesday, 14 June 2011

at the Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

09:30-11:45

The Greek Orthodox Church and Eastern Christianity

Greetings: Anat Lapidot-Firilla, The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute

Chair: **Brouria Bitton-Ashkelony,** *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

Jill Hamilton, SOAS, University of London, UK

Conversions for Divorce

Mark Daniel Calder, University of Aberdeen, UK

'Enclosures of Hymns for the Lambs of your Flock': Syriac Orthodox Scripture, Tradition and Modernity in the Competition for Souls

Séverine Gabry, *University of Paris X – Nanterre, France*

Coptic Liturgical Music in the Holy Land: Religious Rivalries and Current Realities

11:45-12:00 Coffee Break

12:00-13:30

Mission to the Jews?

Chair: Galia Sabar, Tel Aviv University

Don Seeman, Emory University, USA

Moral Agency and the Competition for Souls: Beta Israel Pentecostals in Israel

Violet Daud-Munayyer, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Christian Mission to Jews in Israel: The Failure to Convert Jews in Israel

13:30-14:30 Lunch Break

14:30-16:00

Churches and Middle Eastern Politics

Chair: Jamal Khader, Bethlehem University

Samuel Kuruvilla, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala, India

Liberation as Theological Praxis:

A Comparative Analysis of the Contextual Theological Approaches of Naim Ateek and Mitri Raheb

John Bradley, The University of Edinburg, Scotland UK

Playing for the Same Team? The Vatican and the Eastern Catholic Churches in Middle-Eastern Politics

16:00-16:15 Coffee Break

16:15-17:45

Conversion of Sacrospaces

Chair: Masha Halevi, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Vida Bajc, Methodist University, Fayetteville, USA

Sharing the Tomb of Christ: Conflict and Boundaries among Jerusalem's Christians

Anastasia Keshman, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

In Front (and Behind) the Virgin of Vladimir in Nazareth: An Artifact as a National Identifier

17:45

Concluding Remarks

Steven Kaplan, *The Hebrew University of Jerusalem*

Venues

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