

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 Edinburgh, 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 Sacrospace

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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The Van Leer Jerusalem Institute: 43 Jabotinsky St., Jerusalem, Tel. 02-5605222 | www.vanleer.org.il

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