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Programme of the Narses project International Conference  
'Science and Religion'

<http://narses.hpdst.gr>

Athens, September 3-5

Venue: National Hellenic Research Foundation, [www.eie.gr](http://www.eie.gr)

**Thursday September 3**

Plenary Sessions

*Theater Zervas*

9h15 Welcome speeches

9h30 – 11h00

Presentation of Narses results: Science and Eastern Orthodoxy, 4<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> c.

Efthymios Nicolaidis, Eudoxie Delli, Nikolaos Livanos (National Hellenic Research Foundation)

Commentator: Anne Laurence Caudano, University of Winnipeg

11h00-11h30 Coffee break

11h30-12h15

Presentation of Narses results: Science and the Orthodox communities of the Ottoman Empire (17<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> c.)

George Vlahakis, National Hellenic Research Foundation and Hellenic Open University

Commentator: H. Floris Cohen, Descartes Centre, Utrecht University

12h15-13h15

Presentation of Narses results: Science and religion in the Greek state (19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> c.)

Constantine Tampakis, Maria Darmou (National Hellenic Research Foundation)

Commentator: Ronald Numbers, University of Wisconsin

13h15-15h15

Lunch

15h15-16h00

Discussion on Narses results

16h00-16h30

Ronald Numbers, University of Wisconsin, USA and John Hedley Brooke, University of Oxford, UK

Into All the World: Expanding the History of Science and Religion beyond the Abrahamic Faiths.

16h30-17h00

Coffee break

17h00-17h30

Christopher Knight, International Society of Science and Religion and Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge

Is the Current Western Dialogue Between Science and Theology Relevant to Orthodox Christianity?

17h30-18h00

Alexei Nesteruk, University of Portsmouth, UK and St Andrew's Theological Institute, Moscow, Russia

Orthodox Theology and Science: from a Neo-Patristic Legacy to Radical Theological Commitment.

### **Friday September 4**

Plenary Sessions

*Theater Zervas*

9h30-10h00

Baudouin Decharneux, Centre Interdisciplinaire d'Etudes des Religions et Laïcité, Brussels, Belgium

Le logos dans l'oeuvre de Philon d'Alexandrie : entre judaïsme et philosophie grecque.

10h00-10h30

Irini Viltanioti, University of Oxford, UK

The Harmony of the Sirens from Homer to Early Christianity: a Myth Between Science and Religion.

10h30-11h00

Anne Laurence Caudano, University of Winnipeg, Canada

Cosmography, Asceticism and Female Patronage in Late Byzantine and Slavic Miscellanies.

11h00-11h30 Coffee break

11h30-12h00

Emmanuel Bermon, Université Bordeaux Montaigne, France

The Finitude of the World According to Augustine.

12h00-12h30

Michael Shank, University of Wisconsin, USA

The Almagest and Apocalypticism in the conflict between Bessarion and George of Trebizond.

12h30-13h00

Alice Lamy, Ecole normale supérieure, Paris, France

Le statut ontologique de la matière dans les théologies de la création à Prague (1390-1410): l'héritage d'Augustin et de John Wyclif.

13h00-15h00

Lunch

15h00-15h30

Peter Harrison, University of Queensland, Australia

Revisiting the Religious Origins of Modern Science.

15h30-16h00

H. Floris Cohen, Descartes Centre, Utrecht University, Netherlands

The Galileo affair compared.

16h00-16h30

Yakov M. Rabkin, Université de Montréal, Canada

Evolution of Judaic Attitudes to Modern Science.

16h30-17h00

Coffee break

17h00 – 17h30

Constantin Canavas, Hamburg University of Applied Sciences, Germany

Commenting on the void and the clepsydra argument: cosmological background, pneumatic devices, and untrodden crossroads of Christian and Muslim theology.

17h30-18h00

Liu Dun, Tsinghua University, Beijing, China

Platonic Solids and the Five-Ringed Tower.

18h00-18h30

Lu Dalong, Chinese Society for the History of Science

Religious factors of the Chinese calendars in Qing Dynasty (1644-1911).

**Saturday September 5**  
Parallel Sessions

**Theater Zervas**

10h00-10h25

George H. Baralis, University of Athens

Calculation of moveable religious feasts in Arithmetic of Glyzonios.

10h25-10h50

Harald Gropp, University of Heidelberg

Calendars and Easter dates in Greece, Russia and the Ottoman Empire.

10h50-11h15

Constantine Tampakis, National Hellenic Research Foundation

Global religion, international science and local science: Calendar Reformation in 20th century Greece.

11h15-11h45 Coffee Break

11h45-12h10

Gustaaf C. Cornelis, Vrije Univeriteit Brussel and Univeriteit Antwerpen

Transcending the conflict between science and theology: Lemaitre and ibn-Rushd compared.

12h10-12h35

Tomislav Petkovic, University of Zagreb

R. J. Bošković as European Scientist and Theologian at Work on the Bridges of „Science & Religion“.

12h35-13h00

Alicia Grant, UK

Religion and Variolation. Fiction and Fact: religion versus Ottoman immunization.

13h00-15h00 Lunch Break

15h00-15h25

Elias Tempelis, Hellenic Naval Academy

Θεϊκή και ανθρώπινη ευδαιμονία στη γνωσιοθεωρία του ιατροφιλόσοφου Θωμά Μανδακάση (Divine and human happiness in the epistemology of the iatrophilosopher Thomas Mandakassis).

15h25-15h50

Maria Terdimou, Hellenic Open University

Science and Religion during the period of the Greek Enlightenment: the case of Benjamin Lesvios.

15h50-16h15

George Vlahakis, Hellenic Open University

Scientists' God in the independent Greek state.

16h15-16h45 Coffee Break

16h45-17h10

Gianna Katsiampoura, National Hellenic Research Foundation

Secular science and faith in Byzantine Canon Law.

17h10-17h35

Yael Kedar, University of Haifa

Are Laws of Nature Legislated by God? Roger Bacon (1120-1292) and Voluntarism.

17h35-18h00

Christine Phili, Hellenic Open University

Nicholas of Cusa and his conceptions regarding the nature of number and the constitution of the universe.

18h00-18h25

Matjaž Vesel, Institute of Philosophy, Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts

Copernicus and the Bible.

## **Conference Room**

10h00-10h25

Manolis Kartsonakis, Hellenic Open University

Το εκκρεμές του Φιλόπону: Η Φυσική μεταξύ θρησκείας και επιστήμης τον 6<sup>ο</sup> αι. μ.Χ. (The pendulum of Philoponus: Physics between Religion and Science during the 6th c.)

10h25-10h50

Antonia Goulia and Gianna Katsiampoura, University of Athens and National Hellenic Research Foundation

Ο μοναχός διδάσκαλος και ο Αριστοτέλης: Νικηφόρος Βλεμμύδης, Επιτομή Φυσικής (The scholar monk and Aristotle: Nicephorus Vlemmydes, Epitome of Physics).

10h50-11h15

Grigoris Karafylis, University of Ioannina

Θρησκεία και επιστήμη στον επίσκοπο Νίκαιας και Καρδινάλιο Βησσαρίωνα (Science and Religion of the Bishop of Nicea and Cardinal Bessarion).

11h15-11h45 Coffee Break

11h45-12h10

Dimitris Skordos, Constantine Skordoulis, University of Athens

Η Διακήρυξη της Χριστιανικής Ένωσης Επιστημόνων του 1946 μέσα από τα ΕΑΜογενή έντυπα. Η αντιπαράθεση για τον ρόλο της επιστήμης και η σχέση της με την θρησκεία στις συνθήκες του Εμφυλίου Πολέμου στην Ελλάδα (The Declaration of the Christian Association of Scientists in 1946 and the Press of the National Front for Independence. The controversy for the role of science and its relations with religion in the context of civil war).

12h10-12h35

Michale Kourkoulos and Costas Tzanakis, University of Athens

Greek Students of Today Discussing Pascal's Wager.

12h30-15h00

Lunch Break

15h00-15h25

Flora Vafea, PhD University Paris 7

The astronomical instruments in Saint Catherine's iconography.

15h25-15h50

Mikhal B. Konashev, Russia

Evolutionary Theory and the "Revival of Russia".

15h50-16h15

Renny Thomas, School of Social Sciences, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi

Beyond Conflict and Complementarity: On 'Science and Religion' in Contemporary India.

16h15-16h45

Coffee Break

16h45-17h10

Georgios Papadopoulos, University of Athens

Religion, Science and the Rejection of Spiritual Entities in 17<sup>th</sup> c.

17h10-17h35

Constantine Skordoulis and Ploutarchos Psomiadis, University of Athens

Positioning Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle in the Science-Religion Debate.

**Poster:**

Vassilios Constantoudis, National Center for Scientific Research Demokritos, Athens

Can religion inspire science today?

**Exhibition:**

During the Conference an exhibition of Greek books about science and religion will be organized by George Vlahakis, Hellenic Open University.