

Conference
on
EASTERN CHRISTIANITY

AT HEYTHROP COLLEGE, UNIVERSITY OF LONDON
KENSINGTON SQUARE, LONDON, W8 5HQ

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2002 9.30am - 5pm

***EASTERN CHRISTIANITY:
THEOLOGY AND POLITICS***

Today, Christianity as a global religious tradition representing over a third of the entire world's population. Eastern Christian communities represent approximately a fifth of that total number. However, despite the contribution that Eastern Christians have made to the history of Christianity, their continued presence and witness have often been overlooked or neglected.

This important conference will put before a wider public some significant contributions on the contemporary history and theology of Eastern Christianity. Eastern Christianity is looked at as a living tradition looking at actual issues, theological currents and political contexts. Papers look at a whole range of themes - ecumenism, monasticism, the politics of religious renewal, the contemporary witness of today's Desert Fathers, church-state issues, and relations between East and West Christendom.

Speakers will include

Sebastian Brock - University of Oxford; Hratch Tchilingirian - London School of Economics; Rev. John Watson; Joachim Persoon - School of Oriental & African Studies; Rev. John Woolly - Heythrop College, University of London; Harry Hagopian - Jerusalem Inter-Church Committee; Anthony O'Mahony - Heythrop College, University of London.

Conference fee £20 including tea & coffee. Please make cheques payable to Heythrop College.
(Please bring your own lunch)

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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

- 9.30 – 9.45: Conference Opening – Eastern Christianity: Theology and Politics
Anthony O’Mahony, Heythrop College, University of London**
- 9.45 - 10.30: The Syrian Orthodox Church: Contemporary themes in Theology and
History
Sebastian Brock, Oriental Institute, University of Oxford**
- 10.30 - 11.15: Contemporary issues in the Armenian Orthodox Church
Hratch Tchilingirian, London School of Economics**
- 11.15 - 11.30: Coffee**
- 11.30 - 12.30: Monasticism and the Coptic Orthodox Church
Rev. John H. Watson**
- 12.30 - 1.30: Lunch**
- 1.30 - 2.15: Past, Present and Future Challenges:
The Armenian Church in the Holy Land
Harry Hagopian, Jerusalem Inter-Church Committee**
- 2.15 - 3.00: Ethiopian Orthodox Monasticism
Joachim Persoon, SOAS, University of London**
- 3.00 – 3.15: Break**
- 3.15 – 4.00: Armenian Catholic: Historical Overview and Theological Trends
Rev. John Whooley, Heythrop College, University of London**
- 4.00 – 4.45: The Christian Churches in contemporary Iraq
Erica Hunter, University of Cambridge**
- 4.45 – 5.00: Conclusion**