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# Eastern Christianity

## Lecture Series

Regional conflicts,  
religious extremism  
and future challenges  
facing Christian  
communities in the  
**Middle East today**

Eastern Christian churches and communities in the Middle East, even as they have deep historical, theological, cultural and social roots in the region, are at the verge of disappearance in the very lands where their faith was born. These lectures will discuss the many challenges that the various Christian communities are facing today, such as militant extremism, sectarian conflicts, exile, socio-economic decline and migration.

**Convener: Dr Hratch Tchilingirian**  
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Michaelmas Term 2015  
**Tuesdays, 5:00-6:30 pm**  
**Oriental Institute, Lecture Room 1**

Week 2, Tuesday, 20 October

**“Christian Communities in the midst of extremism, regional military conflicts and wars in the Middle East”**

Dr Hratch Tchilingirian

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Week 3, Tuesday, 27 October

**“The Coptic Church and Christian communities in Egypt”**

Dr Mariz Tadros

*Research Fellow, Institute of Development Studies, University of Sussex*

Week 4, Tuesday, 3 November

**“Eastern Orthodox churches in the modern Middle East”**

Dr Anthony O’Mahony

*Reader in the history of Christianity, Heythrop College, University of London and Research Fellow, Blackfriars Studium, University of Oxford*

Week 5, Tuesday, 10 November

**“The Armenian Church & communities in the Middle East”**

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Week 6, Tuesday, 17 November

**“The Eastern Catholic churches in the Middle East”**

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Week 8, Tuesday, 1 December

**“Syriacs/Assyrians in the Middle East**

Prof. David G.K. Taylor

*Associate Professor of Aramaic and Syriac, the Oriental Institute; Fellow of Wolfson College, University of Oxford*

For further details about these lecture series please email: [hratch.tchilingirian@orinst.ox.ac.uk](mailto:hratch.tchilingirian@orinst.ox.ac.uk)

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