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FIRST CALL FOR PAPERS

9th meeting of European geographers of religion: International Colloquia on the Changing Religious Landscape of Europe

Development and Transformation of Religious Landscape in the New European Context



Urban landscape in Zadar with imprints of religions

Zadar (Croatia), 3-5 September 2015

GENERAL INFORMATION

There are many relations in Europe between spatial structure, organisation, processes and interactions from one and religion systems and models from other side. Because of that we may consider different aspects of development and transformation of religious landscape (in wider meaning of this term) in the new European context:

Main topics of Conference

- ❖ At the theoretical-methodological level, efforts will be focused primarily on studying appropriate approaches to the issues of changes in religion and the religious landscape in the framework of general overarching socio-geographic (political, demographic, economic, etc.) conditions and global and European shifts (e.g. the world after September 2001 or increasing migration and its effects, etc.), for instance, the growth of religious pluralism, secularization or post-secularisation of European society
From this main purpose it is possible to present specific research on
- ❖ Role and place of social capital in religious communities, which will be verified with qualitative research, primarily among representatives of various churches, represents another research level
- ❖ Diffusion of religious movements in Europe and the influence of global and European shifts, both in terms of their recent developments during the transformation period as well as in terms of longer historical developments
- ❖ Role of religion in the creation of regional (state) identity (for example in the Post-Yugoslavia and Post-Soviet Union states)
- ❖ Relations between State and Church as an example of church property in Europe

As co-organisers we are free to invite geographers and others who are interested in research of relation between geography and religion to participate at this 9th meeting of European geographers of religion: International Colloquia on the Changing Religious Landscape of Europe.

Official language of the Conference is English. Only registered participants will be allowed to present their contributions. Registration form should be sent to Josip Faričić (jfaricic@unizd.hr) by 1st February 2015.

For participants we will provide, without any financial request, conference proceedings, daytime refreshments, excursion, and tourist guidance through Zadar. Participants have to organize accommodation in Zadar on their own.

Organization committee (alphabet order)

Prof. Josip Faričić, Department of Geography, University of Zadar

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Venue of conference

Opening of the conference and all sessions will be held at University of Zadar in old town center (Zadar peninsula). The building is situated in the southeastern part of Zadar peninsula by the sea shore.

The address: Obala Petra Krešimira IV / 2, 23000 Zadar

Zadar is an ancient European university city. As early as on 14 June 1396 in Dominican monastery in Zadar the university Studium generale, later called Universitas Jadertina, was founded. The University of Zadar, ranked as a mid-sized university in the European environment, in many aspects of the higher education reform and harmonization with the EU member states is a leader in Croatia. The County and City of Zadar regularly support the activities of the University: the organization of congresses, round tables, scientific conferences and symposia.

For more information on University of Zadar, please follow the link:

<http://www.unizd.hr/Aboutus/tabid/5239/language/en-US/Default.aspx>

How to get to Zadar?

Depending on where you travel from, we recommend arriving to Zadar by plane or by bus. Zadar airport has several low cost flights (Ryanair), mainly to western and middle European countries. The airport is located near Zadar and you can take a bus (ca 3.5 €) or a taxi (ca 13.5 €) to reach it. If there are no flights to Zadar from your town, we suggest taking flights to Zagreb or Split and then by bus to Zadar which usually takes 3.5 hours.

Accommodation

Zadar offers a variety of accommodation opportunities for its visitors. These include hotels of different standards as well as a number of budget-friendly hostels. It is also possible to rent an apartment for the period of the Conference. Apart from the standard of accommodation, the rates usually depend on the distance to the city centre. Consequently, it is advisable to check whether the location is easily accessible on foot or by public transport. Before making a decision, it is always wise to consult directly the respective hotel website for all necessary information. The majority of the hotels are located in the city centre of Zadar and the surrounding area. There are many travel and tourist agencies that provide budget-friendly accommodation in private houses (room and apartment renting). The rates are per room, per night, including breakfast and local VAT.

In addition you can find a web page of the Zadar tourist board:

<http://www.tzzadar.hr/en/accommodation/tourist-agencies>

For online booking go to: <http://www.booking.com>

Currency

Please note that the official currency in Croatia is Kuna (1 Kuna /HRK/ is subdivided into 100 Lipas) and you can exchange Euros practically in every bank, postal and exchange office. Exchange rate usually varies about 7.5 HRK for 1 Euro.