

# Religion and Values in CEE

## Final Conference

November 13-14, 2009, Budapest, Hungary

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## The Project

The "[Religion and Values in Central and Eastern Europe](#)" conference, the closing conference of the EU Framework 6 supported international network (Religions and Values in Central and Eastern Europe Research Network - REVACERN). The web brings together 13 institutions of 10 countries (Austria, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Croatia, Hungary, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine), all involved in religion related researches. The network - coordinated by the Department for the Study of Religion of the University of Szeged - tackles the most important religious issues and processes, as well as value changes. It is an important part of the project to make the results of researches made in CEE countries available at international level, incorporating them into a broader scientific communication. Supporting relevant work of young researchers and building up a researcher social network for them is also in the focus point of the project.

## Issues Concerned

REVACERN would like to contribute to the religion and value related academic and political discourse in the region with the following issues:

**Religious and value trends 20 years after the change of the regime**

**New religious phenomena and movements**

**Legal regulation of the religious sphere**

**Challenges of the orthodox Europe**

**Religion and education**

**Religion and nation - motivation and reconstruction**

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## Objective of the Conference

The objective of the conference – organized by the Department for the Study of Religion of the University of Szeged and its partners – is to involve the experts of REVACERN, politicians and policy makers of the relevant issues in a dialogue in order to elaborate common results that can serve as guidelines to tackle religion and value related issues of the CEE region, and hopefully other regions of the EU. The funding documents of the EU consider religious freedom as a fundamental human right at the highest level, and they are on the side of religious neutrality, nevertheless, the European Union is open to tackle religion related issues and values of the societies of the member states. The generous support given to our project REVACERN is a proof of this interest and also the expectation to have scientifically correct, politically relevant and actual pieces of information and guidelines at the disposal of decision makers. Each of the above mentioned themes has relevancy in a social and political field in which the peculiarities of the region are evident and towards which different political decision and view changes are necessary.

## Key Speakers (subject to change)

»Zoltán Balog – Head of the Hungarian Parliament’s Committee for Human Rights, Minority, Civic and Religious Affairs (opening speech)

»Prof. em. DDr. Paul M. Zulehner (University of Vienna) – Representative of the REVACERN research network

»Cardinal Dr. Péter Erdő, President of CCEE, Archbishop of Esztergom-Budapest and Primate of Hungary

## Date and Venue of the Conference

The conference will take place in Budapest (Hungary), in a conference hall of the Building of the Hungarian Parliament on 13 and 14 November 2009.

## Panel Discussions

The following workshops are planned (workshops will involve scholars, church representatives and politicians):

### Religious and value trends 20 years after the change of the regime

REVACERN Contributor: Regina Polak, University Vienna, Austria

### New religious phenomena and movements

REVACERN Contributor: Rafal Smoczinsky, University Warsaw, Poland

### Legal regulation of the religious sphere

REVACERN Contributor: Szuromi Szabolcs, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest, Hungary

### Challenges of the orthodox Europe

REVACERN Contributor: Victor Yelensky, Ukrainian National Academy of Science, Kiev, Ukraine

### Religion and Education

REVACERN Contributor: Gabriella Pusztai, University of Debrecen, Hungary

### Religion and nation - motivation and reconstruction

REVACERN Contributor: Miklós Tomka, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest, Hungary



*„Panel discussions will involve scholars, church representatives and politicians”*

## Programme

	November 13	November 14
9:00-9:30	Registration	
9:30-9:45	Opening speech	Panel 5: Religion and education
9:45-10:15	Key speaker's session	Coffee break
10:15-10:30		Panel 6: Religion and nation - motivation and reconstruction
10:30-11:00	Coffee break	Coffee break
11:00-11:15	Panel 1: Religious and value trends 20 years after the change of the regime	Closing speech
11:15-11:45	Lunch	Departure
11:45-12:00		
12:00-12:30		
12:30-13:00		
13:00-14:30		
14:30-15:45	Panel 2: New religious phenomena and movements	
15:45-16:00	Coffee break	
16:00-17:15	Panel 3: Legal regulation of the religious sphere	
17:15-17:30	Coffee break	
17:30-18:45	Panel 4: Challenges of the orthodox Europe	
18:45-20:15	Reception dinner	



## Partner Institutions

University of Vienna, Vienna, Austria

Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Budapest, Hungary

Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Poland

University of Ljubljana, Ljubljana, Slovenia

University of Debrecen, Debrecen, Hungary

Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

Institute for Social Research, Zagreb, Croatia

Center for Interreligious Dialogue and Conflict Prevention, Sofia, Bulgaria

Ukrainian Academy of Science (Skovoroda Institute), Kiev, Ukraine

Max Weber Foundation, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

Warsaw University, Warsaw, Poland

Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

The Hungarian Parliament's Committee for Human Rights, Minority, Civic and Religious Affairs Secretariat of Church Relations, Budapest, Hungary

Ministry of Education and Culture of Hungary, Budapest, Hungary

Institute for State-Church Relations, Bratislava, Slovakia

International Multireligious Intercultural Centre, Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

## Registration

Registration is free of charge and compulsory. You can register at <http://tinyurl.com/revacernconference>. For further details, please contact Mr. Miklós Budai at [konferencia@hungarofest.hu](mailto:konferencia@hungarofest.hu). Places are limited.