

# Sacralization of War

Conference  
October 11-12, 2024  
Göttingen

In 1990, the CSCE states signed the "Charter for a New Europe" in Paris, which spoke of a new "era of democracy, peace and unity". "The age of confrontation and division in Europe has come to an end. We declare that our future relationship will be based on respect and cooperation," the charter states.

Almost 35 years after it was signed, this declaration of intent appears in a new light. Contrary to what is expressed in the "Charter", there are many indications that instead of peace and unity, a new era of confrontation and division of Europe is emerging, in which conflicts of the past that were thought to have been overcome are being continued. No other conflict has influenced and changed Europe's recent history, its social and political conditions to such an extent as the war in Ukraine, which originated in Russia.

Against this backdrop, researchers from various disciplines will come together to analyze key ideological elements of this war. The focus will be on religious aspects that are used to legitimize the war.

The conference will take place in the conference center at the observatory (Geismar Landstr. 11b, 37083 Göttingen).

The conference is organized by the Chair of Ecumenical Theology and Orthodoxy (Prof. Dr. Jennifer Wasmuth) at the Faculty of Theology of the Georg-August-Universität Göttingen together with the Huffington Ecumenical Institute, Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles/United States of America) and the "Peace for All" Foundation.

The conference will be held as a hybrid event.

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## Program

### Friday, October 11, 2024

- 2.00 p.m. Arrival
- 2.15 p.m. Greetings and Introduction
- 2.45 p.m. The Delayed Parousia and Other Disillusionments as a Model for Today (A. Desnitzky)
- 3.30 p.m. Christian-Byzantine Roots of Muslim Jihad (D. Bumazhnov)
- 4.15 p.m. Break
- 4.45 p.m. "Holy Rus" and "Holy War". Historical Roots and Modern Guise of Apocalyptic Thought in Present-Day Russia (R. Flogaus)
- 5.30 p.m. "Is" Russian World an Ideology? (C. Hovorun)
- 6.15 p.m. Break
- 6.45 p.m. Strange Vocabulary - a Conceptual Analysis of the Terminology Applied in "Russian World" Concepts (A. Brüning)
- 7.30 p.m. Panel: Sacralization of War (C. Hovorun/A. Brüning/Sr. Vassa; Moderation: A. Kordochkin)
- 8.30 p.m. Dinner

### Saturday, October 12, 2024

- 9.00 a.m. A "Holy War"? The Religious Dimension of Russian Military Ideology (A. Kordochkin)
- 9.45 a.m. "Sergianism" in Russia and "Neo-Sergianism" in the Russian Orthodox Church Outside Russia (Sr. Vassa)
- 10.30 a.m. Break

11.00 a.m. War: Just or Holy? Western- Eastern Perspectives (M. Stahlberg)

11.45 a.m. Panel: Ecumenical Perspectives (H. Hurskainen/J. Wasmuth;  
Moderation: R. Flogaus)

12.45 p.m. Lunch and Departure

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