

Conference Call for Papers:
“Lived Catholicism from the Balkans to the Baltics”
Pázmány Péter Catholic University
Budapest, Hungary
March 23-24, 2018

The Catholics & Cultures program at College of the Holy Cross (Worcester, MA, USA) and Pázmány Péter Catholic University (Budapest, HU) invite proposals for panels and individual papers on themes relating to the study of “lived Catholicism,” an approach to Catholicism and culture that seeks to describe practices and beliefs as they are understood by those who live them and in the context of the cultures they variously reflect, shape, define, challenge, and oppose.

Europe’s rich history is permeated with the rich array of rituals and worldviews of Catholicism. On a local level, this history continues to inform the ways individual Catholics experience and understand the diverse practices and values that define Catholicism in various communities. This is no less true in the region of Europe stretching from the Balkans to the Baltics, where Catholicism both as lived practice and as institutionally-supported cultural heritage are becoming increasingly visible to the public. The conference, “Lived Catholicism from the Balkans to the Baltics,” will respond to this reality by offering scholars and observers an opportunity to attend to and study the diversity of Catholic practices as well as the *meaning* of Catholicism in its various relationships with cultures.

The conference has four primary goals:

- To aid the comparative study of Catholic life and the melding of Catholicism and culture, in all its richness and particularity, in the region from Balkans to the Baltics;
- To help scholars of Lived Catholicism in this region reach additional and broader international audiences of scholars through presentations and publications;
- To gather resources for secondary- and undergraduate-level instructors interested in introducing students to the diversity of Catholic practices and values in this region;
- To explore how historical trends, political ideas, Catholic theology and philosophy, civil society, and national identity can help us understand lived Catholicism and lay Catholic practice.

We encourage proposals from scholars in a variety of fields, including philosophers, theologians, political scientists, historians, sociologists, anthropologists, folklorists, and others. Proposals that approach the study of lived Catholicism and lay Catholic practice from an interdisciplinary perspective are especially welcome.

Please submit panel proposals and individual paper proposals by September 30, 2017.

Proposals for panels and presentations will be accepted in English and Hungarian.
Conference presentations will be in English.

Please direct general questions to:
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