

# Naming the Sacred



## Jerusalem and Religious Toponomastic in History, Theology and Politics

Tuesday, October 17

Wednesday, October 18

9.00 – 10.00	<b>Session 1: Opening</b> Welcome Addresses Chair: Roger Koude, University of Lyon Alberto Melloni, Fscire, Bologna Alon Goshen-Gottstein, Elijah Interfaith Institute, Jerusalem Alexander Brakel, Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Jerusalem Steven Shankman, UNESCO Network on Interreligious and Intercultural Dialogue, University of Oregon Opening Talk: Contesting the Other's Sacred Space Paul Morris, Victoria University of Wellington
10.00 – 11.20	<b>Session 2: Sacred Places – Case Histories</b> Chair: Wolfgang Dietrich, University of Innsbruck The Policy of the Christian Empire and Pagan Temples in the 4th Century Rita Lizzi Testa, University of Perugia Rome and the Questione Romana Roberto Regoli, Pontifical Gregorian University, Roma The Soviet Policy of the Holy Places in Russia Yuri Stoyanov, SOAS University, London
11.20	Break Introductory questions and discussion
12.45	Lunch break (see note below)
14.00 – 16.00	<b>Session 3: Historical Policies and Attitudes to Jerusalem and Holy Places</b> Chair: Lidija Georgieva, University of St. Cyril and Methodius, Skopje Jerusalem and its Toponomastic in Medieval Sources Saverio Campanini, Bologna [in scriptis] Ottoman Denomination and Regulations of the Holy Spaces in Jerusalem Alessandra Ricci, Koç University, Istanbul The Holy Sites Under the British Mandate Raymond Cohen, Hebrew University, Jerusalem Christian Zionism and Jerusalem Holy Places Robert O. Smith, Notre Dame University, Jerusalem Gateway
16.00	Break Introductory questions and discussion (until 18:00)

9.00 – 11.00	<b>Session 4: Jerusalem Case Studies</b> Chair: Emiliou Solomou, University of Nicosia The Dome of the Rock: Symbol of Cultural Exchange or Religious Wars Merav Mack - Harry Truman Institute, The Hebrew University, Jerusalem Retrieving Historical Memory – Teaching Al-Aqsa in Pakistan Muhammad Suheyl Umar - University of Central Punjab, Lahore, Pakistan Historical Memory in a Holy Site – Nebi Da'ud, David's Tomb and the Cenacle as Test Cases Doron Bar, Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies, Jerusalem Adam's Grave Nikolai Lipatov-Chicherin, University of Birmingham, UK
11.00	Break Introductory questions and discussion
12.30	Lunch break
13.45 – 16.00	<b>Session 5: Contemporary Perspectives and the UNESCO Dispute</b> Chair: Enric Olivé-Serret, University of Rovira and Virgili, Tarragona Destroying the Past: Monotheism, Iconoclasm and the Sacred Sylvia Ronchey, University of Rome Tre International Law and the Status Quo in Diplomacy Peter Petkoff, Oxford University A Chronology of UNESCO Deliberations on Jerusalem Alberto Melloni, Fscire Discussion
16.00	Break
16.30 – 18.45	<b>Session 6: Panel of religious leaders – The Religious Significance of Jerusalem for Religious Communities and the UNESCO Declaration</b> Chair: Silvia Monserrate, University of Rovira and Virgili, Tarragona Chief Rabbi Michael Melchior, Norway and Israel Bishop Boulous Giacinto Marcuzzo, Latin Patriarchate Jerusalem Kadi Iad Zahalka, Sharia Law Court
	Concluding Reflections

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