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## **Security Challenges of Religious Communities in a Changing World**

In September 2017 a group of researchers set up a Ludovika Research Group at the National University of Public Service. This was an important step in the systematic study of extremism and religious extremism in Hungary. Besides academic research, the members of the group have also organised multiple academic events in Hungary, which were dedicated to certain aspects of this broad topic. On 11 June 2018 an international conference will take place in Budapest focusing on the multiple security challenges religious communities around the world have to face in the very turbulent 21<sup>st</sup> century. The keynote speaker of this event will be His Excellency Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa the Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem. Besides him, the organising committee have also invited a number of well respected speakers to ensure that this field also gets the attention it rightly deserves.

## **Security Challenges of Religious Communities in a Changing World Conference**

**Patron:**

**Cardinal Péter Erdő**

Archbishop of Esztergom-Budapest

Member of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences

**Date:**

11th June 2018

**Location: (The Venue has been changed since the previous version)**

Budapest Central Seminary

1053 Budapest

Papnövelde utca 5 -7

**Conference languages:**

Hungarian and English

( real time English-Hungarian interpreting is available)



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## Draft Conference Programme

**9:00 – 10:00 – Registration**

**10:00 – 10:10 – Opening Remarks - Dr. habil Györgyi Nyikos**, Vice Rector of International Affairs, National University of Public Service

**10:10 – 10:20 – Opening Remarks – Zsolt Marton**, Rector, Central Seminary, Budapest

**Session 1 - Chair: Col. Dr. István Resperger**, Head of the National Security Institute, National University of Public Service

**10:20 – 10:40 – Hungarian Governmental Activities in Aid of Persecuted Christian Communities – Bertalan Kiss**, Representative of the State Secretariat for the Aid of Persecuted Christians

**10:40 – 11:00 – Changes in the Geographical Distribution of Religious Communities - Col. Dr. Klára Kecskeméthy**, National University of Public Service, Faculty of Military Sciences and Officer Training

**11:00 – 11:20 – Spirit, Power, Violence – Prof Dr. Dénes Harai**, National University of Public Service, Faculty of Military Sciences and Officer Training

**11:20 – 11:40 – Coffee break**

**Session 2 - Chair: Dr. László Gájer**

**11:40 – 12:00 – History and position of Eastern Catholic sui iuris Churches in the Catholic Church – Dr. Péter Szabó**

**12:00 – 12:20 – Religion, Migration and Integration in Germany - Representative of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Germany - Dr. Karlies Abmeier**

**12:20 – 12:40 – Legal and Operational Framework Governing the Operations of Catholic and Protestant Charity Organisations in a Changing World – Dr. Lorand Ujházi and Dr. Vilmos Fischl**, National University of Public Service, Faculty of Military Sciences and Officer Training

**12:40 – 13:50 – Lunch break**



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**Session 3 - Chair: Dr. Jakab Várnai**, (OFM, Rector, College of Theology of Religious Religious Orders)

**13:50 – 14:00 – Opening Remarks – Levente Magyar** – Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade

**14:00 – 14:20 – The aims of Hungarian governmental policy in defence of Christian communities and Christian culture – Miklós Soltész** – Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Human Capacities

**14:20 – 15:00 – Middle-Eastern Christian communities- Past, Present and Future – Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa**, Apostolic Administrator of the Latin Patriarchate of Jerusalem

**15:00 – 15:20 – Coffee break**

**Session 4 - Chair: Dr. Ferenc Kaiser**, National University of Public Service, Faculty of Military Sciences and Officer Training

**15:20 – 15:40 – The Activities of Islamic State and their Effects on Various Religious Communities – Col. István Resperger**, National University of Public Service, National Security Institute

**15:40 – 16:20 – Roundtable Discussion focusing on Security and Religion in the Middle East Moderator: Dr. Ferenc Kaiser**

**Panel Members:**

- **Béla Jungbert** – Former Ambassador of Hungary to Jordan and Palestinian Territories, Lieutenant of the Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem in Hungary

- **Dr. József Kis-Benedek** – Researcher of Terrorism and Middle Eastern Security

- **Dr. Erzsébet Nagyné Rózsa** - National University of Public Service, Faculty of International and European Studies

**16:20 – 16:35 – Questions and Answers Session**

**16:35 – 16:45 – Closing Remarks**