

# INVITATION

## CHRISTIAN PERSECUTION IN HISTORY

On 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019 the Research Group of Religion and Security at the National University of Public Service, in cooperation with the Prime Minister's Office State Secretariat for the Aid of Persecuted Christians, which is also responsible for the Hungary Helps Program and the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung is organizing an international conference examining the Christian persecution in history. The organizers would like to invite every interested researcher studying this field to participate and broaden the scope of views presented at the conference.

**Patron: Cardinal Péter ERDŐ**  
**Christian Persecution in History**

**Date:** 11<sup>th</sup> April 2019

**Location:** 1101 Budapest, Hungária krt. 9-11.

**Conference languages:** Hungarian and English (with real time English-Hungarian interpreting)

### Draft of Conference Programme:

09:00–10:00 Registration

10:00–10:10 Opening Remarks – Brig. Gen. Dr. Árpád POHL (Dean – Faculty of Military Sciences and Officer Training, NUPS)

10:10–10:30 Opening Remarks – Eng. Major General Prof. Dr. József PADÁNYI (Vice-Rector for Science, NUPS), Tristan AZBEJ (State Secretary)

10:30–10:40 Opening Remarks – Frank SPENGLER (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung)

### Session 1

Chair: Prof. Dr. Dénes HARAI (NUPS)

10:40–10:55 Dr. habil Levente NAGY (University of Pécs): *Christian persecution under Roman Emperors and procurators in age of Roman Empire*

10:55–11:10 Prof. dr. Miklós MARÓTH (Avicenna Institute of Middle Eastern Studies): *Nestorianism – the wiped out Christian community: lessons for today's interfaith dialogue*

11:10–11:25 Dr. András SZENCZI (Avicenna Inst of Middle Eastern Studies): *Christian-Muslim Relationships of 12-13<sup>th</sup> Century in Maghrib*

11:25–11:45 Coffee break

### Session 2

Chair: Dr. Péter Krisztián ZACHAR (NUPS)

11:45–12:00 Dr. József KALÓ (NUPS): *The Terror of Reason – Anti-Christianity of the French Revolution*

12:00–12:15 Fr. Massimo PAMPALONI SJ (Pontifical Oriental Institute): *Persecution of Christians in the Middle East: epiphany of Christ's „perfect yes” to the Father*

12:15–12:30 Dr. theol. habil. Dirk ANSORGE: *Christian Persecution and Social Transformation*

12:30–12:45 Prof. dr. József KIS-BENEDEK (NUPS): *The actual security situation in the Middle East*

12:45–13:50 Lunch break

### Session 3

Chair: Dr. Ferenc PETRUSKA (NUPS)

13:50–14:05 Dr. Péter SZABÓ (PPCU): *Influence of Christian Persecution on Eastern Church Structure*

14:05–14:20 Dr. Daniel OTTENBERG (Open Doors USA): *The structure and methodology of a human rights organization in examination of persecuted Christians situation*

14:20–14:35 Prof. Dr. Balázs GELLÉR (NUPS): *The Protection of Christian Minorities through International Law and National Criminal Laws*

14:35–14:50 Dr. Hanna Ghoneim (Melkite priest, Syria) – *Integration of Syrian Christian Refugees in Europe*

14:50–15:10 Coffee break

### Session 4

Chair: Zoltan Ujhelyi (Kossuth Radio)

15:10–15:25 András KÓRÉ (Prime Minister's Office for the Aid of Persecuted Christians): *Security environment of Christian communities in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

15:25–15:40 Dr. habil Lóránd UJHÁZI, Noémi KLISZEK: *Research of Issues in Religion and Security at National University of Public Service (NUPS)*

15:40–16:15: **Roundtable Discussion about efforts and initiatives of Hungary and Hungarian Churches for the persecuted Christians:**

Moderator: Zoltán UJHELYI (Kossuth Radio)

Panel Members: Dr. Balázs ORBÁN, Dr. Vilmos FISCHL, Dr. Richard ZAGYVA, Dr. Béla JUNG-BERT, Bertalan KISS, Dániel SOLYMÁRI, Richárd ZAGYVA

16:15–16:30: Question and Answer session, Closing Remarks

We are looking forward to seeing you at the conference!

Registration until 12:00 hrs 09 April 2019 at: <https://reg.uni-nke.hu/index.php/868114?lang=en>

More information can be requested from Diána Vargyas (in office hours 09:00–16:00).

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