



State, Nation, Religion

Multiple Loyalties in Modern and Contemporary East-Central Europe

30 September – 1 October 2026
Rome, Hungarian Academy in Rome
00186 Rome, Via Giulia 1

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10:00–10:30 Welcome Address and Introduction

Márk Aurél Érszegi (Hungarian Academy in Rome, director)
András Fejérdy (ELTE HTK / PPKE)

Panel I 10:30–11:30

1. Radu Nedici (University of Bucharest): Redefining the Place of the Greek Catholic Church of Transylvania after Josephism: Bishop Ioan Bob (1783–1830) and His Critics in the Early Decades of the Nineteenth Century
 2. Zsófia Bárány (OSZK Budapest): In Whose Name? With Whose Money? – József Lonovics's 1840/41 Roman Mission
 3. Miklós Tömöry (ELTE HTK): The Ausgleich and the Episcopate: Church–State Relations and Nationalism at the Birth of Austro-Hungarian Dualism
- Discussion 11:30–12:15** – Discussant: Tomasz Hen-Konarski (ELTE HTK / IH PAN)

Lunch 12:15–13:15

Panel II 13:15–14:15

4. Katalin Pataki (ELTE HTK): Hungarian Newspapers' Coverage of the Vatican Banking Scandal in the 1860s
 5. Tomasz Hen-Konarski (ELTE HTK / IH PAN): The Resurrectionists' Boarding House for Ruthenian Pupils in Lviv as an Attempt to Reinforce the Religious and Political Loyalty of Greek Catholic Galicians
 6. Tamara Scheer (U of Vienna/U of Innsbruck): The Austrian Catholic Congresses: A Hegemonic German Assembly or a Gathering across Habsburg Austrian Nationalities?
- Discussion 14:15–15:00** – Discussant: Andrea Carteny (Sapienza Università di Roma)

Coffee break 15:00–15:30

Panel III 15:30–16:30

7. Martin Schulze Wessel (LMU): Between Religious, National and Social Loyalties: National Churches in Czechoslovakia, Poland and Ukraine after World War I
 8. Przemysław Pazik (ELTE HTK / U of Warsaw): The Patriarch's Return: Andrey Sheptytsky's Way Back to Lviv and the National and Security Policies in 1923 Poland
- Discussion 16:30–17:15** – Discussant: Agáta Šústová Drelová (ELTE HTK / SAS)

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9:30–10:30 Tour in Palazzo Falconieri

Panel IV 10:30–11:30

9. Željko Oset (ELTE HTK / Baylor U): The Financial Politics of the Borderlands: Church, State, and Sovereignty in Interwar Yugoslavia
 10. Ionuț Biliuță (UMFST Târgu Mureș): Between Rome and Bucharest: Roman Catholic Attempts at Negotiating National Belonging in Interwar Romania
 11. András Fejérdy (ELTE HTK / PPKE): Conflicted Loyalties: Bishop Fiedler, Minority Nationalism, and the Romanian State, 1930–1939
- Discussion 11:30–12:15** – Discussant: Massimiliano Valente (Università Europea di Roma)

Lunch 12:15–13:15

Panel V 13:15–14:15

12. Agáta Šústová Drelová (ELTE HTK / SAS): Catholic Belonging at Trial: Slovak Bishops in Postwar Czechoslovakia
13. Anca Șincan (ELTE HTK / UMFST Târgu Mureș): Catholic Church and the Nation in Post-Second World War Romania
14. Paweł Skibiński (U of Warsaw): The Theology of the Nation in John Paul II: Its Significance for the Pontificate of the Polish Pope and its Contexts.

Discussion 14:15–15:00 – Discussant: Przemysław Pazik (ELTE HTK / U of Warsaw)

Coffee break 15:00–15:30

Panel VI 15:30–16:15

15. Natalia Shlikta (NaUKMA): Between Moscow's Authorities and the "Reunited" Community: Orthodox Bishops in Western Ukraine in the 1940s–1970s
16. Milosav Đoković (Institute for Balkan Studies SANU): La questione cattolica in Serbia: L'arcidiocesi di Belgrado dal 1924 al 1964

Discussion 16:15–17:00 – Discussant: Johan Ickx (ASRS)