The Cambridge Postgraduate Workshop in Medieval and Early Modern Slavonic Studies

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Bentley Room, Pitt Building, University of Cambridge

The Cambridge Postgraduate Workshop in Medieval and Early Modern Slavonic Studies is presented by Cambridge Ukrainian Studies, an academic centre in the Department of Slavonic Studies at the University of Cambridge. Led by Dr Yury P. Avvakumov from the University of Notre Dame, USA, this year’s workshop will explore Medieval and Early Modern religious identities by focusing on the clashes over issues of ritual between Latins, Greeks, and Ruthenians. These clashes, along with the dogmatic controversies on the procession of the Holy Spirit, purgatory, and papal primacy, determined the history of relations between Latin-rite and Byzantine-rite Christians from the mid-eleventh to the mid-seventeenth century. During this period, certain religious and cultural patterns display remarkable continuities. By exploring such continuities, this workshop will provide a deeper understanding of the Union of Brest 1596, considered both as idea and as reality.

Dr Yury Avvakumov teaches history of Christianity in the Department of Theology at the University of Notre Dame, IN. He specializes in the history of medieval Christianity, with a focus on Latin-Byzantine relations, and in the religious history of Ukraine and Russia of the Early Modern and Modern periods. He is also broadly engaged with history of the Byzantine-rite Catholic Churches from their medieval beginnings to the present day. Dr Avvakumov completed his studies in Orthodox theology in St. Petersburg, Russia, and his doctorate in Catholic theology at Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, Germany. Prior to coming to Notre Dame in 2010, Prof Avvakumov held numerous academic positions in Germany, Ukraine, and Russia, including six years at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv where he served as Dean of Humanities and the founding chair of the Department of Classical, Byzantine, and Medieval Studies. Avvakumov’s publications include a monograph on the medieval controversies between Latins and Byzantines and the origins of the idea of church union (Die Entstehung des Unionsgedankens. Die lateinische Theologie des Hochmittelalters in der Auseinandersetzung mit dem Ritus der Ostkirche. Berlin 2002), which appeared in Ukrainian translation in 2011, and an edition of the documents related to the history of Byzantine-rite Catholics in Ukraine and Russia from Ukrainian archives (Mytropolyt Andrei Sheptytskyi i hreko-katolyky v Rosiji, 1899-1917. Lviv 2004). He has also contributed numerous chapters to volumes on history of Latin, Byzantine, and Slavic Christianity, as well as articles to such scholarly journals as Ostkirchliche Studien, Una Sancta, Communicantes, Kovcheh (Lviv), Bogoslovskie Trudy (Moscow), Bohoslovia (Lviv), and others. Avvakumov’s book on the origins of the idea of church union was appraised by reviewers as a major contribution to the understanding of the relations between the Latin and the Byzantine-Slavonic Christianity.
The workshop will be led in English and all interested postgraduate students and scholars in medieval history and culture are welcome to attend. The event is free but online registration is required.

Register at CambridgeUkrainianStudies.org by Wednesday, 8 March 2017

Participants may apply for reimbursement of costs for domestic economy train/coach travel to and from Cambridge.
To apply for reimbursement, please send a brief CV and 2-5-sentence statement of interest to Miss Olga Płocienniczak, Department of Slavonic Studies, University of Cambridge, at slavon@hermes.cam.ac.uk by Wednesday, 8 March 2017.

Please retain your travel receipts so that Miss Olga Płocienniczak can process your travel reimbursement.

Coffee, lunch and refreshments will be served during the workshop.

Preliminary Schedule:
- **11.00 – 11.30** Guests arrive; refreshments served
- **11:30 – 12.30** Seminar Discussion
- **12.30 – 13.00** Lunch
- **13.00 – 14.00** Seminar Discussion
- **14.00 –** Conclusion; refreshments served
Recommended Workshop Readings

The listed primary sources and secondary readings are recommended but not obligatory for participation in the workshop.

Primary sources:

Secondary sources:

Queries: Olenka Z. Pevny, ozp20@cam.ac.uk
Directions

Please visit http://www.cam.ac.uk/visitors/gettingto.html for directions to Cambridge and http://www.cam.ac.uk/visitors/map.html for a map of the city centre. The seminar will be held from 11.00 to 15.00 in the Bentley Room, Pitt Building, Cambridge, which can be found on the map below.

The Pitt Building
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The Pitt Building is located on Trumpington Street between King’s College Chapel and the Fitzwilliam Museum in Cambridge City Centre.