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**Prof. Charalambos Papastathis
in Memoriam**

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PROGRAM

Thursday 23 September 2021
Capsis Hotel, VIP Lounge “Alexander the Great”

Closed session

17.00 – 18.30 1st session

Social framework and legal recognition

Chair: Miguel Rodríguez Blanco, Alcalá

17.00 – 17.15 Welcome by Lina Papadopoulou, Thessaloniki
on behalf of the organizing Committee

17.15 – 17.30 Francis Messner, Strasbourg

*Respecter les droits humains en conciliant les droits des communautés musulmanes et les politiques religieuses de l'Etat /
Respect human rights by reconciling the rights of Muslim communities and the religious policies of the State*

17.30 – 17.45 Konstantinos Tsitselikis, Thessaloniki

Old and New Islam in Europe: A general framework

17.45 – 18.00 Angeliki Ziaka, Thessaloniki

Cultural views on the implication of Shari'a in Europe and Greece

18.00 – 18.30 Discussion

Friday 24 September 2021

AUTh, Faculty of Philosophy, Conference Hall (1st floor)

Open sessions

10.00 Message by His All-Holiness
Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew

Greetings

- Ioannis Chrysoulakis, Secretary General for Greeks Abroad and Public Diplomacy
- Nikos Papaioannou, Rector of AUTh
- Mark Hill, Acting President of the Consortium
- Panayotis Glavinis, Dean of the Faculty of Law
- Nikos Maghioros, Head of the School of Theology

10.15 – 11.30 2nd session

Muslims in Europe and in the Islamic world

Chair: Lina Papadopoulou-Nikos Maghioros, Thessaloniki

10.15 – 10.30 Evangelos Venizelos

Faculty of Law AUTh, Former Vice-President of the Greek Government

A general introduction to the topic and a note in memory of Prof. Papastathis

10.30 – 10.45 Silvio Ferrari, Milano

Presentation about Islam in Europe based on the data of the Atlas of minorities

10.45 – 11.00 Ali Rashid Al Nuaimi

Chairman of the World Muslim Communities Council /
International Center of Excellence for Countering Violent
Extremism

When History Cripples Future

11.00- 11.30 Discussion

11.30 – 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 – 13.15 3rd session

Exercise of religious freedom and other cultural rights of Muslims

Chair: Angeliki Ziaka, Thessaloniki

12.00 – 12.15 Agustin Motilla De La Calle, Madrid

Muslims in Europe: between religious freedom and securitization

12.15 – 12.30 Hamza Osman, Mufti of Didymoticho

Application of Sharia in Thrace

12.30 – 12.45 Niels Valdemar Vinding, Copenhagen

*Diverse interpretations of the exercise of religious freedom for
Muslims in Europe*

12.45– 13.15 Discussion

13.15 - 15.30 Lunch break





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15.30 – 16.45 4th session

Religious freedom, Islamophobia and discrimination of Muslims

Chair: Marco Ventura, Siena

15.30 – 15.45 Maurits S. Berger, Leiden

Two Responses to the Freedom of Religion for Muslims in Europe

15.45 – 16.00 Samia Bano, London

Muslims in Europe: gender, sexuality and the Law

16.00 - 16.15 Enrica Martinelli, Ferrara

Muslim Minors: education and policies for social integration

16.15 - 16.45 Discussion

16.45 – 17.15 Coffee break

17.15 – 18.15 5th session

Islam before the European supranational courts

Chair: Merilin Kiviorg, Tartu

17.15 – 17.30 Vincent de Gaetano

former Judge of the ECtHR, Malta

Veils and other headgear associated with Islam and Islamic sects, the case law of the ECtHR

17.30 – 17.45 Wolfgang Wieshaider, Vienna

The CJEU case-law

17.45 – 18.15 Discussion



Saturday 25 September 2021
Capsis Hotel, VIP Lounge “Theodora”
Closed session

10.00 – 11.00 6th session

Securitisation of religion

Moderator: Lars Friedner, Member of the Executive Committee of the Consortium

10.00 – 10.15 Merilin Kiviorg, Tartu

Security and liberty in the light of Islam(ophobia)

10.15 – 10.30 Konstantinos Papastathis and Anastasia Litina, Thessaloniki

Islamophobia, anti-immigrant attitudes and religion

10.30 – 11.00 Discussion

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 7th session

Challenges posed by Islam in the traditional understanding and application of democracy and rights in Europe

Chair: Brigitte Basdevant-Gaudemet, Paris

11.30 – 11.45 Silvio Ferrari, Milano

Which model of co-existence?

11.45 – 12.45 Discussion

12.45 – 13.00 Mark Hill, Acting President of the Consortium, London

Summary and reflections

