

It is hard to deny that contemporary and historical discourses defining, supporting, attacking and deconstructing the "West" are essential for defining the "global condition", but explicit examination of the term "West" itself and its language, textual and visual underpinnings, especially as mobilized by the human sciences, is currently seldom undertaken, mainly because many assume that the term is either obsolete, completely clear, or both. The workshop is associated with the examination of the "West" in connection with the Erfurt research project "What is Western about the West?", which is gathering expertise and is in the process of establishing and deepening inter-university and international cooperation in order to pursue its goals with higher stakes and a larger scholarly base...



Transposing the West

A Workshop co-organized by the University of Erfurt and Fordham University

## Transposing the West: The Human Sciences and the Occidental Mirage

Erfurt, March 15 - 17, 2018

University of Erfurt, Senatssaal,  
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**Thursday, March 15**

15:00

Greeting by the University Administration and Organizational Remarks

15:15

Introductory Remarks by Vasilios N. Makrides and Holt Meyer: *Institutions and Disciplines in the Negative and Positive Determination of the "West"*

OPENING LECTURE

15:45

Chris GoGwilt (Fordham): *Postcolonial Philology and the Transposition of "Western Consciousness"*

17:00 COFFEE BREAK

17:30

Robert Davis (Fordham): *The Human Sciences and the Transhistory of Religious Experience*

Ben Dunning (Fordham): *Foucault's "Western" Subject of Truth and Late Ancient Christianity*

20:00 DINNER

**Friday, March 16**

9:00

Diana Hitzke (Giessen): *Originality and the West. The Copy of Raphael's Loggias at the Hermitage from Catherine the Great to Olga Martynova*

Tanja Zimmermann (Leipzig): *"Western" and "Eastern" as Criteria for Reconfiguring the Aesthetical Canons*

10:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:00 Meeting of the Fordham Group with the Administration of the University of Erfurt

13:00 LUNCH (Mensa), followed by a stroll/guided tour through the Old Town of Erfurt

15:30

George E. Demacopoulos (Fordham): *The West as the Birthplace of "Traditional Orthodoxy"*

Vasilios N. Makrides (Erfurt): *Orthodox Anti-Westernism in a Global Age: Mutations, Adaptations, Alliances*

17:00 COFFEE BREAK

EVENING LECTURE

17:30

Kathryn Reklis (Fordham): *Post-Secular Performances of Religion and Aesthetics*

20:00 DINNER

**Saturday, March 17**

9:00

Nathaniel Wood (Fordham): *Liberalism and the "West" in Modern Russian Orthodox Political Theology*

Sebastian Rimestad (Erfurt): *"Eastern Orthodoxy" in the "West"*

Ionut Bancila (Erfurt): *Anti-Westernism in Western and Orthodox Esotericism*

11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:30

Nora Schmidt (Erfurt): *East Central European Literary Theory Inside and Outside the Academy and the "Western Tradition"*

Holt Meyer (Erfurt): *The Occident Darkly Echoed: Pushkin's De-Westernization in Stalinist Philology and the N(ot)ational Transposition of his Non-Orthodox Libertinage*

13:00

Closing Remarks by C. GoGwilt, V.N. Makrides, H. Meyer and T. Zimmermann

13:30 LUNCH BUFFET

END OF THE WORKSHOP