

Histories of Religion and Homophobia in Eurasia

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11-12 April 2019, St Antony’s College, University of Oxford

Thursday 11 April 2019

Pavilion Room, St Antony’s College, 62 Woodstock Road, Oxford OX2 6JF

COFFEE & TEA served from 09.30 – 10.00

INTRODUCTIONS: 09.45-10.00

Session I (10.00 – 12.00): Queer Histories of Russian Orthodoxy

Was Rus a Homosexual Paradise? Contestations of Russian Orthodox History

Dr Nick Mayhew, Mellon Fellow and Lecturer in Slavic Languages and Literatures, Stanford University

‘Emancipating the Church’: The Renovationist Movement in Russian Orthodoxy on Sex, Marriage and ‘Clerical Depravity’

Andrey Levitskiy, PhD candidate, Medieval & Modern Languages, University of Oxford

Session II (14.00 – 16.00): Perspectives on Religious Values in Contemporary Russian Life

Religious Arguments in Criminal Court Hearings on Violence against Queer Populations in Russia

Dr Alexander Kondakov, Aleksanteri Institute, U of Helsinki, Finland

‘Traditional Values’ in Contemporary Russia: Transnational and Global Aspects

Dr Dmitry Uzlaner, Researcher, Moscow School of Social and Economic Sciences (MSSES), Russian Federation, and ‘Postsecular conflicts’ research group, U of Innsbruck, Austria

COFFEE & TEA served from 16.00 – 16.15

Session III (16.15 – 18.15): Religious Traditions and Queer Lives in Central Asia

Locating Traces of Gender Deviance in Kazakhstan’s History

Zhanar Sekerbayeva, PhD candidate, University of Tsukuba, Japan

The Chronotopes of a Good/Bad Girl in Kyrgyzstan

Synat Sultanalieva, PhD candidate, University of Tsukuba, Japan

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Session IV (09.45 – 11.45): Orthodoxy versus LGBTQ Rights in the Political Arena

Political Reaction of the Orthodox Radicals to Non-discrimination Policies in the Republic of Moldova

Anastasia Mitrofanova, Professor, Russian State University for the Humanities (RGGU, Moscow); Professor, Moscow Orthodox Institute of St John the Divine, Russian Federation

From Criminalization to Gay Marriage Homosexuality in the Discourse of the Romanian Orthodox Church After 1989

Lucian Cirlan PhD candidate, Sociology of Religion, Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes/PSL (Paris-Sorbonne)

Session V (12.00 – 13.00): Reflections on Religion and Homophobia in Eurasia

Reflections on conference discussion; what have we learned from these papers and given the CFP, what do we still lack understanding of?

Conference concludes