



**PROGRAM OF THE CONFERENCE ON
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National Library of Latvia, Riga

09.00h-09.20/30h:

Opening by the Deputy Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, Mrs. Gabriella Battaini-Dragoni: *The European Legacy of the Reformation*.

09.30h-09.40h:

Short introduction by Prof. Matthias Smalbrugge, president of EARS: *Europe, the Debate on Faith and Politics*.

09.40h-11.00h

First Round Table: **Europe and the Religious Diversity in the light of the Reformation**

- Short introduction by Prof. Rolf Schieder, Berlin: *Diversity and the Future of Europe*.
- Short Introduction by Mrs Lilia Bensédrine, Tunis: *Interreligious and Interconvictionnal Dialogue*.
- Short introduction by Prof. Wim Janse, Amsterdam: *Between Diversity and Division, the Heritage of the Reformation*.
- Discussion on these different aspects.

11.00h-11.15h

Coffee break.

11.15h-12.45h

Second Round Table: **The Reformation seen through the eyes of other religions and denominations.**

- Short introduction by Prof. Dimitrios Moschos, Athens: *The view of Orthodoxy on the Reformation.*
- Short introduction by Dr. Samim Agkönül, Strasbourg: *The view of Islam on the Reformation.*
- Short introduction by Prof. Maurice Ruben Hayoun (Geneva): *Judaism and its Relation to the Reformation and the Modern European Culture.*
- Short introduction by Dr. Raffaella Perin, Milan: *Inner-Christian Diversity in Italy. A Roman-catholic View on the Reformation.*
- Discussion on the different aspects.

12.45h-13.30h

Lunch.

13.30h-15.00h

Third Round Table: **Reformation and the nation-state. Modern views on Religion and Political Unity.**

- Short Introduction by Prof. Kjetil Fretheim, Oslo: *Secular and Religious Discourses about Europe in the light of the Reformation.*
- Short Introduction by Prof. Christophe Monnot, Lausanne: *Religious identities and the formation of national values.*
- Short introduction by Dr. David Gudmundsson, Lund: *Confession and Nation-building in the Scandinavian Countries*
- Short by Prof. Valdis Tēraudkalns, Riga: *Reformation and the Baltic States*
- Discussion on the different aspects.

15.00h-15.15h

Tea break

15.15h-16.15h

Fourth Round Table: **Economics, Politics and Religion in Modern Europe. Influences of the Reformation**

- Short introduction by Prof. Chris Doude van Troostwijk, Luxembourg: *Protestant ethics and the modern financials.*
- Discussion with several participants on the different aspects.

16.15-16.45

- Conclusive remarks by Prof. Laima Geikina, Riga.
- White paper and conclusive remarks.

16.50-17.00

- Closure.
- Drinks.

18.00.

- Visit of the Exposition in the National Library

Participants, alphabetically listed.

- Dr. Samim Agkönül, Institute of International Relations, University of Strasbourg. Specialization: Religious Minorities, Muslim Minorities.
- Mrs. Lilia Bensédriane, Lawyer and expert in intercultural questions, member of several NGO's on behalf of the COE. Specialization: Intercultural Dialogue.
- Prof. Chris Doude van Troostwijk, Luxembourg School of Religion and Society. Specialization: Religion and Economics.
- Prof Kjetil Fretheim, MF Norwegian School of Theology. Specialization: Religion and Society.
- Prof Laima Geikina, Faculty of Theology, University of Latvia. Specialization: Religious Education.
- Dr. David Gudmundsson, Centre for Theology and Religious Studies, University of Lund. Specialization: Confessional and National Identities in the Post-Reformation Era.
- Prof. Maurice-Ruben Hayoun, University professor, University of Geneva. Specialization: Jewish Philosophy, Medieval and Modern.
- Prof. Wim Janse, professor at the Faculty of Theology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Specialization: Reformation.
- Prof. Christophe Monnot, Faculty of Protestant Theology Strasbourg. Specialization: Sociology of Religion.
- Professor Dimitrios Moschos, professor at the Faculty of Theology, University of Athens. Specialization: Orthodox Theology and Philosophy.
- Dr Raffaella Perin, Department of Religious Studies, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore Milan/Brescia. Specialization: History of Contemporary Christianity.
- Prof. Rolf Schieder, professor at the Faculty of Theology, Humboldt Universität Berlin. Specialization: Religion and Politics.
- Prof. Matthias Smalbrugge, Faculty of Theology, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Specialization: Christianity and European Culture.
- Prof. Valdis Tēraudkalns, Faculty of Theology, University of Latvia. Specialization: History of Religions.