



Workshop: “Religion on the Ethnic Frontier”
THB-G010, University of Galway,
9:00-17:00, 29 April 2025

Antoni Piotrowski, 'Intencja' (1912), Public Domain



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The Centre for the Study of Religion (CSR) and
The Centre for the Investigation of Transnational
Encounters (CITE)

9:00 Welcome

9:15-10:45 Panel One: Lutherans, Orthodox Christians and Jews in Northeastern Europe

**From Lutherans to Orthodox: Conversions and mutual influences between confessions in
Russia's 19th century Baltic provinces**

Riho Altnurme, University of Tartu, Estonia

**Religious-Ethnic Dynamics in the Baltic Region (19th–20th Century): Orthodox Mission,
German Inner Mission, and Confessional Resilience**

Johann Nicolai, Nordost Institut, Lüneburg, Germany

**Barbarian Hordes or Nordic Brothers? Finland and the limits of ethno-religious affinity
during a time of crisis, 1850-1870**

Andrew G. Newby, University of Jyväskylä, Finland

11:15-12:45 Panel Two: Christians and Others on the Edges of Europe

Forum Shopping in a Fragmenting Empire: Non-Muslim Recourse to Sharia Courts in the 19th-Century Balkans

Nazife Kosukoglu, University of Galway

Religion on the ethnic and ethical frontiers of women's education in early 20th century Iran

Joel Hanisek, University of Galway

Religious Encounters and Ethnic Frontiers: Lutheran Deaconesses and Laestadian Sámi in Northern Norway, ca. 1900-1935

Inger Marie Okkenhaug, Volda University College, Norway

12:45-14:00 Lunch

14:00-15:30 Panel Three: Adjusting to new regimes from 1914 to 1930

Fellow Catholics as enemies and allies on the wartime frontier: The French diocese of Arras during World War One

Gearóid Barry, University of Galway

Catholicism, Nationalism and the "Other" in Galicia – *Wieniec-Pszczółka and Stojalowczycy* 1920-1926.

Maciej Cupryś, University of Galway

Kyiv parishes of the Ukrainian Autocephalous Orthodox Church (UAOC) in 1920s: preserving Ukrainian traditions under Soviet occupation

Olesia Zhytkova, Dublin City University

15:30 Break

16:00-17:00 Panel Four: Challenging Majority Catholicism in France and Belgium

Catholicism and the politicization of ethnic identity: revisiting the French Basque case

Xabier Itçaina, CNRS, Centre Emile Durkheim, Sciences Po Bordeaux

African Pentecostalism, Religious Practice and Minority Ethnic Enclaves in Catholic Belgium

Bosco Bangura, Protestant Theological University, Utrecht and Evangelische Theologische Faculteit, Leuven, Belgium

All are welcome. Please RSVP to Dr Róisín Healy at roisin.healy@universityofgalway.ie

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