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**Conference Venue:** [Titania Hotel](#), 52 Panepistimiou Street, 10678 Athens, Greece

**Monday 27 June 2016**

(all sessions include 10 minutes break)

**08:00-08:30 Registration and Refreshments**

**08:30-09:00 Welcome & Opening Address (ROOM B--Mezzanine Floor)**

- Gregory T. Papanikos, President, ATINER.
- George Poulos, Vice-President of Research, ATINER & Emeritus Professor, University of South Africa, South Africa.

**09:00-10:30 Session I (ROOM E-1<sup>ST</sup> Floor): A Panel on History of Religions**

**Chair:** David Wick, Professor, Gordon College, USA.

1. \* Serkan Demirel, Assistant Professor, Karadeniz Technical University, Turkey. An Essay on Hittite Cultic Calendar Based Upon the Festivals.
2. Luiz Felipe Ribeiro, Lecturer / Ph.D. Candidate, University of Toronto, Canada. Between Scopophilia and Scopophobia: The Problem of the Genitalization of the Gaze in Hellenistic Judaism. (*Panel on History of Religions*)
3. Zorica Petrovic, Independent Researcher, University of Primorska, Slovenia. The Roman Catholic Church and Clergy in the Nazi-Fascist Era on Slovenian Soil.
4. Jele S. Manganyi, Pastor, University of Pretoria, South Africa. Perichoresis and Ubuntu within the African Christian Context. (*Panel on History of Religions*)

**10:30-12:00 Session II (ROOM E-1<sup>ST</sup> Floor): Practice and Theory**

**Chair:** Lutricia Snell, Senior Lecturer, North West University, South Africa.

1. \*Timothy Kane, President, Niche2Norm Consulting, USA. Interfaith Dialogue and LGBT Civil Rights: Sharing Best Practices across Faith and Sexual Identities.

**12:00-13:30 Session III (ROOM E- 1<sup>ST</sup> Floor): Islam and Other Essays**

**Chair:** \*Timothy Kane, President, Niche2Norm Consulting, USA.

1. Moshe Gat, Professor and Head of Special Programs, Bar-Ilan University, Israel. Jews and Arabs in Iraq: From the British Occupation to the Mass Exodus (1917-1951).
2. Aslihan Agaoglu Reekers, Ph.D. Candidate, King's College London, U.K. Religion and Literature in the Turkish Republic: The Representation of Islam in Early Republican Novels.

**13:30-14:30 Lunch**

**14:30-16:00 Session IV (ROOM E- 1<sup>ST</sup> Floor): Science, Metaphor and Religion**

**Chair:** Olga Gounta, Researcher, ATINER.

1. Lutricia Snell , Senior Lecturer, North West University, South Africa. God, Science and Eschatology in the Anthropocene Age. Perspectives on the Future, Informed by Scripture, and the History of Man and the Earth.
2. Amanda Du Plessis, Senior Lecturer, North West University, South Africa. A Practical Theological Reflection on the Usage of Symbols and Metaphors in the Pastoral Care Ministry of the Church in South Africa.

**21:00-23:00 Greek Night and Dinner (Details during registration)**

## Tuesday 28 June 2016

### 08:00-11:00 Educational and Cultural Urban Walk Around Modern and Ancient Athens (Details during registration)

#### 11:00-12:30 Session V (ROOM G-10<sup>TH</sup> Floor): History, Culture and Religion

**Chair:** Glenn Bugh, Associate Professor, Virginia Tech, USA.

1. David Wick, Professor, Gordon College, USA. Engineering the Pax Deorum: Augustus & the *Saeculares* – A Case Study in Social & Religious Motives at the Birth of the Roman Empire (part 2 of 3).
2. Ezequiel De Souza, Professor, Instituto Federal de Educação, Ciência e Tecnologia do Amazonas – Campus Coari, Brazil & Helio Aparecido Campos Teixeira, Post-Doctor Researcher, Faculdades EST, Brazil. Re-Thinking Liberation and Dependency: A Latin America Reading.
3. \*Dallas DeForest, Assistant Professor, California State University, Chico, USA. Baths, Public Bathing Culture, and Rhetorical Constructions of the Christian Life in Late Antiquity.
4. Luc Bulundwe, Ph.D. Student, University of Geneva, Switzerland. 2 Timothy 4:6-8 as Paradigm of the Apostle Paul's Legacy.

#### 12:30-14:00 Session VI (ROOM G- 10<sup>TH</sup> Floor): Africa and Religion

**Chair:** Ezequiel De Souza, Professor, Instituto Federal de Educação, Ciência e Tecnologia do Amazonas – Campus Coari, Brazil.

1. Gert Breed, Director, North-West University, South Africa. Welcoming the Children of Africa to the Diakonia of the Congregation.
2. Alfred Brunson, Associate Professor, North-West University, South Africa. African Traditional Religion as Barrier for Pastoral Care. Some Practical Theological Perspectives from Southern Africa.
3. Shaun Joynt, Research Associate, University of Pretoria, Lecturer, Global University and Academic Advisor, Hatfield Training Centre, South Africa. Exodus of Clergy: Responding to, Reinterpreting, or Relinquishing the Call.

### 14:00-15:00 Lunch

#### 15:00-16:30 Session VII (ROOM G-10<sup>TH</sup> Floor): History, Religion and Special Topics

**Chair:** \*Johannes Froneman, Professor, North-West University, South Africa.

1. Glenn Bugh, Associate Professor, Virginia Tech, USA. Athenian Cavalry and Venetian Stradiots: A Comparative Study of the Function and Tactical Value of Light Cavalry on the Battlefield.
2. Jayoung Che, Assistant Professor, Busan University of Foreign Studies, South Korea. The Socio-political Meaning of the Conflict between the Muslims and the Christians around the Western Balkan in the 15<sup>th</sup> Century.
3. \*Kenneth Moore, Senior Lecturer, History Programme Leader, Teesside University, U.K. Pythagoras and the Wolf.
4. Andreas Lind, Independent Scholar, Portugal. Radical Capitalism as a Coherentist Philosophy.
5. Wael Hemimy, Lecturer, South Valley University, Egypt. Throne Scenes on Islamic Coins in Local and International Museums' Collections Comparison Archaeological Study.

### 21:00-22:30 Dinner (Details during registration)

## Wednesday 29 June 2016

### Cruise: (Details during registration)

## Thursday 30 June 2016

### Delphi Visit: (Details during registration)