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## **THEOLOGICAL CONFERENCE**

**“NEW AND OLD” (MAT. 13:52): TRADITION AND RENEWAL IN  
THEOLOGY, CHURCH AND EDUCATION  
(OCTOBER 10-11, 2019, ODESA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, ODESA, UKRAINE)**

### **Conference Concept**

In 2019 Odesa Theological Seminary will commemorate 30 years since the establishment of Odesa Bible School. From the very beginning, the founders set an ambitious goal for this Baptist educational institution: To prepare teachers and theologians and promote the development of a distinct national Evangelical theological thought. This important milestone will be celebrated with a conference exploring topics related to tradition and renewal in areas of theology, church ministry and theological education. The organizers are inviting pastors, theologians, teachers, graduate students and current theology students to submit paper abstracts or to be an attendee of the conference.

Even though they have often stood opposed to one another, at times to the point of mutual rejection, the understanding of tradition and renewal plays a key role in the history of Christianity. It is widely believed that “Tradition” stops growth and “Renewal” leads to a break from historical roots and to a path that ends in heresy.

Possible topics:

- Tradition as the source of authority
- Tradition and traditions in the Bible and theology
- The community as the keeper of tradition
- Tradition and renewal in the Holy Scriptures
- Renewal as variations on the theme of “tradition” or as the critique of “frozen tradition”
- Renewal as a return to the ideal
- The roots and sources of renewal
- Tradition and renewal in the formation of theology
- Evangelical Christianity as a “renewal movement”
- Tradition and renewal in liturgical forms, images and language
- Tradition and renewal in theological education

## **Presentations and Publications**

Presenters must register before September 1, 2019 and send an abstract (not more than 300 words) with a short CV to [otsconferences@gmail.com](mailto:otsconferences@gmail.com). The conference organizing committee will select abstracts according to the following criteria: relevance and alignment with conference focus and originality of analysis and arguments. After the conference, the presentations will be published in a conference proceedings volume. The working languages of the conference are English, Russian and Ukrainian.

Presentation papers (3-4 thousand words) shall be prepared in MS Word, A4, Times New Roman font, 12 point (footnotes – 10 point), left justified, 2.5 cm margins and page numbers shall be bottom, center. Footnotes shall be prepared through the menu: References / Footnotes / typical and automatic. The title of the presentation shall be centered on the first page; In the upper right of the page shall be the author's last name and initials, academic degree (no abbreviations), then after 1 space – the text. After the title of the article shall come the abstract (10 point font, 100-150 words), then key words (3 – 5 words).

The articles and references shall be in conformity with the style and rules of *Chicago Manual of Style 16<sup>th</sup> ed. (Notes and Bibliography)*. The transliteration of Cyrillic sources shall be in conformity with the system of romanization of the Cyrillic alphabets of the Library of Congress, USA.

The organizing committee reserves the right to reject papers that are not in conformity with the above stated themes and scientific criteria or do not conform to the above described format. All committee decisions are final.

## **Conference Attendance**

To participate in the conference as an attendee, you must register by September 20, 2019 and complete the registration form at <https://qrgo.page.link/VFPWa>. Participants shall pay a registration fee of 500 UAH (20\$). The fee includes a registration packet, lunch and coffee breaks. Transportation to/from the conference is the responsibility of the participant. The conference fee is due the first day of the conference. Participation in absentia is also possible (with the subsequent publication of the paper). For more information, please contact the Conference Secretary (see contact info below).

As a stand-alone service and for an additional fee and at the request of the attendee, the organizing committee can reserve a room for those participants who need accommodations overnight in the OTS dorm (200 UAH [8\$]).

Conference Program Committee: Dr. Inna Golybovich, Taras Dyatlik, PhD(cand.), Dr. Parush Parushev, Dr. Sergei Sannikov, Dr. Roman Solovyi, Dr. Fedir Stryzhachuk

Conference Organizing Committee: Oleksandr Geychenko, Vyacheslav Gerasimchuk, Timothy Kondor (Conference Secretary). Please direct all questions concerning participation in the conference to [otsconferences@gmail.com](mailto:otsconferences@gmail.com) or call +380633697815 (Timothy Kondor).