

NEW USES, OLD PLACES

The Transformations of
Religious Buildings in
Contemporary Europe

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September 27-30, 2023
Vienna Scientific Centre of the
Polish Academy of Sciences

Organizers

Agnieszka Halemba, Carlo Nardella,
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September 27, 2023 - Afternoon

13:00-14:30 Lunch Break

11:30-13:00 Panel 5 – Past and Future of Religious Places

Chair: **Carlo Nardella**, Università degli Studi di Milano

- **Maria Chiara Giorda**, Università degli Studi di Roma Tre, *A geo-history of shared religious places: The urban space of Rome*
- **Alexandros Sakellariou**, Hellenic Open University, *Ottoman mosques in Greek society: The (re-) construction of memory and the formation of ethno-religious identity*
- **Angelica Federici**, Bruno Kessler Foundation, **Silvia Omenetto**, Università di Roma La Sapienza, *San Cosimato in Rome between digital humanities and historical cartography*

13:00-14:30 Lunch Break

September 28, 2023 - Afternoon

14:30-16:00 Panel 3 – Religious Communities between Presence and Absence

Chair: **Barbora Spalová**, Charles University in Prague

- **Christophe Monnot**, Université de Strasbourg, *The role of the building in the continuation, merger, or extinction of religious activities of local congregations in Switzerland*
- **Agnieszka Halemba**, Polish Academy of Sciences, *Who cares? Negotiations over old church buildings in Brandenburg, Germany*
- **Giuseppe Tateo**, Universität Leipzig, *National hagiopolitics in Romania and Russia: Architectural and iconographic aspects*

September 29, 2023 - Morning

9:30-11:00 Panel 4 – Religion versus Market

Chair: **Agnieszka Halemba**, Polish Academy of Sciences

- **Carlo Nardella**, Università degli Studi di Milano, *'Your ad here': Large-scale advertising billboards on Italian churches*
- **Giovanna Rech**, Università di Verona, *Coping with tourists, needing tourism: A Catholic Italian shrine after Covid-19*
- **Martin Nosál**, Catholic University in Ružomberok, **Filip Taufer**, Charles University in Prague, *Reclaiming the traditional culture within the church space in Hladovka and Suchá Hora*

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

September 29, 2023 - Afternoon

14:30-16:00 Keynote Lecture

Chair: **Carlo Nardella**, Università degli Studi di Milano

- **Yuri Kazepov**, Universität Wien, *Vienna: Is it a just city?*

16:00-16:30 Coffee Break

16:30-18:00 Closing Panel – Open Roundtable

Moderators: **Agnieszka Halemba**, **Carlo Nardella**, **Barbora Spalová**, *General conversation on emerging topics, challenges and potential research opportunities*

September 30, 2023 - Morning

9:00-11:00 Field Trip – Vienna's Religious Buildings Guided Tour

16:00-16:30 Welcome and Opening Remarks

Agnieszka Halemba, **Carlo Nardella**, **Barbora Spalová**

16:30-18:00 Keynote Lecture

Chair: **Barbora Spalová**, Charles University in Prague

- **Isabelle Jonveaux**, Pastoral Sociological Institute for West Switzerland, *Monasteries between past and future: A new life for post-community monastic buildings?*

September 28, 2023 - Morning

9:30-11:00 Panel 1 – Re-Imagining Religious Spaces and Infrastructures

Chair: **Agnieszka Halemba**, Polish Academy of Sciences

- **Marian Burchardt**, Universität Leipzig, *Designing interreligious encounters: Space, materiality, and media in Berlin's House of One*
- **Ferdinand De Jong**, New Europe College, *Affordances of Absence: Monastic Infrastructure in Bury St Edmunds, England*
- **Piotr Winiarczyk**, University of Warsaw, *After the demolition: The return of religion to the sites of torn down churches*

11:00-11:30 Coffee Break

11:30-13:00 Panel 2 – Heritage, Transformation and Conflict

Chair: **Carlo Nardella**, Università degli Studi di Milano

- **Maurizio Ambrosini**, **Samuele Davide Molli**, Università degli Studi di Milano, *Change and Conflict: Immigrants' religions and practices of re-sacralisation in Italy*
- **Barbora Spalová**, Charles University in Prague, *'These places don't get the right people': Conflicts about the understanding of loci sacri in former Sudetenland*
- **Giulia Massenz**, Politecnico di Torino, *African Pentecostal churches in Turin: Dynamic pathways between religious and secular buildings*