

## **Loch Lectures: Spirituality and the Life Cycle**

25-26 May 2012; Ouranoupolis, Halkidiki, Greece

An international symposium organized jointly by the Friends of Mount Athos in England and Finland with the generous support of the Society of Sciences and Letters in Finland and the Friends of Mount Athos in England

### **PROGRAMME**

#### **FRIDAY 25 MAY 2012 [VENUE TO BE DECIDED UPON LATER]**

- 18.00           Arrival & registration by the Byzantine Tower
- 18.30-19.00   **Prologue**  
                  Opening welcome by Professor René Gothóni  
                  René Gothóni: *Spirituality in Hermeneutic Perspectives*
- 19.15           Commemorating the life of Joice and Sidney Loch at the cemetery
- 20.30           Get together party and supper at Athonakis taverna

#### **SATURDAY 26 MAY 2012**

- 9.15-9.45      **First session** chaired by René Gothóni  
                  Metropolitan Kallistos: *Death in the Life Cycle*
- 9.45-10.15     Veronica della Dora: *Mapping Spiritual Landscapes*
- 10.15-10.45   Fr Chrysostomos: *Individuation and Deification*
- 10.45-11.15   Coffee break
- 11.15-11.45   **Second session** chaired by Graham Speake  
                  Filareti Kotsi: *Spirituality at different Age Groups*
- 11.45-12.15   Amos S. Ron: *Revisiting Holy Land and Spiritual Maintenance*
- 12.15-12.45   Fr Serafim: *The Patristic Teaching on the Spirituality of Children*
- 12.45- 14.30   Lunch
- 16.15-16.45   **Third session** chaired by Filareti Kotsi  
                  Jill Dubish: *The Search for Old/New Spiritualities*
- 16.45-17.15   Pauli Annala: *"A Wheel within a Wheel" (Ezek 1:16) and the Life Cycle*
- 17.15-17.30   Coffee break
- 17.30-18.00   **Forth session** chaired by Pauli Annala
- 18.00-18.30   Raili Gothóni: *Spirituality in Crises*
- 18.30-19.00   Noga Collins-Kreimer: *Pilgrimage, Tourism and Spirituality*
- 19.00-19.30   **Epilogue:** Summarizing discussion chaired by Michael Pye
- 19.30           Supper at Athonakis taverna

#### **SUNDAY 27 MAY 2012**

Excursions to Athos and Convents

NOTES ON SPEAKERS:

PAULI ANNALA, Doctor of Theology, is University Lecturer in Systematic Theology at the Department of Systematic Theology, University of Helsinki. He is specialized in patristics, Eastern and Western monastic traditions: Evagrius to St. Bernard, the history and spirituality of the early Franciscan movement, and the Christian mystical tradition in general. His recent works (in Finnish) include: *The Handbook of Spirituality* (2003) and *A Book of Spiritual Direction* (2006). He has written several articles on St. Francis and Early Franciscan spirituality. His main work in Patristics is *The Theological Heritage of Antiquity* (2<sup>nd</sup> revised edition 2001).

FR CHRYSOSTOMOS GR. TYMPAS, PhD, is a priest of the Archdiocese of Thyateira, serving at Essex, England, and a medical doctor. He has lived as a monk for many years in the monastery of Dionysiou, Athos, where he published books on issues referring to the Philokalic tradition. He has recently received his doctorate from the Centre for Psychoanalytic Studies, University of Essex. His thesis compares *Individuation* and *Deification*, namely the psychological and spiritual development in Carl G. Jung and Maximus the Confessor. His pastoral and academic interests revolve around the relationship of the 'psychological' and the 'spiritual' within a framework of ontological and phenomenological parameters determining human life.

NOGA COLLINS-KREINER, PhD, is Senior lecturer at the Department of Geography and Environmental Studies, University of Haifa, Israel, and member of the Center for Tourism, Pilgrimage & Recreation Research at the University of Haifa, Israel. She is resource editor of the *Annals of Tourism Research*. She is specialized in religious tourism, pilgrimage, and tourism development and management. Her recent works include: *Christian Tourism to the Holy Land: Pilgrimage during Security Crisis* (2006) and 'Researching Pilgrimage: Continuity and Transformations', in *Annals of Tourism Research* 37/2 (2010): 440-456.

VERONICA DELLA DORA, PhD, is Senior Lecturer in geographies of knowledge at the School of Geographical Sciences, University of Bristol. In 2011 she was Visiting Fellow at Dumbarton Oaks where she worked on a project on Byzantine sacred landscapes. She is a specialist on cultural and historical geography, history of cartography and science studies, with a specific focus on sacred geographies and the Eastern Mediterranean. Her recent works include: *Imagining Mount Athos: Visions of a Holy Place from Homer to World War II* (2011) and *High Places: Cultural Geographies of Mountains, Ice, and Science* (co-ed. 2008) and *Visual and Historical Geographies* (2010).

JILL DUBISH is Regent's Emerita Professor of Anthropology, Northern Arizona University. She is a specialist on gender, identity, healing, ritual, and especially pilgrimage. She is currently doing research on New Age spirituality. Her recent works include: *Gender and Power in Rural Greece* (1986), *In a Different Place: Pilgrimage, Gender, and Politics at a Greek Island Shrine* (1995), *Run for the Wall: Remembering Vietnam on a Motorcycle Pilgrimage* (with M. Michalowski 2001) and *Pilgrimage and Healing* (with M. Winkelmann 2005)

RAILI GOTHÓNI is Professor of Practical Theology, University of Helsinki. She is a specialist on pastoral care and counselling, and diaconal work. She has also been working with retreats and spirituality in the context of personal crises. Her recent works include: *Points of View of the Elderly Searching Spirituality and Values* (2005), *Pastoral Care – a dialog Coram Deo* (2007), *Spirituality in Care* (2009), *Glimpses of Hope from the Lives of HIV-affected and Over-indebtedness People* (2010)

RENÉ GOTHÓNI is Professor of Comparative Religion at the Department of World Cultures, University of Helsinki. He is a specialist on monasticism and pilgrimage, Buddhism and Christianity in particular, and also on methodological and epistemological questions in the study of religions. He is the founder and President of the Finnish Society of Mount Athos. His recent works include: *Attitudes and Interpretations in Comparative Religion* (2000), *How to do Comparative Religion? Three Ways, Many Goals* (ed. 2005), *The Monastic Magnet. Roads to and from Mount Athos* (ed. with G. Speake 2008), *Pilgrims and Travellers in Search of the Holy* (ed. 2010) and *Words Matter. Hermeneutics in the Study of Religions* (2011).

FILARETI KOTSI, PhD, works as a teacher at the Department of Tourism Management, Hellenic Open University. She is also Visiting Lecturer at Cyprus University of Technology at the Department of Hotel and Tourism Management. She is specialist in tourism, pilgrimage and religious tourism. Her recent works include: *The Enchanted Communication. A Reflexive Anthropology of Religious Tourism in Mount Athos, Greece* (2003).

MICHAEL PYE, PhD, Dr h.c., is Professor Emeritus, University of Marburg, Germany. For many years he has specialized in the study of Buddhism and contemporary Japanese religions. His works include: *Skilful Means* (19??) and *Macmillan Dictionary of Religion* (1993)...

AMOS S. RON is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Studies, Kinneret College on the Sea of Galilee, and the founder and head of the Department of Tourism Management at the Ashkelon College (under construction), Israel. A cultural geographer by training, he is a specialist on geography of monotheistic religions, and especially on the contemporary Christian travel and Biblical themed environments. His recent works include: *Religious Needs in the Tourism Industry* (with A. Widenfeld 2008), *Managing Spiritual and Religious Tourism* (ed. with T. Selwyn and N. Garaburn 2009), *Towards a Typological Model of Contemporary Christian Travel* (2009); *Holy Land Protestant Themed Environments and the Spiritual Experience* (in Schlehe et al 2010).

FR SERAPHIM SEPPÄLÄ is Professor in Systematic and Patristic Theology, University of Joensuu, Finland. He has written more than twenty books on Patristics and the Orthodoxy.

KALLISTOS WARE holds a doctorate in theology from the University of Oxford where from 1966 to 2001 he was Fellow of Pembroke College and Spalding Lecturer in Eastern Orthodox Studies. He is a monk of the monastery of St John the Theologian, Patmos, and was ordained the priesthood in 1966. In 1982 he became titular bishop of Diokleia and assistant bishop in the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of Thyateira and Great Britain and in 2007 he was raised to the rank of metropolitan. His publications include: *The Orthodox Church* (2<sup>nd</sup> edn., 1993), *The Orthodox Way* (2<sup>nd</sup> edn., 1995), *The Inner Kingdom* (2001), and he is co-translator of the five-volume *Philokalia*.