

St. Andrew's in 2018

2018 was a challenging but very fruitful year for us. Despite the local and global problems we held a number of important scholarly and public conferences with accent on ecumenical dialogue and civil society, published many new books and organized several Summer Institutes.

Summer Theological Institutes and Public Conferences

We continued our highly successful Summer Theological Institutes (STI), organizing two sessions in Moscow: the 17th STI and the 3rd *Summer Institute on Interconfessional and Interreligious Dialogue* from 25 June to 7 July. These were vibrant meetings with very intensive studies and active communication between students and teachers. 40 students came from all over Russia, Ukraine and Belarus and represented all major confessions. Many of them were established specialists, university professors or priests. Teachers were St. Andrew's best professors.



The 9th Symposium *Feast Images in History, Theology and Culture* in memory of Natalia Trauberg and the 23rd *St. Andrew's Readings on Contemporary Theological Issues* were open to a wide audience and gathered many friends of our Institute.

Interconfessional and International Cooperation

A number of important international conferences were organized in 2018, often jointly with other academic centers: *Theological Anthropology in Interreligious Perspective*, Tübingen, 7-9 March; *Orthodoxy and Fundamentalism*, Belgrade, 10-13 May; *Theology and Violence: Discerning the Roots of Religious Conflicts*, Bose, Italy, 24-27 October; *Religion and Nationalism: Theological Reflection*, Moscow, 12-15 December.

St. Andrew's rector and other faculty members participated in many international events including two conferences of the project *Science & Orthodoxy around the World* (Athens); conferences *The*

Arab-Europe Citizens' Dialogue: Gender, Media, and Religion – Contemporary Challenges to Society and Democracy (Sigtuna, Sweden); *GULAG Legacy: History, Memory and the Sacred in Post-Soviet Russia* (Amsterdam); *Remembrance and Renewal: Paths towards Reconciliation in Europe* (on 25th anniversary of *Renovabis*, Berlin) and many others.

St. Andrew's rector was actively involved in the work of the Academic committee to prepare GETI'18 (Global Ecumenical Theological Institute in Arusha, Tanzania in connection with the World Mission Conference), of *the Network of Institutions of Higher Ecumenical Theological Education* (Genève) and of the board of *the European Christian Convention*.

Publishing Program

St. Andrew's is a recognized leader in academic theological publishing in Russian and our books are in demand at Orthodox, Catholic and Protestant seminaries, university theology departments and, most important, in the secular market. In 2018 we published 16 volumes including:

- *Religion in Human Evolution: From the Paleolithic to the Axial Age* by Robert Bellah
- *Whose Bible Is It? : A Short History of the Scriptures* by Jaroslav Pelikan
- *Achever Clausewitz (Battling to the End)* by René Girard
- *Theo-Logic, v. II: Truth of God* by Hans Urs von Balthasar
- *Political Theology* by Alexei Bodrov and Mikhail Tolstoluzhenko, Eds.
- *The Gospel of Luke. Theological Exegetical Commentary* by Iannuary Ivliev
- *John 1:1-5. The Main Theological Text of the New Testament: Its Original, Poetics, Context* by Innokenty Pavlov

Our participation in international book exhibitions in Frankfurt and Moscow helps us to develop cooperation with leading publishers and book distributors worldwide. And we maintain our special book distribution projects to theological, university and regional libraries and to theological graduates – though at a reduced scale this year.