



Department for Cross-cultural and Regional Studies  
University of Copenhagen  
hereby invites you to the Symposium:

***Orthodoxy and Innovation***  
***in the Greek-speaking world from***  
***Byzantium to the 21<sup>st</sup> century***  
**June 5-6 2009**

See the conference programme at <http://graekenlandsstudier.ku.dk/kalender>

Venue: Lecture Room 8, Metro Annex of the Faculty of Theology, University of Copenhagen, Fiolstræde 4-6.

**Key speakers:**

- Effie Fokas, Director, LSE Forum for Religion, London School of Economics, UK
- Nikos Kokosalakis, Professor (retired), University of Liverpool, UK and Panteion University, Greece
- Vasilios Makrides, Professor, University of Erfurt, Germany
- Maria Politi, President of the Hellenic Paleographic Association, Greece
- Elizabeth Prodromou, Assistant Professor, Boston University, USA
- Metropolitan Kallistos of Diokleia (Timothy Ware), Oxford University, UK

**The symposium theme:**

This symposium touches upon a theme which has been little researched within cultural, social and religious studies. In academic circles Orthodox Christianity, and in particular its Greek version, tends to be characterized as traditional and conservative. The symposium will attempt to understand how the Orthodox Church and Orthodox theology have been, through innovation, a contributory cause of change in society and culture in different historic periods, and how Orthodoxy in Greece and among Greek communities has adapted to social change in innovative ways.

The focus on Greek Orthodoxy is specific because Orthodoxy has always been characterized by a will to express 'authentic' Christianity, an aspect even stronger in its Greek version due to the linguistic intimacy with Holy Scripture and the Church Fathers. However, the symposium features contributions from a broad temporal span and a wide-ranging approach to the expressive forms and social domains of Orthodoxy.

This symposium is held in honour of two learned colleagues. We remember in sadness Sophia Scopetea (1946-2007), who gave many years of service to Modern Greek Studies at the University of Copenhagen; and we celebrate the founder of Modern Greek Studies in Denmark, Sysse Engberg, on the occasion of her fortieth anniversary at University of Copenhagen and her seventieth birthday.

**Please register with Sandra Lucas ([slucas@hum.ku.dk](mailto:slucas@hum.ku.dk)) before 29 May**  
**Participant fees:**

Registration fee: 100 DKK or 15 €

Registration fee and two lunches: 225 DKK or 30 €

Registration fee, lunches and Saturday conference dinner: 750 DKK or 100 €

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