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Aula Magna  
Rome, 2-3 May 2019

2 May 2019 | 16:00 - 19:00

## OPENING & WELCOME

*Welcome by*

**David E. NAZAR, SJ**

Rettore del Pontificio Istituto Orientale

*Presentation of Speaker and Program*

**Edward FARRUGIA, SJ**

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## SESSION I: DONOHUE LECTURE

**Thomas BREMER**

University of Münster

*Autocephaly: A Challenge for both  
Orthodox and Catholics*

17:30 *Coffee Break*

## SESSION II

**Andrew LOUTH**

Durham Univeristy

*From Autocephalous in the Patristic Period to  
Autocephaly in Today's Orthodox Churches:  
some Critical Reflections*

**Grigorios PAPATHOMAS**

University of Athens

*La formation de l'Autocéphalie a l'époque  
de la Modernité (16e-20e s)*

**Péter SZABÓ**

Pontificio Istituto Orientale

*Il fenomeno dell'autocefalia in ottica cattolica*

3 May 2019 | 9:00 - 12:30

## SESSION III

**Evgeny PILIPENKO**

Ss Cyril and Methodius Institute, Moscow

*The Autocephaly Principle in Praxis and Thought  
of Russian Orthodoxy*

**Ines ANGELI MURZAKU**

Seton Hall University, USA

*From Schism to the Holy Chrism: The Arduous Path  
of the Orthodox Church of Albania to Autocephaly*

**Rafał ZARZECZNY, SJ**

Pontificio Istituto Orientale

*Chiese di Etiopia e di Eritrea:  
caso di indipendenza e di unità (quasi) ritrovata*

10:30 *Coffee Break*

## SESSION IV

**Tamara GRDZELIDZE**

University of St. Michael's College - University of Toronto

*Autocephaly: Beyond Ecclesial Structures*

**Hyacinthe DESTIVELLE, OP**

The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity

*Degrees of Communion and Schism*

**Assaad Elias KATTAN**

University of Münster

*Synodality in the Orthodox Church:  
A Solution or a Disfunctional System?*

12:30 *Lunch*

3 May 2019 | 14:30 - 17:30

## SESSION V

**John H. ERICKSON**

St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary, USA

*How the Debate on Autocephaly  
is Changing Ecclesiology*

**Zoja Mixailovka DASHEVKAJA**

Theology Faculty, St Filaret's Institute, Moscow

*Ecclesiological Searchings and Discoveries of the  
Russian Church: the Ways of Overcoming Divisions  
in post-Constantinian Era*

**Cyril HOVORUN**

Loyola Marymount University, USA

*The Evolutionary Tree of Autocephaly*

16:00 *Coffee Break*

## PLENARY SESSION

**H.E. Job GETCHA**

Rector of the Institute of Post Graduate Studies

in Orthodox Theology of Chambésy.

Permanent Representative of the  
Ecumenical Patriarchate at the WCC.

**H.E. Irinej BULOVIĆ**

Bishop of Bačka,

Spokesman of the Serbian Orthodox Church



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