

CYRIL (SERHIY) HOVORUN

FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

- Christian traditions of late antiquity
- ecumenism and convergence of traditions
- ecclesiology
- political theology and social ethics
- dialogue between religion and science
- international cooperation of theological schools

SKILLS

- conducting cutting edge research in theological disciplines
- teaching in various cultural and confessional contexts
- working on crossroads of disciplines, cultures, and traditions
- organizing educational process
- producing analysis and reports on burning issues of modernity
- language proficiency: Ukrainian, Russian, Old Slavonic, Modern Greek, and English (speaking); Latin, Ancient Greek, French, and Italian (reading)

POSITIONS

- Vice-dean for Political ecclesiology at Sankt Ignatios Academy (Sweden)
- Co-chairman of the Centre for Eastern Christian Studies at Stockholm School of Theology
- Postdoctoral teaching fellow at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles
- International fellow at Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life (University of Alberta)

PUBLISHED MONOGRAPHS

- (2017) *Scaffolds of the Church: Towards Poststructural Ecclesiology* (Eugene, OR: Cascade - in print)
- (2015) *Meta-Ecclesiology, Chronicles on Church Awareness*, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan).
- (2008) *Will, Action and Freedom. Christological Controversies in the Seventh Century*. Leiden - Boston: Brill The Medieval Mediterranean, 77.

EDUCATION

1992	Department of Physics at the Kiev National University
1994	Kiev Theological Seminary (BTh)
1998	Kiev Theological Academy (MTh)
	Thesis: <i>Movement of the Kollybades in Greece in the 18th Century and its Influence on the Development of the Church of Greece</i> (in Russian).
2000	Department of Theology at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (BA)
2003	MA and PhD in Theology at the University of Durham (UK)
	Thesis: <i>Theological Controversy in the Seventh Century Concerning Activities and Wills in Christ</i> . University of Durham, UK. Supervisor: Andrew Louth. Published by Brill: Cyril Hovorun. 2008. <i>Will, Action and Freedom</i> .

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Full time:

2002-2005	Early Christian traditions at the Moscow Theological Seminary 'Sretenskaya'
2003-2007	Early Christian traditions at the Moscow Theological Academy
2007-2012	Early Christian traditions at the Kiev Theological Academy
2009-2012	Early Christian traditions and methodology of research at the Doctoral School of the Russian Orthodox Church (Moscow)
2014-present	Systematic theology at Sankt Ignatius Theological Academy, Stockholm
2016	Political theology at the National University of 'Kyiv-Mohyla Academy' (Kiev, Ukraine)
2016-2017	Eastern Christian Traditions at the Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles

Lectured at:

- Seminary 'Makarios III' in Nairobi, Kenya
- Minsk Theological Academy, Belarus'
- St Tikhon's Humanitarian University, Moscow
- Smolensk Theological Seminary, Russia
- Nikolo-Ugresh Theological Seminary in Moscow
- Kazan Theological Seminary, Russia
- Penza Theological Seminary, Russia
- Saratov Theological Seminary, Russia
- Nizhny Novgorod Theological Seminary, Russia
- Tavricheskaya Theological Seminary in Simferopol, Ukraine
- Poltava Theological Seminary, Ukraine
- Orthodox Seminary in Paris
- Villanova University, USA
- University of Heidelberg, Germany
- Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- University of Oxford
- Chinese University of Hong Kong
- Lutheran Seminary in Hong Kong
- Alliance Bible Seminary in Hong Kong
- St Joseph University in Macau
- Taiwan Theological College and Seminary
- Beijing Normal University, China
- Peking University, China
- Tsinghua University in Beijing, China
- Renmin University in Beijing, China
- Capital Normal University in Beijing, China
- Minzu University in Beijing, China
- Beijing Language & Culture University, China
- Nanjing Theological Seminary, China
- Princeton Theological Seminary, USA
- Nankai University in Tianjin, China
- Chinese Academy of Social Science, Beijing
- University of Uppsala, Sweden
- University of Manitoba, Canada
- University of Winnipeg, Canada
- University of Regina, Canada
- University of Alberta, Canada
- Harvard University
- Yale University
- National University 'Kyiv-Mohyla Academy' (Ukraine)
- University of Munich
- University of Iceland
- Butler University (Indianapolis)
- University of the Fraser Valley (Canada)
- Zhejiang University (China)
- Durham University
- Columbia University

*Supervised Master and
Doctoral theses at:*

- Kiev Theological Academy
- Moscow Theological Academy
- Doctoral School of the Russian Orthodox Church
- Oxford University

*Member of Committees
for defending theses:*

- Dissertational Council of the Russian Orthodox Church
- University of Uppsala, Sweden

*Membership and
fellowship:*

- Accompaniment Group for the Ecumenical Institute at Bossey, Switzerland
- American Academy of Religion
- Association for the Sociology of Religion
- International Association of Patristic Studies (AIEP-IAPS)

Selected presentations at recent conferences (2012-2016)

Title of paper	Conference
The Lviv Sobor through the Prism of Political Religion	Pro Oriente conference “The “Lviv Sobor” of 1946 and its Aftermath to the Present: Arriving at a Common Narrative” Vienna, June 2016
The Ukrainian Churches in the Process of Reconciliation	British Association for Slavonic and East European Studies annual conference Cambridge, April 2016
Christian Duty in Ukraine	Georgetown University conference on “Christian Peacemaking, Truth, and Reconciliation in Ukraine” Washington DC, April 2016
The Challenges that the Ukrainian Orthodox Churches Face	Conference of the European Society for Catholic Theology Lviv, March 2016
Religion and the crisis in Ukraine	American Academy of Religion Atlanta, November 2015
Fundamentalism in eastern Christianity	International conference “Political theology: theological reflection on contemporary politics” Belgrade, November 2015
Russian Theologians on the Boundaries of the Church	International Conference “Models of Unity in the Quest for Christian Unity 19th 20th Century” Bose, Italy, October 2015
The Letter of the Polish Bishops as an inspiration in seeking solutions to actual conflicts	Conference on the 50th anniversary of the Letter by Polish Fathers of Concilium Vaticanum II “We forgive and we beg for forgiveness” Rome, October 2015
The Church and War - a Complicated Dialectics of Relationship	5 th International Congress of Belorussian Studies Kaunas, October 2015
The Role of the Churches in the Ukrainian Crisis: Ecumenical Cooperation	Council on Christian Approaches to Defence and Disarmament Baltimore, September 2015
Cyril of Alexandria: a	Oxford Patristic Conference

phenomenological theologian?	Oxford, August 2015
From Byzantium to China: patterns of the church-state relations	International Conference on Jing Jiao (Nestorianism) University of Hong Kong, June 2015
Interpreting the 'Russian world'	The Churches in the Ukrainian Crisis Freising, Germany November 2014
Theological Languages of Ecumenical Convergences	Historicizing Ecumenism Bose, Italy November 2014
Maximus Confessor on primacy	Saint Irenaeus Joint Orthodox-Catholic Working Group Rabat, Malta November 2014
Crisis in Ukraine	Putin, Religion, and Ukraine Fordham University, New York November 2014
Creative traditionalism: John Damascene	Polyphonic Theology of the Church Fathers Heidelberg October 2014
The Paths of the Orthodox Ecclesiology in the Twentieth Century: Eucharist and Community	Eucharist in Contemporary Orthodox Theology Bucharest October 2014
Beyond New Jerusalem and New Rome: Toward the Triangle of Church, Society, and State	Church in the modern society Joensuu, Finland September 2014
Ecclesiology of Communion as the Common Language of the Confessional Traditions	Communio - koinonia: sources, ways, understanding Kiev September 2014
Church-State Relations: Dilemmas of Human Freedom and Coercion	Blessed are Peacemakers Bose, Italy September 2014
Ideologies: New Dividing Lines in the Church	Ukrainian Orthodoxy in the Global Family of Orthodox Churches Toronto May 2014
Civil religion in the Orthodox milieu	Political modernity and the responses by contemporary Orthodox theology

	Vienna January 2014	
Civil Religion and Religious Pluralism	The Orthodox and the Other	
	Oslo December 2013	
	Kiev, Ukraine	September 2013
Maximus, a Cautious Neo-Chalcedonian	Annual meeting of the North Americal Patristic Society	
	Chicago, IL	May 2013
Church Between Sacred and Profane: Towards Accepting State	Church and Democracy	
	Stockholm, Sweden	February 2013
Evolution of Church Governance: from the Diaspora-Model to Pentarchy	I Concili Ecumenici: aspetti storico-giuridici e canonistici	
	Rome, Pontifical Oriental Institute	December 2012
Can 'Canonical Territory' Survive Modern Ecclesiology?	Canonical territory as a modern challange	
	Oslo, Norway	December 2012
The Regional and Universal Church in the Current Orthodox-Catholic Dialogue	Symposium on the involvement of the Russian Orthodox Church in ecumenical relations	
	Castle of Hernen, The Netherlands	November 2012
The Science and Religion Dialogue in the Post-Atheist Setting	The Science and Religion Dialogue: Past and Future	
	Heidelberg, Germany	October 2012
Borders of Salvation: Reading Fathers with Russian Theologians	Patristic Colloque "For us and for our salvation" - Soteriology in East and West	
	Esztergom, Hungary	October 2012
Patristics After Neo-Patristics	A Celebration of Living Theology	
	Durham, UK	July 2012
Transmitting Christian Messages Across Cultural Borders	Oriente Lumen	
	Melbourne, Australia	July 2012
Educational System of the Russian Orthodox Church	The future of theology in changing landscapes of universities in Europe and beyond	
	Oslo, Norway	June 2012
Factors of the Church Unity from the	The Primacy of the Pope in Catholic-Orthodox Ecumenical	

Orthodox Prospective	Dialogue	
	Košiče, Slovakia	May 2012
Church and Nation	Ecclesiology and Nationalism	
	Volos, Greece	May 2012
A Quest for the Christian Identity	Windsor Consultations on Ecclesiology	
	Thessalonica, Greece	Feb 2012

I serve on the editorial board of the periodicals ‘Church and Time’ (Moscow), ‘International Journal of Orthodox Theology’ (Bamberg, Germany), ‘Kyiv-Mohyla Humanities Journal’ (Kiev), ‘The Wheel’, and ‘Analogia, The Pemptousia Journal for Theological Studies’. I am also a member of the evaluation committee of the *Manfred Lautenschläger Award* (formerly *The John Templeton Award for Theological Promise*).

*Contributions to research
and publishing projects*

- 2006-2010 *Concepts and Practices of Freedom in the Biblical Traditions and Contemporary Contexts* ~ University of Heidelberg with support of *The John Templeton Foundation*
- 2011-2012 *Biblical Visions: Reading the Gospels with the Early Church* ~ A guidebook to study Fathers of the Church in the ecumenical context. Project by the Commission on Faith and Order of the WCC
- 2011-2013 *Orthodoxy and Ecumenism: A Handbook for Theological Education* ~ A project of the WCC. Co-editor of the project.
- 2004-present *Православная энциклопедия* (Orthodox Encyclopedia) ~ A multi-volume project of the Russian Orthodox Church
- 2006-present *The John Templeton Award for Theological Promise* (later *Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise*) ~ member of the board of evaluators
- 2009-2010 *The Encyclopedia of Eastern Orthodox Christianity* ~ Wiley-Blackwell.
- 2010-present *Catechism of the Russian Orthodox Church* ~ Responsible for the chapters on Christology and Ecclesiology
- 2010-present *Μεγάλη Ορθόδοξη Χριστιανική Εγκυκλοπαίδεια* (Great Orthodox Christian Encyclopedia) ~ Project of the University of Thessalonika
- 2010-present *Dialogue Between Science and Theology* ~ under the auspices of *The John Templeton Foundation*
- 2015 *Critical edition of the acts of the Slavic councils by the Corpus Christianorum, in collaboration with La Fondazione per le scienze religiose Giovanni XXIII in Bologna*

ECUMENICAL EXPERIENCE

Representative of the Russian Orthodox Church to:

- Commission of the *World Council of Churches on Faith and Order*
- Orthodox-Lutheran dialogue
- Orthodox-Anglican dialogue
- Orthodox-Roman Catholic dialogue
- Orthodox-Oriental dialogue
- Orthodox-Jewish dialogue
- Dialogue of the Orthodox Churches and United Bible Societies

ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

2001-2007 Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate
Moscow

As an expert on internal and external church policies, church-state relations, was responsible for the relations between the local Orthodox churches.

2007-2009 Chair of the Department for External Church Relations of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church
Kyiv, Ukraine

Managed relations of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, the largest religious community in Ukraine, with over 12 000 parishes, with other religious communities within and outside of Ukraine, as well as with the Government of Ukraine, all major political parties, and non-governmental organisations. Obtained profound experience of the ways in which the church can be affecting and affected by the society. In the period immediately following 'the Orange revolution,' facilitated positive impact of the church on formation of civil society in Ukraine, initiated dialogues between previously hostile religious groups.

2009-2012 First deputy Chair of the Committee for education of the Russian Orthodox Church
Moscow Vice-rector of the Doctoral School of the Russian Orthodox Church

For approximately three years I was in charge of the process of reforming the educational system of the Russian Orthodox Church. This system includes 1 doctoral school, 12 universities, and 80 seminaries in 9 countries (including the United States). My task was to reconfigure this system and to make it compatible with the western educational standards, particularly the 'Bologna process' in the European Union. During the process of adjusting the Russian system to meet the Bologna requirements I established numerous international connections of the Russian theological schools with the western universities. As a result, the ecclesiastical educational institutions outperformed even the most prestigious state universities in Russia in some aspects of their work with the western partners. I organized joint PhD and Master programs with the Universities in Amsterdam, Helsinki, Heidelberg, Louvain, Fribourg in Switzerland, and others.

2013-present Coordinator of theological programs at the National University of 'Kyiv-Mohyla Academy'
Kyiv, Ukraine

At the present stage, I develop master programs in Humanities for this leading Eastern-European University.

Associate dean of the Sankt Ignatius Theological Academy

2014-present

Stockholm, Sweden The Academy runs a program of theological studies for the students with the Eastern (Byzantine) and Oriental traditions, in cooperation with the University of Uppsala.

PUBLICATIONS

I have over 200 publications on Christian theology and spirituality in English, Russian, Ukrainian, Belorussian, Greek, Dutch, French, German, Italian, Serbian, Swedish, Portuguese, Chinese, and Romanian languages.

Most scholarly publications are available at: <http://yale.academia.edu/CyrilHovorun/Papers>

BOOKS

- (2016) *Чудеса великого уюнаго* (*Wonders of the Panorthodox Council*), (Moscow: Christian Book Club), in Russian.
- (2016) *The Councils of the Orthodox Churches in the Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Era*. Edited by Alberto Melloni, Frederick Lauritzen, Georghios Vlantis, Cyril Hovorun, and Davide Dainese, (Turnhout: Brepols).
- (2015) *Meta-Ecclesiology, Chronicles on Church Awareness*, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan).
- (2014) 由安提阿到西安—聶斯托利派的演變 (*From Antioch to Xi'an: an Evolution of Nestorianism*). Hong Kong: Chinese Orthodox Press (in Chinese).
- (2013) *Orthodox Handbook on Ecumenism. Resources for Theological Education*, Geneva: WCC-CEC-Volos Academy-Holy Cross School of Theology (co-editor).
- (2013) *Reading the Gospels with the Early Church. A Guide*. Geneva: WCC (co-editor).
- (2008) *Will, Action and Freedom. Christological Controversies in the Seventh Century*. Leiden - Boston: Brill The Medieval Mediterranean, 77.

ARTICLES IN ACADEMIC JOURNALS

Peer-reviewed journals:

- (2016) "Humanitarianism and the Churches in Ukraine." *The Review of Faith & International Affairs* 14, no. 1 (March 24, 2016): 43-50.
- (2016) "Is the Byzantine 'Symphony' Possible in Our Days?." *Journal of Church and State*, January 2016.
- (2015) "Church-State Relations: Dilemmas of Human Freedom and Coercion." *The Expository Times* 126, no. 6 (March 2015).
- (2014) "Церковь и идеология: разделение и редукция" (Church and Ideology: Divisions and Reductions, in Russian) *Государство, религия, церковь в России и за рубежом* 32, no. 3 (October 2014): 225-46.
- (2013) "Church and Nation: Looking through the Glasses of Post-Secularism", *St Vladimir's Theological Quarterly* 57 (November 3-4): 423-430.

(2013) “Influence of Neoplatonism on Formation of Theological Language”, *Studia Patristica* 58: 13-18.

(2013) “Evolution of Church Governance: from the Diaspora-model to Pentarchy”, *Iura Orientalia* IX: 91-99.

(2013) “Згальне та окреме в Церкві” (Common and Particular in the Church), *Філософія духа: Sententiae* IV: 194-201.

(2011) “Да значења слобде у источно-светоотачком предњу” (Two Meanings of Freedom in the Patristic Tradition, in Serbian), *Богословље* 1: 8-19.

(2011) “Християнска етика на путу од самодостатности к самопредељењу” (Christian Ethics on the Way from Self-Sufficiency to Self-Definition, in Russian), *Труды Київської Духовної Академії* 14: 55-59.

(2010) “Controversy on Energies and Wills in Christ: Between Politics and Theology”, *Studia Patristica* 48: 217-220.

(2005) “Hristos - unic și compus” (Christ - One and Composite, in Romanian), *Studii Teologice, București. Seria A III-A, Anul I, Nr. 2*: 101-121.

Other academic and ecumenical journals:

(2016) “The Havana Declaration: Hopeful and Yet Ambiguous.” *First Things*, February 15, 2016.

(2016) “Orthodox Fundamentalism: From Religion to Politics.” *The Wheel*, no. 4 no. 4 (January 11, 2016): 54-60.

(2015) “„Politische Orthodoxie“ als kirchliche Herausforderung.” *Religion und Gesellschaft in Ost und West*, December 2015, vol. 43: 22-5.

(2014) “The Church in the Bloodlands.” *First Things*, New York, October 2014. <http://www.firstthings.com/article/2014/10/the-church-in-the-bloodlands>

(2014) “Die Kirche auf dem Maidan: Die Macht des gesellschaftlichen Wandels.” *Ökumenische Rundschau*, no. 3 no. 3 (September 2014): 383-404.

(2013) “Factors of the Church Unity From the Orthodox Prospective.” Edited by Šimon Marinčák and Anthony O'Mahony. *Orientalia et Occidentalia* 13: 95-102.

(2013) “De regionale en universele Kerk in de huidige orthodox-katholieke dialoog”(On Regional and Universal Church in the Current Orthodox-Catholic Dialogue), *Digitaal Oecumenisch Theologisch Tijdschrift* 20: 28-33.

(2011) “Ἔσθας σὴν Ἐκκλησίᾳ ἕνα ξεκίνημα γὰρ τὴν ὑπέρβασιν τοῦ διχασμοῦ” (Entrence to the Church: a Start for Overcoming Dualism), *Σύμβλη* 117: 68-75.

(2010) “Дальнейшие пути реформирования духовного образования” (Further Perspectives on Reformation of the Theological Education, in Russian), *Церковь и время* 2 (51): 57-62.

(2010) “Christ’s Will and Freedom according to the Sixth Ecumenical Council”, *Lutheran Forum* 44.2: 40-47.

- (2009) “L’orthodoxie aujourd’hui: un espace pour la grâce”, *Irenikon* LXXXII / 2-3: 193-211.
- (2007) “The Cross: Fear of Death or Love to Life?” *Sobornost, incorporating Eastern Churches Review* 29.1: 60-66.
- (2007) “One Europe: two humanisms”, *Istina* 52.1-2: 257-260.

BOOK CHAPTERS

- (2016) “The Theological Hermeneutics of The Russian Orthodox Church’s Basic Teaching on Human Dignity, Freedom and Rights.” In *Christentum und Menschenrechte in Europa: Perspektiven und Debatten in Ost und West*, edited by Vasilios N Makrides, Jennifer Wasmuth, and Stefan Kube, (Frankfurt am Main: Peter Lang, 2016): 45-8.
- (2015) “Maximus, a Cautious Neo-Chalcedonian”, in: *Oxford Handbook of Maximus the Confessor*. Edited by Pauline Allen and Bronwen Neil, (Oxford; New York: Oxford University Press, 2015): 106-26.
- (2014) “Patristics after Neo-Patristics”, in: *A Celebration of Living Theology*. Edited by Justin Mihoch and Leonard Aldea. Bloomsbury: 205-213.
- (2012) “Convergence between Theology and Science: Patterns from the Early Christian Era”, in: *The Spirit in Creation and New Creation*. Edited by Michael Welker. William B. Eerdmans Publishing Company: 111-119.
- (2011) “Севр Антійський” (Severus of Antioch), in *Книга еретиків* (The Book of Heretics). Санкт-Петербург: Афонська бібліотека 258-266.
- (2009) “Papstamt: Manöver zwischen Extremen”, In: *Stiftung Pro Oriente. Jahrbuch 2008*, ed. by Stiftung Pro Oriente. Pro Oriente Wien: Phoibos Verlag Wien: 166-171.
- (2008) “Die Brester Union im Zusammenhang mit der Tätigkeit römisch-katholischer Missionare im Osten”, in: *Die Union von Brest (1596) in Geschichte und Geschichtsschreibung: Versuch einer Zwischenbilanz*. Edited by: Johann Marte, Олег Турій Pro Oriente, Інститут Історії Церкви Українського Католицького Університету Львів 41-48.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

publications: <http://vale.academia.edu/CvriHovorun>

video presentations: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cvrihovorun/videos>

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