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Blagoveshchensk State Pedagogical University

**X International academic conference**

**Freedom of conscience: international standards and experience in  
national implementation  
(Russian Far East and countries of the Asia-Pacific Region)**

20-21 April 2010  
Conference Hall of Hotel “Zeya”  
(Ul. Kalinina, 8, Blagoveshchensk)

## **April 19 (Monday)**

**12.00** - arrival and accommodation of participants (hotels "Asia" and "Jubilee")

**13.00 -14.00** – Lunch

**16.00 -18.30** - Tour of Blagoveshchensk, visiting religious organizations

**19.00** – Dinner

## **April 20 (Tuesday)**

**09:00 – 9:30** - Conference Registration (Amur region Government building).

**09:30 -09:40** - Presentation and opening of the conference

### **FIRST PLENARY SESSION: FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND RELIGION IN RUSSIA: LEGISLATIVE SECURITY, SITUATION, PROBLEMS**

#### **Moderators:**

Lyubov Sergeevna Khashcheva, Andrey Evgeneevich Sebentsov, Aleksandra Ivanovna Pospelova

#### **Speakers:**

**Welcoming address by the Governor of the Amur Region, O.N. Kozhemyako** on behalf of the Amur Region Government

**Oleg Orestovich Mironov** "Russia and the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms"

**Elena Miroschnikova** "The significance and challenges of national implementation of international standards of freedom of conscience"

**Marina Ivanovna Danilova** "Law and Freedom as the basis for Civil Society"

**Vladimir V. Ryakhovsky** "Problems of implementation of the constitutional right to freedom of conscience at the present stage"

**Mikhail I. Odintsov**, "Freedom of conscience in Russia: between the Russian past and the European present"

**Nikolai Antonovich Shindyalov**

**11.30-11.50** - coffee break

**11:50-13:00**

### **SECOND PLENARY SESSION: INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS IN THE SPHERE OF PROTECTING FREEDOM OF CONSCIENCE AND PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE**

**Moderators:** Andrey Nikolaevich Filimonov, Elena Mikhailovna Miroschnikova, Svetlana Mikhailovna Dudarenok

#### **Speakers:**

**Guihai Guan** "Traditional factors in the concept of human rights in Russia."

**Durham, Jr., W. Cole** "Freedom of Religion in the U.S. and the European Court of Human Rights: Comparative Perspectives"

**13:00-14:00** - lunch

**14:00-17.30**

**Moderators:** Svetlana Vladimirovna Vasilievna, Olga Konstantinovna Shimanskaya

**Speakers:**

**Marsh, Chris:** "Rapid Transit or Long Haul: Benefits and Shortcomings of Rapid versus Prolonged Liberalization of Religion Policy."

**Zhang Xunmou,** "The policy and practice of freedom of religious belief of the Chinese government."

**Kimitaka Matsuzato** "Typology of Governance of Muslims in the non-Arab Periphery: Turkey, Russia, India and China"

**15:50-16:10** – coffee break

**16:10-17:00**

**Moderators:** Roman Aleksandrovich Kobyzov, Natalia Vladimirovna Potapova, Marina Borisovna Serdyuk

**Speakers:**

**Elizabeth Sewell:** "Understanding Freedom of Conscience: Recent Developments in the European Court of Human Rights"

**Jonathan Mizuta,** "The separation of church and state in postwar Japan"

**17:00 Presentation of the reference guide "Religious organizations in the Far East",** Svetlana Mikhailovna Dudarenok, professor of cultural studies, Far Eastern State University, PhD in History.

**Mikhail Ivanovich Odintsov,** "Religious Reforms in the Soviet Union and Russia 1985-1997"

**Maria Borisovna Serdyuk,** "Religious Life in the Soviet Far East (1941-1954)"

**Natalia Vladimirovna Potapova** "Religious Policy of the Russian Empire and Religious Life of the Far East in the Second Half of the 19<sup>th</sup> – beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (for example Sakhalin)"

**Mikhail Ruslanovich Darbinyan** "Bases of creation"

**Oksana Petrovna Fedirko** "Education and Enlightenment in the Russian Far East in the Years of the Civil War: The Problem of Secularization and Sacralization"

**18.00** – Dinner

### **April 21 (Wednesday)**

**09.00-9.30-** Conference Registration

**9.30-11.30**

**Third Plenary Session: RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS IN THE FAR EAST:  
SERVICE, DIALOGUE, COOPERATION, MUTUAL RESPECT**

**Moderators:** Nikolai Antonovich Shindyalov, Dmitry Petrovich Bolotin, Marina Ivanovna Danilova

**Speakers:**

**Alexandra Ivanovna Pospelova** "School and religion: the new situation and trends in the development of the religious situation in the Magadan region.

**Svetlana Vladimirovna Vasilyeva** "The Relationship between religious denominations and government structures in the Republic of Buryatia.

**Natalia Vladimirovna Potapova**, "Religious Organizations in Sakhalin"

**Roman Aleksandrovich Kobyzov**, "The Religious Situation in the Amur Region"

**Dmitry Anatolyevich Vladimirov**, "Religious Organizations of Primorsky Region"

**Natalia Vladimirovna Matienko**, "On the mutual activities of organs of government and religious organizations for example EAO"

**11.30 - 11.50** - Coffee break

**11.50 - 13.50**

**Moderators:** Mikhail Ivanovich Odintsov, Maria Borisovna Serdyuk, Oleg Orestovich Mironov

*Speakers:*

**Lyubov Sergeevna Khashcheva**, "Freedom of conscience and tolerance. The Experience of Interreligious Dialogue in the Amur Region"

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**13:30 – 14:30** – Lunch

**14.30 – 16:00**

**Fourth Plenary Session: The integration of religion into the sphere of culture and education**

**Moderators:** Irina Vladimirovna Kodola, Natalia Vladimirovna Matienko, Vyacheslav Vladimirovich Golubyev

**Speakers:**

**Andrey Evgenievich Sebentsov**, "Secular and Religious Education in the Russian Federation"

**Maria Borisovna Serdyuk** "Modern Religious Periodicals in the Far East"

**Nicholas Vitalievich Shaburov** "The science of religion in a secular state"

Elena Anatolevna Popravko, "Religious Organizations as Subjects of The Activity of Preserving Memories: Normative-Legal Regulation and Experience"

**16:00-16:20** – coffee break

**16:20-18:00**

**Round table**

**Moderators:** Natalia Mikhailovna Perstyak, Oksana Aleksandrovna Konyuk, Dmitry Anatolyevich Vladimirov

**Speakers:** representatives of religious organizations, state organs, local government, experts

**18.30** - Dinner