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Invitation to an Online Seminar, February 24-25, 2023

**The Impact of the War on Religious Life: A Focus on Ukraine**

The seminar will consider the following issues:

* How religious institutions function within the frameworks of authoritarian (exclusivism) and democratic (pluralism) social orders, and against the background of Russia's current invasion of Ukraine.
* The impact of Ukraine`s religious pluralism, as a dimension of societal resilience, amid the invasion.
* The extent to which Ukrainian resistance to Russian aggression has significantly affected religious communities across Europe (e.g. the growing number of Orthodox Christians in countries which used to be traditionally Catholic and Protestant; the growing movements for autocephaly in Orthodox countries).
* The impact on the Ukrainian study of religions, at home and abroad.
* The influence of religion on the war, including the appeal to religious ideologies, claims, and symbols as a key element of propaganda and mobilization during contemporary military conflicts.
* The effects of the war on the religious landscape and daily life of Ukraine, for example, on religious buildings, religious lives and livelihoods, and religious activism.

Seminar format:

The seminar will take place online. It will be held over two days and will include a plenary and three panel sessions. Each panel will be jointly moderated by both Ukrainian and European scholars. Panel discussions will last 90 minutes, plus 30 minutes for questions and discussion.

Speakers will include Ukrainian scholars who have already conducted research on war and religion in the context of Ukraine, as well as international scholars who study the impact of the Russian-Ukrainian war on the European religious landscape.

Scholars from a variety of fields are invited to participate, including religious studies, history, cultural studies, political science, sociology, social communication, art, history and other social science and humanities disciplines.

To join the seminar please register your interest and complete the registration form at <https://forms.gle/LLmf6SEyaUGNx3RL8>.