

2nd INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE AEAA

12th-14th of MAY 2021

Call for Papers

The President and the Academic Board of the Ecclesiastical Academy of Athens, continuing the tradition of successful Symposiums and Conferences, are delighted to announce the organization of the 2nd Interdisciplinary Conference on “*Priesthood, Greek Nation’s Uprising, modern Life*”.

All conference presentations will be digital.

Description:

The Ecclesiastical Academy of Athens aims to make its own mark on the scientific community, which deals with a variety of issues, by foregrounding its interdisciplinary character as well as its overall analysis of issues. The focal points of the Conference are the sacrament of priesthood and the contemporary orthodox priest, who our University has the honour to prepare through its university program. Living in a rapidly changing world, we are prompted to realize that the church is set on a course of seeking its own identity, while at the same time, bearing the weight of its past, it seems to have not adequately developed the necessary skills and perspectives required by modern changes. In addition, while we talk about a sacrament, the human element is always present in the mystery of the history of the holy *Oikonomia*. Therefore, we can seek for self-criticism, rethinking of roles, facts and resurgence, so that young people will continue to be inspired.

Furthermore, it goes without saying that AEAA would definitely be involved in the 200-year celebration of our nation’s uprising, which we are blessed to celebrate in 2021. Data analysis, historical figures, the clergyman of that era, the Greek individual, the thinking person who has a questioning mind and keeps memory alive, are all aspects which we should bring into light. It is considered more than essential to try to combine those two central axes along with a general reflection of the 2nd Interdisciplinary Conference on the present and on Greece, not in a strictly geographical sense but rather on the values it projects over time, through the Greek Revolution. Last but not least, we would like to honour the patron saint of the Ecclesiastical Education st. Nektarios of Aigina. In 2020 it was the year that was honoured the 100-year-of-his-death, but due to the special covid circumstances we did not have the chance to develop a particular event.

An overall pursuit of the topic could focus on the following points of discussion:

- The sacrament of priesthood (sources, history, patristic framework, postmodern community)
- St. Nektarios and his account of the clergymen’s personality
- Pastoral challenges

- Hieratic tendencies
- Education, expectations, ethics
- Ecclesiastical Academies in Greece, profile and mission
- Priesthood and missionary work
- The Revolution as it is portrayed in the speech of the Greek liberated state clergymen
- Revolutionary act and educational revolution
- Civic/political culture
- Art
- Modern Greek identity
- Globalization
- Universal values

If you wish to present an announcement during the Conference, please send your abstract by filling in the application form <https://forms.gle/6UcA6AGSxc9tNdKL9>. A brief curriculum vitae is also desired (The abstract and the cv should not exceed 500 words in total.) All applicants should include their name, status, and institution, as well as their e-mail. The text should be in Word format (doc or docx, no other file formats will be accepted), written in a single paragraph of continuous text. The use of bullets or numbering is not allowed.

Submission deadline is February 7th 2021. All abstracts will be evaluated by the members of the Scientific Committee and all applicants will be informed by February 21st 2021. For those who wish to have their presentation included in the Proceedings of the Conference are kindly requested to submit the whole text not later than September 30th 2021.

Presentation time: 20 minutes

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