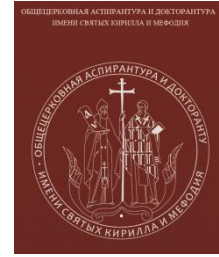




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## International Workshop “Social Ethics and Russian Orthodox Tradition”

*April 5, 2013*

*The aim of the workshop is to discuss several questions related to the phenomenon of “the return of the religion” meaning a revival of the political and social activity of different religious agents. After a relatively long period of invisibility, the Russian Orthodox Church is again an important agent in several areas of society.*

*The workshop will focus on the theological dimension of the political and social agency by posing the following questions: What kind of social ethics is justifiably connected to the Russian Orthodox tradition? Is there a distinctive social ethics within the Russian theological tradition? What kind of social ethics (theory of justice, utilitarianism, and virtue ethics) may/may not be used as a social platform within the Russian theology? How does theological ethics relate to moral philosophy and social science? How does social teaching of the Russian tradition relate to other Christian traditions? Are there any components of other Christian traditions that are not acceptable from an Orthodox theological perspective?*

*The aim of the discussions is to start a scholarly dialogue between Russian theologians, Swedish theologians and Russian ethicists. The workshop is an academic event and does not aim at any institutionalized program. It will attempt to clarify different approaches rather than to find solutions to theological dilemmas.*

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## **WORKSHOP PROGRAMME**

*Friday, April 5*

*14/5 Volkhonka, Room 420, Moscow*

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<b>10.00-10.15</b>	<b>Welcome and Opening Remarks</b>
<b>10.15-11.00</b>	<b>Prof. Elena Namli</b> , Uppsala University Presentation: "Why do we Need Theological Ethics in Russia?"
<b>11.00-11.30</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11.30-12.15</b>	<b>Dr. Konstantin Kostyuk</b> , Russian Orthodox Church Presentation: "Tradition as Focus of the Orthodox Moral Theology. On the Relation Between Orthodox Moral Theology and Contemporary Social Ethics"
<b>12.15-13.30</b>	<b>Discussion</b>
<b>13.30-15.00</b>	<b>Lunch Break</b>
<b>15.00-15.45</b>	<b>Prof. Ruben Apressyan</b> , Institute of Philosophy Presentation: "Peculiar Image of Morality in Social Ethics"
<b>15.45-17.00</b>	<b>Discussion</b>