

# The Inquisition(s) and the Christian East, 1500-1800

While inquisitorial control over Protestants, Jews and conversos, and even renegades and moriscos, has been thoroughly examined by many scholars, no studies of this kind have examined the representatives of the other half of Christianity, namely those believers coming from an Eastern background: Greek-, Arabic- or Slavic-speaking Orthodox, Armenians, Ethiopians and Copts, "Jacobites" and "Nestorians", Maronites and others. The conference aims to fill this gap by bringing together orientalists and historians of various backgrounds, in order to examine the different ways in which Catholic ecclesiastical justice treated Eastern Christians in the early modern age.

Special attention will be paid to the theological and canonical debates about the orthodoxy of the Eastern Christian tradition; the confessional surveillance of Eastern communities residing in territories under Catholic government; the answers of the Roman theologians to the questions posed by the missionaries working among 'heretics and schismatics'; and the importance of the documents in oriental languages kept in the inquisitorial archives for the history of these communities.

Our working hypothesis is that the comparison and confrontation with Eastern Christianity revealed some of the contradictions and unsolved problems of Tridentine Catholicism, while providing the Inquisition with a range of cultural tools and interpretative lenses that were then applied also in other contexts, especially in the framework of the missionary and theological controversies which shook the Catholic world after 1650.



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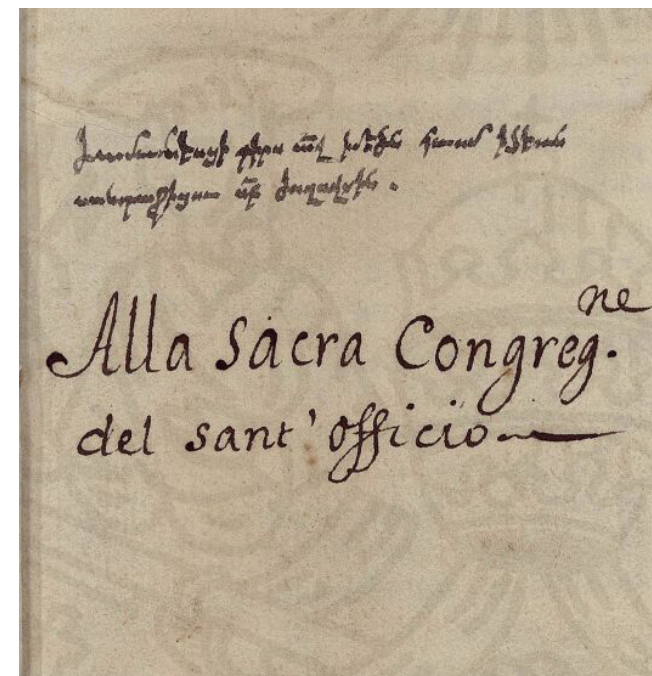
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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

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CONFERENCE HALL

9.00 Welcoming remarks

**THE ISSUE AND ITS BACKGROUND**

Chair: Anna Sirinian, University of Bologna

9.15 **Cesare Santus (FNRS, RSCS)**  
 Eastern Christians before the Holy Office: Overview of Sources and New Research Perspectives (General Introduction)

9.45 **Irene Bueno (University of Bologna)**  
 Late Medieval Inquisitors and the Framing of Eastern Christianity: Procedures, Consultations, and Treatises

10.45 Coffee break

**THE EARLY ROMAN INQUISITION AND THE EAST**

Chair: Margherita Farina, CNRS-Université Paris Cité

11.00 **Sam Kennerley (LMU, Munich)**  
 The Early Roman Inquisition and the Christian East: Evidence from the Letters of Marcello Cervini (1501-1555)

11.30 **András Mércz (KULeuven)**  
 Inquisitors and Oriental Christians in the Early Period of the Holy Office

12.00 **Martin Rothkegel (TH-Elstal, Berlin)**  
 The Roman Inquisition in Constantinople (1557-1560)

13.00 Lunch break

**ETHIOPIAN AND INDIAN CHRISTIANS BEFORE THE PORTUGUESE INQUISITION**

Chair: Sabina Pavone, University of Macerata

14.30 **Giuseppe Marcocci (University of Oxford)**  
 The Portuguese Inquisition and the Eastern Christians

15.00 **Antony Mecherry (Pontifical Oriental Institute)**  
 Early Modern Christians of St. Thomas at Inquisitorial Crossroads

16.00 Coffee break

**THE SPANISH AND ROMAN INQUISITION AND THE GREEKS**

Chair: Giovanni Pizzorusso, University of Chieti

16.30 **José M. Floristán (Univ. Complutense, Madrid)**  
 Liturgy and Liturgical Books of the Greek Communities of Sicily Reviewed by the Holy Office (1624-1627)

17.00 **Jean-Pascal Gay (UCLouvain)**  
 Entre rite et migration. L'inquisition romaine et la supervision de l'implantation d'une communauté maniote en Corse par la République de Gênes (fin XVIIe - début XVIIIe siècle)

20.00 Conference dinner

**EASTERN EUROPE AND THE BALKANS**

Chair: Elena Bonora, University of Parma

9.00 **Dennj Solera (University of Bologna, INQUIRE)**  
 Toward the Union of Brest: Giovan Vincenzo Pinelli between Roman Inquisition, Ruthenian-Orthodox and Venetian Orthodox

9.30 **Laurent Tatarenko (IHMC, CNRS)**  
 La discipline matrimoniale face aux défis de l'uniatisme : le cas de l'Église ruthène (XVIIe-XVIIIe siècle)

10.00 **Emese Muntán (CEU, Budapest)**  
 In the Name of the Holy Spirit(s) — Contested Baptisms between Catholics and Orthodox in Early Modern Ottoman Europe

10.30 **Silvia Notarfonso (University of Macerata-ELTE)**  
 I pauliciani bulgari fra eresia e sincretismo religioso: uno sguardo alle fonti del Sant'Uffizio (XVIII secolo)

11.40 Coffee break

**FROM THE EIGHTEENTH CENTURY TO THE MODERN AGE**

Chair: Mons. Giuseppe M. Croce, Vatican Archives

12.00 **Maria Teresa Fattori (Independent scholar)**  
 The Eastern Catholic Churches in Lambertini's Dossiers: A Consultant of the Holy Office between Inquisitorial Norms and the Decrees of the Oriental Synods

12.30 **David Armando (ISPF, CNR)**  
 L'Inquisizione romana e i cristiani orientali nella prima metà del XIX secolo

13.00 Closing remarks and lunch

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18.00 **L'Oriente cristiano a Roma, XVI-XXI secolo**  
 Public roundtable