



Dublin, January 19, 2012

**Dr. Norbert Hintersteiner**  
Coordinator of the Erasmus-Socrates Intensive Course  
“Translating God(s): Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies”

**European Intensive Programme**

“Translating God(s): Fluid Religions and Orthodoxy”  
September 9-22, 2012 in Constantia / Romania

Dear Professor / IP Local Coordinator,

Today, I am glad to let you know that our renewal application for the 3rd IP has been successful. After the IPs in Dublin and Istanbul, the Orthodox theological faculty at Constantia at the Black Sea in Romania has kindly agreed to host the next programme from **September 9 to 22, 2012**. The programme will be on “Fluid Religions and Orthodoxy”.

With the enthusiasm of different inputs and speakers committing early, we have been able to develop already a detailed **programme along four thematic blocs** over the two weeks. It still needs to be filled with some people, leading podium discussions, charring sessions etc. – I am counting on the local coordinators for such tasks.

At this point I **urgently** need three things from you:

- 1) Please, have a look at the preliminary **programme** at our website:  
<http://www.ecumenics.ie/resources/students/european-programmes/constantia-2012/>
- 2) As your university will be part of the next IP again, please, do fill in, sign and send back to me again the **confirmation/agreement letter** for the IP in Istanbul now and not later than **February 1, 2012**. You can do this **electronically** by a PDF scan of the signed agreement, to [translating.gods@tcd.ie](mailto:translating.gods@tcd.ie).
- 3) Given your school's participation next year -- with 4-5 advanced Master / preferably PhD students --, it is essential that you schedule a **bi-weekly seminar** throughout the **Spring / Summer semester of 2012**. Given feedback from the last two years, it will be important that all participants have read a bundle of the same literature. In January, we will provide a list of **4 new books and 8 articles** important for the theme, which all participants need to have worked through and read in the preparatory seminars and before the IP. We will get the list of these titles and (electronic) copies of these materials to you before end of January.
- 4) Nominate 4-5 students by **March 1**. Students need register and submit an abstract until **April 1**, and submit their completed 15-20-page essay by **June 1**.

I appreciate your quick turn of the agreement letters and your acknowledgement. Our IP project assistant, Egle Zinkute will follow up with you.

Best,  
Norbert Hintersteiner  
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CONFORMATION / AGREEMENT LETTER, page 1

**3rd INTENSIVE PROGRAMME**  
**in Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies**  
**“TRANSLATING GOD(S): FLUID RELIGIONS AND ORTHODOXY”**  
**CONSTANTIA 9-22 September, 2012, University of Constantia / Romania**

**CONFIRMATION / AGREEMENT LETTER**

BETWEEN:

**Dr. Norbert Hintersteiner**  
**Irish School of Ecumenics at Trinity College Dublin**  
**Coordinator of the Erasmus IP / European Course Module**  
**“Translating God(s): Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies”**

AND

Partner Institution:

**ORGANISATION**

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**CONTACT PERSON / LOCAL COORDINATOR**

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|--------------|--|--|--|
| Title        |  |  |  |
| Family name  |  |  |  |
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### GENERAL FRAMEWORK

This is to acknowledge and confirm that your department is a partner in the European course module “Translating God(s): Fluid Religions and Orthodoxy”, Sept 9-22, 2012. The European grant allows for funding of participants’ travel costs, accommodation costs, and minor organisational costs for the coordinating institution.

While the project is a European University funded collaboration of relevant institutions in the field, its main aim is to facilitate and offer participating postgraduate and doctoral students the opportunity of a distinguished European high-level postgraduate / PhD course in intercultural theology and interreligious studies with a credit value of 10 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System). Each partner institution participates with one professor and 4-5 advanced Master / PhD students (preferably different ones every year) in each of the programmes. While professors / local coordinators of a partner institution participate 2-3 days and up to a week of the actual programme, students must stay for the whole 2 weeks in order to receive travel and accommodation funding.

### DETAILS OF AGREEMENT

The above partner institution agrees to assist with coordinating its participation in the programme and implement the organisational details as specified below. The above mentioned contact person / local coordinator takes responsibility for the implementation of this agreement, consisting of the following

- tasks for the local coordinator (A.)
- participating students (B.)
- and the partner institution (C.)

in preparation and follow-through of the programme.





**A. Tasks for Professor / Local Coordinator and Timeline:**

1. Local coordinator / professor of partner university confirms, his / her participation and availability for a period one thematic bloc (2-3 days) to assist the running of the programme or to give a lecture, as pre-arranged. Please, confirm this until **Feb 1, 2012** to the IP coordinator (translating.gods@tcd.ie).

Preferred Thematic Bloc / Dates of Attendance: .....

2. **Local coordinators/ professors of partner institutions receive free travel, accommodation and free meals for the duration of 3-4 days of their stay.**

3. **Institutional Partner Contribution.**

Given the limited funding received from the European Commission, the IP coordinator asks local coordinators to inquire at their respective universities or departments / faculties for possibilities to help fund the IP with an institutional IP partner contribution. It is suggested that Western European partner institutions sponsor the IP with **Euro 1000** and Eastern European partner institutions with **Euro 500**. These institutional contributions will be used to cosponsor the accommodation and subsistence costs of the students and professors of the IP partner universities.

While funds are tight at most universities, it is hoped that partner institutions are trying their best to give such support to the joint IP, allowing their students a unique international study experience.

The partner institution and its IP coordinating unit agree to an **institutional contribution** in the amount of **Euro .....** (please, specify). The partner institution agrees to transfer the amount by **February 1, 2012** to

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 Bank Sort Code: 90-00-17

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As for **purpose**, it is important to write:  
**001F10 Translating God(s) – IP Constantia**

Please, email a brief note that amount has been transferred. After receipt of amount, overall coordinator will issue confirmation.





4. Local coordinator selects and nominates **4-5 advanced Master / preferably PhD students** as participants of the IP by **March 1, 2012** with the attached **STUDENT NOMINATIONS FORM** including contact details and presentation titles of the nominated students. One of the nominated students should be named as **student representative** for the students participating at the IP from the partner university.
5. Students need to also register themselves and pay the registration fee (see below) before **April 1, 2012**. **The local coordinator communicates this important tasks and deadline to the students nominated, together with all other obligations students have to fulfil in order to participate in the IP (cf. part B below).**
6. After receipt of institutional contributions, registration forms and registration fees of students, and finalizing the programme, the local coordinators in March 2012 will receive confirmation on receipt of payments and registrations as well as further information of the detailed programme for their universities and their students.
7. **During March and June 2012**, local coordinator meets with the nominated students several times (at least 5 times), e.g. in form of an official **bi-weekly seminar** or some form of directed study, to help students:
  - 1) To read the assigned IP readings (4 books and 8 articles; sent to local coordinators by end of January 2012)
  - 2) To develop their **15-20 page essays** for the IP submitted by them to the overall coordinator in Dublin no later than **June 1, 2012**;
  - 3) To prepare their **20-minutes presentations** for the actual IP.
8. Local coordinator supports nominated students during the IP in Constantia for the time of his / her stay.
9. Local coordinator helps students revise their essays after the IP based on the insights learned during the IP. He/She finally reads and **grades students' final papers**.
10. He/She helps students in the process of appropriate **institutional recognition of the 10 ECTS earned (or other agreed number of ECTS and considered as appropriate for school/university internal credit recognition and credit transfer)** for students' participation at the IP in Dublin and for the completed final essay graded by local coordinator.
11. The IP coordinating office will not buy tickets for professors / local coordinators / students, but only reimburse them by providing the relevant documentation, including boarding passes, etc.





## B. Tasks and Requirements for Student Participants:

1. Before **April 1, 2012**, students nominated by their local coordinator need to postmail their registration form with details on payment of **registration fee of Euro 100** (Western Europe) or **Euro 50** (Eastern Europe) and submit an **8-line abstract for their essay** / presentation on a topic suited for **one of listed themes** of the IP. The appended 2-page **STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM** must be used.
2. One student from each university serves as **student representative** from the partner institution and helps the local coordinator facilitate the preparatory process and also during the actual IP.
3. Registered students write a **15-20 pages essay** (Times New Roman, 12 pt, 1.5 space) under supervision of local coordinators, and submit it per email to the IP coordinating office by **June 1, 2012** at [translating.gods@tcd.ie](mailto:translating.gods@tcd.ie).
4. During the IP, students give an academic **20-minutes presentation** of their submitted essay, followed by a 10 minute discussion in so-called "research presentation sessions". Students will find their presentation dates on the IP website by July 1, 2012.
5. After 2-weeks IP, students need to **revise their essay** under supervision of their professor and based on the learning process and discussions during the IP, and submit it to their local coordinator / supervisor at the home institution for **grading**.
6. Upon successful IP participation, students **receive a joint certificate from Trinity College Dublin and University of Constantia confirming successful participation and a workload of 10 ECTS**.
7. Together with an official grade on their revised final essay from their local coordinator / supervisor / professor, this certificate will allow students to seek acknowledgment of these credits to their respective study programmes at their home institution as determined appropriate by their home institution.
8. **Selected participants will receive travel reimbursement up to Euro 300 (only when staying the required full time period of the IP), free accommodation and full subsistence / meals for the duration of the IP programme in Constantia.**
9. The **IP coordinating office will not buy e-tickets** for all registered participants, but participants need to make their own travel arrangements. For reimbursements they need to bring their travel documentation and boarding passes; additionally a distinct reimbursement form will be sent to them in advance.





### C. Tasks and Requirements for Partner Institution:

#### Student Workload/Credit Acknowledgment/Credit Transfer

1. **Student Workload.** Upon proper preparatory directed or independent study of IP students in the Spring / Summer semester 2012, overseen and directed by the local coordinator (100 hours); successful participation of students at the 2-weeks IP, with the official IP-certificate issued by Trinity College Dublin (100 hours); and the final revision of the 15-20 pages final essay (50 hours) graded by their local coordinator / supervisor / professor students will ideally have fulfilled a **workload of 200-250 hours**, which are 10 ECTS in the European Credit Transfer System (1 ECTS=20-25 hours of student workload).
2. The partner institution agrees to help students who have carried out this workload and having successfully participated in the European course module to receive proper credit recognition to their respective study programmes pursued at their institution.
3. Concretely, partner institution will acknowledge the following for recognition / transfer of course credits from students successfully participating in this European course module and fulfilling the workload related to it (as confirmed by the relevant Trinity College Dublin Certificate and the named local coordinator) to the students' respective study programmes at partner institution.

*(Please, mark how many credits your institution will acknowledge)*

- Upon successful completion of workload confirmed and listed above, partner institution will be able to recognise **10 ECTS** to the students' respective study programmes.
- Upon successful completion of workload confirmed and listed above, partner institution will be able to recognise **7,5 ECTS** to the students' respective study programmes.
- Upon successful completion of workload confirmed and listed above, partner institution will be able to recognise **5 ECTS** to the students' respective study programmes.
- Upon successful completion of workload confirmed and listed above, partner institution will be able to recognise **1 ECTS** to the students' respective study programmes.
- Partner institution will not be able to recognise any ECTS to the students' respective study programmes.





**SIGNATURE PAGE**

The coordinating institution of the European Course Module “Translating God(s): Intercultural Theology and Interreligious Studies” (Erasmus-Socrates Intensive Programme), represented by its authorised coordinator of the programme, Dr. Norbert Hintersteiner, Irish School of Ecumenics, Trinity College Dublin, and the named partner institution agree to collaborate on the programme under the terms, tasks and commitments stated above in this agreement letter.

Date: September 27, 2011

Date: .....

Place: Dublin

Place: .....

.....  
Signature – IP Course Module Coordinator  
Dr. Norbert Hintersteiner

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**Signature – IP Local Coordinator at  
Partner Institution**

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Date: .....

Place: .....

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**Signature of Person Authorized to Acknowledge  
ECTS Credit Transfer from European Course Module  
To Students’ Study Programmes at Partner Institution**

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Signature – International Office of Coordinating Institution  
Trinity College Dublin

**NOTE: Do return two signed copies of the agreement letter to the coordinator of the programme by February 1, 2012** electronically as a PDF scan to [translating.gods@tcd.ie](mailto:translating.gods@tcd.ie).





**FOR LOCAL COORDINATOR**

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**STUDENT NOMINATION FORM**

*Erasmus-Socrates - European Intensive Programme*  
**Translating God(s): Fluid Religions and Orthodoxy**

September 9 to 22, 2012  
Constantia University / Romania

To be filled in and to be emailed no later than **March 1, 2012** as a PDF scan to [translating.gods@tcd.ie](mailto:translating.gods@tcd.ie)

**1st Nominated Student (STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE of nominated students)**

**First(Given) name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_

**University / Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree Programme of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**2nd Nominated Student**

**First(Given) name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_

**University / Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree Programme of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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FOR LOCAL COORDINATOR

STUDENT NOMINATION FORM, page 2

**3rd Nominated Student**

**First(Given) name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_

**University / Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree Programme of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**4th Nominated Student**

**First(Given) name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_

**University / Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree Programme of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation title:** \_\_\_\_\_

**5<sup>th</sup> Nominated Student**

**First(Given) name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_

**University / Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree Programme of Study:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Presentation title:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**STUDENT REGISTRATION FORM**

To be filled in and sent **before April 1, 2012** as a PDF scan to [translating.gods@tcd.ie](mailto:translating.gods@tcd.ie)

**Personal information** (Please type or print clearly in CAPITAL LETTERS)

**First(Given) name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Surname:** \_\_\_\_\_

**University / Affiliation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Postal code:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Country:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Summary of Payment**

| Registration Fees                 | Before March 1, 2012              | After March 1, 2012               |
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| Registration Fee (Western Europe) | 100 Euro <input type="checkbox"/> | 120 Euro <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Registration Fee (Eastern Europe) | 50 Euro <input type="checkbox"/>  | 70 Euro <input type="checkbox"/>  |

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Any **cancellation or change** must be communicated to “local coordinator / professor” and received and confirmed by the Programme Coordinator in official written notice via letter, fax or e-mail before **April 15, 2012** for 50% refund of total payment. **No refund** will be granted after this date or for no-show.

**Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact:**  
**the IP Office (Egle Zinkute) at [translating.gods@tcd.ie](mailto:translating.gods@tcd.ie)**

**Topic and Title of Essay / Presentation**

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**Abstract to Content of Essay / Presentation (8 lines)**

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**Remember: ESSAY MUST BE SUBMITTED BY June 1, 2012, by email to [translating.gods@tcd.ie](mailto:translating.gods@tcd.ie)**

**Your essay fits best in the following thematic area of IP**  
(select 1 to 3 themes to which your presentation is a contribution)

- Religion and Public Theology
- New Democracies in Southeast Europe
- Constructing Religious Identities
- Constructing [O]rthodoxy
- Inhabiting a (Post) Secular Age
- Southeast Europe's Religions and the EU
- Fluid Religions and New Modernity
- Religion and Globalisation
- The Study of Religions in a Changing Europe
- Engaging the Other: Interreligious Historical and Comparative Theological Explorations
- Shared Religious Sites and Spaces
- Religion and Power in Interreligious Settings

Place:

Date:

Student Signature:

