

Curriculum Vitae

Michael Hjälms

Year of birth

1968

Degrees

Master of Divinity 1997 (University of Uppsala)

Doctor of Theology 2011 (University of Uppsala)

Employments

Dean for the Department of Eastern Christian Studies, Stockholm School of Theology, 2019–

Senior Lecturer in Eastern Christian Studies, Stockholm School of Theology, 2015–

Senior Lecturer in Ecclesiology 2014–2018

Theological Secretary, Orthodox Church in Finland, 2013–2014

Dean, Sankt Ignatios Foundation 2012–

Project Leader and Academic Dean, Center for Eastern Christian Studies and Education 2010–2012

Director for the Department of Eastern Christian Studies and Culture (Studieförbundet Bilda) 2001–2012

Executive Secretary for Eastern and Oriental Orthodox Church Family, Christian Council of Sweden 1999–2001

Ammanues Faculty of Theology (University of Uppsala) 1999–2000

Supervisor

Doctoral Thesis at University of Uppsala

Board Assignments

Member of the Board, Institute for Pedagogics of Religion 2007 – 2008

Member of the Board, Katarina School, Uppsala 2001 – 2005

Major Lectures (some are published)

2019

Contemplative Tradition: The Plurality of the Early Church United in the Eucharist

Contemplative Traditions. Theory and Practice. A Symposium in Honour of Professor Andrew Louth, Sigtuna, Sweden 12–15 December

From Eucharistic Ecclesiology to the Church as Polis

International Orthodox Theological Association, Inaugural Conference, “Pan-Orthodox Unity and Conciliarity” Iasi, Romania 9–12 January

2017

Salvation and Same-Sex Relations. An Orthodox Response on the Decision by the Lutheran Church of Sweden

New Directions in Orthodox Thoughts and Practice, “Gender in Orthodox Christianity” Oslo, Norway, December 15–16

2016

Towards a Distinction between Human Rights, Collective Rights, and Theology

New Directions in Orthodox Thoughts and Practice, Oslo, Norway, December 09–10

2015

Deconstruction and Hope: The Foundation of Self-Assessment and Accountability and a Trepidation within Contemporary Orthodox Theology

Political Orthodoxy and Totalitarianism in Post-Communist Era, Helsinki, May, 28-31

2013

Churches Together for Human Rights. Towards a Distinction between Human Rights, Collective Rights and Theology.

Europeiska kyrkokonferensen, "Churches Together for Human Rights", 7 mars, Helsingfors

The Communicating Church.

General Conference, Orthodox Church in Finland, 30 January.

2012

Kyrkans befrielse i spänningsfältet mellan skönhet och rationalisering [The Liberation of the Church. The Tension between Beauty and Rationalization]

Bjärka-Säby/Nya slottet

2010

Vilka är de ortodoxa kyrkorna? [Which are the Orthodox Churches?]

Ecumenical Conference in Stockholm

A Patristic Reading of Hosea

Coptic Conference

Södertälje

2009

Kulturell frihet och Religionsfrihet [Cultural Freedom and Freedom of Religion]

"Living in Diversity", Conference organised by the Association of Educational Research

2007

Ett kristet ethos som grund för en kristen etik [Ethos as a foundation for a Christian environmental ethic]

Conference on Environment and Ethics, Stockholm

2006

Tre perspektiv på människan som Guds avbild [Three Perspectives on the Human Being as an Image of God]

Dialogue between the Lutheran Churches and the Orthodox Churches, Linköping

2005

Mångfald, kommunikation och identitet – hur för håller sig dessa till varandra [Pleroma, Communication, and Identity – How are these connected]

Ledarinstitutet, Stockholm

2004

Nätverk och folkbildning ur ett östkyrkligt perspektiv [Networking and Liberal Education from an Eastern Christian Perspective]

Stockholms kulturhus (Community Hall of Stockholm)

"Se jag gör allting nytt" – om kunskapssyn och ortodox bildning [See I make all things new –On Epistemology and Orthodox Education]
Consultation on the Pan-Orthodox Council

2003

An Ecclesiological Analysis of the Content of the Concept "Churches Together"
Ten Year Anniversary of the Christian Council of Sweden
Stockholm/SKR

Folkbildning för ortodoxa och österländska kyrkor – ett perspektiv från öst [Liberal Education for Orthodox and Eastern Churches – A Perspective from East]
Adult Education Conference
Linköpings universitet

1999

Ekumenik som en kommunikativ spiritualitet [Ecumenicity as a Receptive Spirituality]
Dialogue with the Roman-Catholic Church, Stockholm

Publications

Books

Liberation of the Ecclesia. The Unfinished Project of Liturgical Theology (Södertälje: Anastasis 2011).
Det sanna, det goda, det sköna – en bildningsresa (Älvsjö: Studieförbundet Bilda 2003).

Articles

2017

"Destruction and Hope: The Foundation of Self-Assessment and Accountability, and a Trepidation within Contemporary Orthodox Theology", *Political Orthodoxy and Totalitarianism*. Volos Academy: Volos 2017 [forthcoming]

2016

"Towards a Distinction between Human Rights, Collective Rights and Theology",
Toward a Public Ecclesiology. Church as Nation and Religious Pluralism. Oslo Coalition of Human Rights

"The Role of the Church in Financial Crises",
Can Orthodox Theology Be Contextual? Concrete Approaches from the Orthodox Tradition. Volos Academy: Volos

2015

"Systematic Ecclesiology as Primary Ecclesiology",
Ecclesiology in the Trenches. Creating Theory and Method. Edited by Sune Fahlgren and Jonas Ideström. Pickwick Publications: Eugene Oregon

ОБЩЕНИЕ: ОТ ЭСХАТОЛОГИИ «СВЕРХУ» ДО ЭСХАТОЛОГИИ «СНИЗУ»,
[Från en eskatologi från ovan till en eskatologi nedifrån] *Communion-communio-koinonia, its sources, ways of understanding and embodiment*. Duh i Litera: Kiev

2008

"Invigning av heliga rum i ortodox tradition",
Heliga rum i dagens Sverige: Årsbok för svenskt gudstjänstliv. Årgång 83

1997

"Luthersk-ortodox 1500-tals dialog" [Lutheran–Orthodox Dialogue in the 16th Century],
Kyrkohistorisk årsskrift (Uppsala: Svenska kyrkohistoriska föreningen), s. 139-145.

Invited articles

2006

"Meningsskapande pedagogik",
Religion och livsfrågor (Utgiven av Föreningen lärare i religionskunskap), nr 1, ss. 14-18
"Gudomliggörelsen – kärlekens förening",
Spiritualitet för en ny tid. Arbetsgemenskapen Kyrklig Förnyelses årsbok 2006 (Skellefteå: Artos).

2004

"Dop och medlemskap ur ett ortodoxt perspektiv",
Tro – dop – medlemskap, ur ett ekumeniskt perspektiv, Kjell Ove Nilsson (red.), (Sundbyberg: Sveriges Kristna Råds skriftserie).

2003

"Skönhetens och kärlekens pedagogik",
RPI-nätet (Utgiven av Religionspedagogiska institutet), nr 6 våren.

2001

"Äktenskapet som grundperspektiv. En ortodox belysning av homosexualitet",
Den hemlösa sexualiteten (Libris), ss. 141-149.

Other Articles

2012

"Lagboken räcker inte för att ändra imamerna", SvD, Artikel tillsammans med Olle Westberg

2008

"Om att bli sedd och att se", *Rädda livet*. (Utgiven av Cancerfonden), nr 1.

2006

"Marriage and Cohabitation in the Understanding of the Orthodox Churches",
in Love, Cohabitation and Marriage. Report from a Public Hearing. September 6-9, 2004. The Theological Committee of the Church of Sweden, pp. 210-221 (Uppsala: Church of Sweden)

2004

"Lidandets upphörande",
Kärlek, samlevnad och äktenskap. Rapport från en offentlig hearing den 6-9 september 2004 (Uppsala: Svenska kyrkan), s. 214-216.

2001

"På ett ben i Jerusalem",
Resor till jordens medelpunkt. Swedish Christian Study Center i Jerusalem 10 år, Magnus Nordqvist (red.) (Älvsjö: Frikyrkliga studieförbundet), s. 60-69.

Reviews

2001

"Recension av: Thomas Stoor: *Den oönskade missionen – Proselytismen i Ryssland och den ortodoxa kyrkans reaktioner.*" Norma bokförlag, Skellefteå 2001

2000

"Recension av: *Gud, barmhärtighetens Fader. Av den teologisk-historiska kommittén för jubelåret 2000.* Översatt från den italienska originaltexten av Jan-Erik Smith, språkgranskad av Tobias Unnerstål och en karmelitnunna, Glumslöv. Catholica, Ängelholm 1999".

1998

"Recension av: Maria i Sverige under tusen år/utgivna av Sven-Erik Brodd och Alf Härdelin",
Kyrkohistorisk årsskrift (Uppsala: Svenska kyrkohistoriska föreningen), s. 192-194.

"Recension av: Saarinen, Risto: Faith and holiness",
Kyrkohistorisk årsskrift (Uppsala: Svenska kyrkohistoriska föreningen), s. 182-183.

Scholarly Lectures (Unpublished)

2013

Emancipation as Realized Otherness.

Oslo Coalition for Human Rights, "Orthodox and the Other", 13 December

2012

Koinonia och mission – om två olika översättningstekniker [Koinonia and Mission – Two Different Translational Techniques

Conference "Language and Society"

Helsingfors/Stiftelsen Sofia

2010

Mishna and Gemara, the Apostolic Scriptures and the Ecumenical Fathers – Common Roots in Jewish and Byzantine Tradition

New York

2009

Towards a Theology of Religions

Jerusalem/Swedish Christian Study Center

2008

Becoming a Truth-teller, a Parrhesiastes

"Being in the World – Chrysostom Lectures"

Göteborg/Överås

2007

Identity and Rationalization. Reconsidering Heidegger from an Eastern Christian Perspective

New York

2006

Theosis – a Tentative Study

Jerusalem/Grekisk-ortodoxa patriarkatet i Jerusalem

2005

The Most Important Challenge for the New Millennium

"Christ He Who Is" on the Christological Schism 451

Sigtuna/Sigtuna stiftelsen

Egyptens vishet – en patristisk läsning av Stefanos försvarstal och hur traditionen lever vidare i den Koptiska kyrkan [Wisdom of Egypt – A Practical Reading of the Speech of St Stephen on how Tradition was received and transmitted in the Coptic Church
Anafoura i Egypten

2004

Introducing Eastern and Oriental Christian Studies
Syrisk-Orthodoxa patriarkatet i Damaskus
Damaskus/Sayednaya

2003

Reconsidering the Kolyvad Perception of Baptism in the Light of Modern Orthodox Ecclesiology
Bossey/World Council of Churches

Theological Philosophy
Moscow

2002

Autocephaly and Autonomy
Jerusalem

Pilgrimens väg – en studie i ortodox spiritualitet [The Way of the Pilgrim. A Study on Orthodox Spirituality
Jerusalem/Swedish Christian Study Centre

2000

The Origins of the Garveyite African Orthodox Church
Geneva/World Council of Churches

Utredning av frågan om den språkliga och teologiska användningen av realgenus i benämningen av den tredje personen i Treenigheten
Public Answer to His Beatitude John of Karelia and All Finland

1999

Dopordningens teologi [The order of Baptism]
Örebro/Örebro Theological Högskola

Identitet och splittring [Identity and Division]
Örebro Teologiska Högskola

Ubuntu – the Relation between Ecumenics and Inter-Religious Dialogue
Inter-Religious Conference, Stockholm School of Theology