

## CYRIL (SERHIY) HOVORUN

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### FIELDS OF EXPERTISE

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- ◆ Eastern Christian traditions
- ◆ Patristics
- ◆ Ecumenical studies
- ◆ Ecclesiology
- ◆ Political/Public theology
- ◆ Dialogue between religion and science
- ◆ Theological education

### EDUCATION

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| 2019 | Habilitation at the National Pedagogical Dragomanov University (Ukraine)  |
| 2003 | MA and PhD in Theology at the University of Durham (UK)<br><br>Thesis: <i>Theological Controversy in the Seventh Century Concerning Activities and Wills in Christ</i> . University of Durham, UK. Supervisor: Andrew Louth. Published by Brill: Cyril Hovorun. 2008. <i>Will, Action and Freedom</i> . |
| 2000 | Department of Theology at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens (BA)   |
| 1998 | Kyiv Theological Academy (MTh)<br><br>Thesis: <i>Movement of the Kollybades in Greece in the 18<sup>th</sup> Century and its Influence on the Development of the Church of Greece</i> (in Russian).   |
| 1994 | Kyiv Theological Seminary (BTh)   |
| 1992 | Department of Theoretical Physics at the Kyiv National University   |

## LANGUAGE SKILLS

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### *Speak in languages:*

- English
- Modern Greek
- Italian
- Ukrainian
- Russian

### *Read in languages:*

- Medieval, Ancient Greek and *katharevousa*
- Latin
- Old Slavonic
- Italian
- French
- Most Slavic languages

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

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### *Full time:*

2022-present	Visiting professor at Pontificia Università Gregoriana in Rome
2020-present	Professor in Ecclesiology, International Relations and Ecumenism at the University College Stockholm
2017-present	Clinical Assistant Professor at Loyola Marymount University (Los Angeles)
2016	Lecturer at the National University “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy” (Kyiv)
2014-2016	Senior lecturer at Sankt Ignatius Theological Academy (Stockholm)
2009-2012	Chairman of the Department of theology at the Doctoral School of the Russian Orthodox Church (Moscow)
2007-2012	Lecturer at the Kyiv Theological Academy

2003-2007	Lecturer at the Moscow Theological Academy
2002-2005	Lecturer at the Moscow Theological Seminary “Sretenskaya”

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*Part time:*

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- ◆ Summer school of the Mediterranean Theological Meetings in Lovran (Croatia)
- ◆ Online course on Ecumenism for the educational platform *Ethos* (in Russian):  
<https://tinyurl.com/y564pxnh>
- ◆ Global Ecumenical Theological Institute (GETI) in the framework of the World Council of Churches
- ◆ University of Münster (Germany)
- ◆ National Pedagogical Dragomanov University (Ukraine)
- ◆ Nestor University (Ukraine)
- ◆ Seminary “Makarios III” in Nairobi (Kenya)
- ◆ Minsk Theological Academy (Belarus’)
- ◆ Tavricheskaya Theological Seminary in Simferopol (Ukraine)

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*Lectures and presentations:*

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1. St Tikhon’s Humanitarian University (Russia)
2. Smolensk Theological Seminary (Russia)
3. Nikolo-Ugresh Theological Seminary in Moscow
4. Kazan Theological Seminary (Russia)
5. Penza Theological Seminary (Russia)
6. Saratov Theological Seminary (Russia)
7. Nizhny Novgorod Theological Seminary (Russia)
8. Poltava Theological Seminary (Ukraine)
9. Orthodox Seminary in Paris
10. Villanova University (USA)
11. University of Heidelberg (Germany)
12. Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
13. University of Oxford
14. Chinese University of Hong Kong
15. Lutheran Seminary (Hong Kong)
16. Alliance Bible Seminary (Hong Kong)
17. St Joseph University (Macau)

18. Taiwan Theological College and Seminary
19. Beijing Normal University (China)
20. Peking University (China)
21. Tsinghua University in Beijing (China)
22. Renmin University in Beijing (China)
23. Capital Normal University in Beijing (China)
24. Minzu University in Beijing (China)
25. Beijing Language & Culture University, China
26. Nanjing Theological Seminary, China
27. Princeton Theological Seminary, USA
28. Nankai University in Tianjin, China
29. Chinese Academy of Social Science, Beijing
30. University of Uppsala, Sweden
31. University of Manitoba, Canada
32. University of Winnipeg, Canada
33. University of Regina, Canada
34. University of Alberta, Canada
35. Harvard University
36. Yale University
37. University of Munich
38. University of Iceland
39. Butler University (Indianapolis)
40. University of the Fraser Valley (Canada)
41. Zhejiang University (China)
42. Durham University
43. Columbia University
44. University of Toronto
45. Eastern European National University (Ukraine)
46. Summer Theological Institute (Ukraine)
47. Volyhn Theological Academy (Ukraine)
48. Open University St Sophia (Ukraine)
49. Shaanxi Normal University (China)
50. Sichuan University (China)
51. Myanmar Institute of Theology (Myanmar)
52. University of Eastern Finland
53. LCC International University (Lithuania)
54. The Association of Theological Schools in the United States and Canada
55. Institute of Philosophy and Social Theory (Serbia)
56. National University "Ostroh Academy" (Ukraine)
57. Brigham Young University (USA)
58. Dartmouth College (USA)
59. Ramon Llull University (Spain)
60. Valparaiso University (USA)
61. Tufts University (USA)
62. International Hellenic University (Greece)
63. University of Tartu (Estonia)

64. Ilia State University (Georgia)
65. Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore (Italy)
66. Katholische Universität Eichstätt-Ingolstadt (Germany)
67. The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
68. University of Münster (Germany)
69. Rome Global Gateway of the University of Notre Dame
70. University of Warsaw (Poland)
71. Sumy National University (Ukraine)
72. Georgetown University (USA)

## RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

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### *Fellowships and memberships:*

- ◆ Member of the Scientific Board of the Chair on Religious Freedom and Conscience at the Blanquerna Observatory on Media, Religion and Culture (Catalan Government, since 2021)
- ◆ Visiting Professor at the University of Münster, in the frame of the research “Exzellenzcluster Religion und Politik” (2018)
- ◆ Postdoctoral teaching fellow at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles (2016-2017)
- ◆ Research fellow at Harriman Institute in Columbia University (2016)
- ◆ Research fellow at the Dragomanov National Pedagogical University in Kyiv (2016-2019)
- ◆ International fellow at Chester Ronning Centre for the Study of Religion and Public Life, University of Alberta (since 2015)
- ◆ Research fellow at the Divinity School of Yale University (2012-2014)

### *Grants and projects:*

2022	Research grant from the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights for the project “Towards a theology of peace: Expediting an end to the war in Ukraine.”
2022	Research grant from Dumbarton Oaks (Washington, DC) for the project <i>Critique of “Byzance après Byzance.”</i>
2022-2025	Core researcher in the project <i>Religion and the Wars of the 21st Century</i> (funded by the University of Sankt Gallen, Switzerland)
2021-2022	Core researcher in the project <i>Coronavirus: A New Test(ament) of Orthodox Christianity</i> (funded by the University of Sankt Gallen, Switzerland)

- 2021-2025 Expert in the project *Transnational death: practices of dying and remembering in the transnational everyday on the Finnish-Russian border* (funded by the Academy of Finland)
- 2017-2019 Co-editor of the *Orthodox Theological Lexicon* in Chinese, English, and Russian (a project by the Institute of Sino-Christian Studies in Hong Kong)
- 2015-2022 Contributor to *A History of the Desire for Christian Unity Research Program* (multi-volume work on the history of ecumenism in the 20<sup>th</sup> century coordinated by *La Fondazione per le scienze religiose Giovanni XXIII* in Bologna)
- 2015-2016 Contributor to the *Critical Edition of the Acts of the Slavic Councils* by the *Corpus Christianorum* (in collaboration with *La Fondazione per le scienze religiose Giovanni XXIII* in Bologna)
- 2011-2012 Contributor to *Biblical Visions: Reading the Gospels with the Early Church* (a guidebook to study the Fathers and Mothers of the Church in the ecumenical context; project by the Commission on Faith and Order of the WCC)
- 2011-2013 Contributor to *The Science and Religion Dialogue: Past and Future* (funded by *The John Templeton Foundation* and coordinated by the University of Heidelberg in Germany)
- 2010-2015 Contributor to the *Μεγάλη Ορθόδοξη Χριστιανική Εγκυκλοπαίδεια* [Great Orthodox Christian Encyclopedia] (a project coordinated by the University of Thessaloniki)
- 2010-present Contributor to the *Catechism of the Russian Orthodox Church* (a project funded and coordinated by the Russian Orthodox Church)
- 2006-2010 Contributor to *Concepts and Practices of Freedom in the Biblical Traditions and Contemporary Contexts* (funded by *The John Templeton Foundation* and coordinated by the University of Heidelberg in Germany)
- 2004-present Contributor to *Православная энциклопедия* [Orthodox Encyclopedia] (a multi-volume project funded and coordinated by the Russian Orthodox Church)

- 2006-present      Expert in *The John Templeton Award for Theological Promise* (later *Manfred Lautenschlaeger Award for Theological Promise*) (coordinated by the University of Heidelberg in Germany)
- 2009-2010        Contributor to *The Encyclopedia of Eastern Orthodox Christianity* (3-volumes publication by Wiley-Blackwell)

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*Published books:*

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- ◆ (2022) *Eastern Christianity in Its Texts* (London: T&T Clark, nominated for the AAR Award for Excellence in the Study of Religion)
- ◆ (2021) *La riconciliazione delle memorie: Ricordare le separazioni tra le Chiese e la ricerca dell'unità* (Roma: San Paolo). In co-authorship with Lothar Vogel and Stefano Cavallotto
- ◆ (2019) *Sacred Architecture in East and West*. Edited by Cyril Hovorun, (Los Angeles: Tsehai).
- ◆ (2018) *Political Orthodoxies: The Unorthodoxies of the Church Coerced* (Minneapolis, MN: Fortress). Also translated and published in Ukrainian in 2019 and Romanian in 2023
- ◆ (2017) *Scaffolds of the Church: Towards Poststructural Ecclesiology* (Eugene, OR: Cascade). Also translated and published in Ukrainian in 2018
- ◆ (2017) *Українська публічна теологія (Ukrainian Public Theology)*, (Kyiv: Dukh i Litera), in Ukrainian
- ◆ (2016) *#Кунсткамера великого и ужасного (Wonders of the Panorthodox Council)*, (Moscow: Christian Book Club), in Russian
- ◆ (2016) *Документи Святого і Великого Собору Православної Церкви. Крит, 2016 (Documents of the Holy and Great Council of the Orthodox Church. Crete, 2016)*. Edited by Кирило Говорун and Георгій Коваленко, (Kyiv: Dukh i Litera), in Ukrainian
- ◆ (2016) *The Councils of the Orthodox Churches in the Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Era*. Edited by Alberto Melloni, Frederick Lauritzen, Georghios Vlantis, Cyril Hovorun, and Davide Dainese, (Turnhout: Brepols)
- ◆ (2015) *Meta-Ecclesiology, Chronicles on Church Awareness*, (New York: Palgrave Macmillan). Also translated and published in Ukrainian in 2017
- ◆ (2014) *由安提阿到西安—聶斯托利派的演變 (From Antioch to Xi'an: an Evolution of 'Nestorianism')*. Hong Kong: Chinese Orthodox Press (in Chinese)



- ◆ (2013) *Orthodox Handbook on Ecumenism. Resources for Theological Education*, Geneva: WCC-CEC-Volos Academy-Holy Cross School of Theology (co-editor)
- ◆ (2013) *Reading the Gospels with the Early Church. A Guide*. Geneva: WCC (co-editor)
- ◆ (2008) *Will, Action and Freedom. Christological Controversies in the Seventh Century*. Leiden - Boston: Brill. The Medieval Mediterranean, 77

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*Supervised Master and  
Doctoral theses at:*

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- ◆ Kyiv Theological Academy
- ◆ Moscow Theological Academy
- ◆ Doctoral School of the Russian Orthodox Church
- ◆ Sankt Ignatios College, University College Stockholm
- ◆ Protestant Theological University (The Netherlands)
- ◆ University of Vienna
- ◆ Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome

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*Member of Committees for  
defending theses:*

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- ◆ Doctoral Council of the Russian Orthodox Church (Russia)
- ◆ National Capodistrian University of Athens (Greece)
- ◆ Uppsala University (Sweden)
- ◆ University of Eastern Finland

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*Member of professional  
associations:*

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- ◆ American Academy of Religion
- ◆ European Academy of Religion
- ◆ Association for the Sociology of Religion

- ◆ International Association of Patristic Studies (AIEP-IAPS)
- ◆ Association for Slavic, East European, and Eurasian Studies (ASEEES)
- ◆ North American Patristics Society
- ◆ International Academic Forum (IAFOR), Japan
- ◆ Synodal Biblical and Theological Commission of the Russian Orthodox Church
- ◆ Ukrainian Patristic Society (president since 2019)
- ◆ Research Network for New Directions in the Humanities, Europe
- ◆ International Society for Neoplatonic Studies
- ◆ A Political Theology Network
- ◆ Nordic Network on Ecumenism and International Relations

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*Member of editorial boards:*

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- ◆ *Diakrisis: the Journal of Critical Orthodox Theology* (Sweden)
- ◆ *Sankt Ignatios Press* (Sweden)
- ◆ *Religious Studies and Theology*
- ◆ *Church and Time* (Moscow)
- ◆ *International Journal of Orthodox Theology* (Germany)
- ◆ *Kyiv-Mohyla Humanities Journal* (Ukraine)
- ◆ *The Wheel* (US)
- ◆ *Analogia: The Pemptousia Journal for Theological Studies* (Greece)
- ◆ *Salt: An Orthodox Journal of Cross-Cultural Theology, Dialogue and Mission* (Greece)
- ◆ *Studia Theologica: A Journal of Biblical and Theological Studies* (Romania)
- ◆ *The Evangelist of Volhynia* (Ukraine)—president of the editorial board
- ◆ Expert and contributor to *Encyclopaedia Britannica*

## ECUMENICAL EXPERIENCE

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*Representative of the  
Russian Orthodox Church to:*

- ◆ Orthodox-Lutheran dialogue
- ◆ Orthodox-Anglican dialogue
- ◆ Orthodox-Roman Catholic dialogue
- ◆ Orthodox-Oriental dialogue
- ◆ Orthodox-Jewish dialogue
- ◆ Dialogue of the Orthodox Churches and United Bible Societies

Member of the Accompaniment group for the Ecumenical Institute at the Château de Bossey, which is a part of the World Council of Churches and attached to the University of Geneva

Member of the All-Ukrainian Council of Churches and Religious Organizations

Member of the Steering committee for the Orthodox – Eastern Catholic dialogue

Presented at the Christian Council of Sweden, Theobalt, and other regional ecumenical networks

2004-2012            Member of the Faith and Order Commission of the World Council of Churches

2012                 Member of the Drafting group for the Unity Statement of the General Assembly of WCC in Busan

2011-2013           Participated in the project of the WCC *Orthodoxy and Ecumenism: A Handbook for Theological Education*

## ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

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2022-present      Director of Huffington Ecumenical Institute at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles

2017-2020      Acting Director of Huffington Ecumenical Institute at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles

2014-2016      Associate dean of the Sankt Ignatius Theological Academy (Sweden)

2013-2015      Coordinator of theological programs at the National University of 'Kyiv-Mohyla Academy'

2009-2012      First deputy Chair of the Committee for education of the Russian Orthodox Church

Vice-rector of the Doctoral School of the Russian Orthodox Church

*For approximately three years I was in charge of the process of reforming the educational system of the Russian Orthodox Church. This system includes 1 doctoral school, 12 universities, and 80 seminaries in 9 countries. My task was to reconfigure this system and to make it compatible with the western educational standards, particularly the "Bologna process". During the process of adjusting the Russian system to meet the Bologna requirements I established numerous international connections of the Russian theological schools with the western universities. I organized joint PhD and Master programs with the Universities in Amsterdam, Helsinki, Heidelberg, Louvain, Fribourg in Switzerland, and others.*

2007-2009      Chairman of the Department for External Church Relations of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church

*In this position, I managed relations of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church, the largest religious community in Ukraine, with over 12 000 parishes, with other religious communities within and outside of Ukraine, as well as with the Government of Ukraine, all major political parties, and non-governmental organisations.*

2001-2007      Department for External Church Relations of the Moscow Patriarchate

*As an expert on internal and external church policies, church-state relations, I was responsible for the relations between the local Orthodox churches.*

#### FURTHER INFORMATION:

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My works have been published in over 100 languages. See them at <http://yale.academia.edu/CyrilHovorun>

- ◆ video presentations: <https://www.youtube.com/user/cyrilhovorun/videos>
- ◆ YouTube handle: @cyrilhovorun
- ◆ LinkedIn profile: Cyril Hovorun (<https://goo.gl/azAAf4>)
- ◆ Twitter: @cyril\_hovorun ([https://twitter.com/cyril\\_hovorun](https://twitter.com/cyril_hovorun))
- ◆ Telegram: <https://t.me/cyrilhovorun>
- ◆ Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/hovorun/>