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MOBILITY REPORT ON DR MACIEJ KRZYWOSZ'S SHORT-TERM STUDY VISIT IN HUNGARY WITHIN THE BILATERAL STATE SCHOLARSHIP

A short-term study visit to the University of Szeged, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, Department of Applied Religious Studies, took place from 21.03.2022 to 25.03.2022. As my participation in the meeting of the „MTA-SZTE ‘Convivence’ Religious Pluralism Research Group” was scheduled for Monday, 21 March, I arrived in Hungary the day before on 20 March. Tibor Keresztesi, the associate of the Tempus Public Foundation, helped me a lot during the first day of my stay.

As planned, I attended the Convivence Research Group seminar on Monday, 21 March. Apart from me, the meeting was attended on site by Prof. András Máté-Tóth Head of the Department of Applied Religious Studies, Dr Kinga Povedák, Krisztina Márki, and Nándor Csikós. Csilla Gyöngyösi participated online. During the seminar, Hungarian participants presented their interests and research achievements related to the study of religion on the borderlands of Central and Eastern Europe. For my part, I presented studies on miraculous phenomena in Poland and the specificity of the Catholic-Orthodox borderland of Podlasie, which is being researched by my Institute of Sociology at the University of Białystok. Undoubtedly, this meeting broadened my knowledge about European borderlands and studies of the Department of Applied Religious Studies and „MTA-SZTE ‘Convivence’ Religious Pluralism Research Group” as well.

During my visit, I also had an individual consultation with Professor András Máté-Tóth, a recognised scholar of religion in Central and Eastern Europe. We discussed the usefulness of his concept of „Wounded Collective Identity” for studies on borderlands and the personal origins of this idea. It appeared during one of Prof. András Máté-Tóth’s trips to the Balkans, more precisely on the site of one of the war massacres in former Yugoslavia.

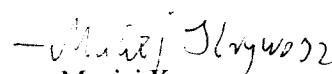
In the following days, I consulted with Dr Kinga Povedák, a researcher dealing with the Hungarian religious underground during the communist period and Christian music.

Currently, Dr Povedák is organising a scientific conference: „Christian Popular Music in Central and Eastern Europe”, on behalf of the "MTA-SZTE ‘Convivence’ Religious Pluralism Research Group” in June 2022. Just before my arrival, she asked me to disseminate information about this event in the Polish scientific community. Therefore, I took steps to promote the conference among members of the sociology of religion section of the Polish Sociological Association. During the meeting, Dr Povedák informed me that the conference she was preparing had already received applications from Polish scholars. Thus, it can be assumed that our cooperation is beginning to bear concrete fruit.

Moreover, during the visit, the Hungarian hosts introduced me to the history and present of the University of Szeged, showing the historic university buildings, such as the University Main building, and the new, such as the József Attila Study and Information Centre.

After the end of the short-term study visit to Szeged, I went to Budapest and left Hungary on Monday, 28 March.

To sum up, I believe that my short-term study visit fulfilled the assumed aims and contributed to the exchange of experiences between Hungarian and Polish religious studies scholars. Moreover, the direct contacts that I have established will certainly result in a future collaboration or help with organised scientific projects.


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