*Draft Schedule as of 26/07/17*

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| **Wednesday, 20 September 2017** | |
| 12:30 - 14:00 | Arrivals and lunch |
| 14:00 - 16:00 | *Welcome* |
|  | Moderator: Henrik Hansson, CEC Communication Coordinator Greetings from Erin Green, CEC Communication Coordinator (by video) Greetings from Metropolitan Emmanuel, CEC Vice-President (TBC) Greetings on behalf of CCEE and COMECE: Thierry Bonaventura, CCEE Media Officer |
|  | *Opening Session* |
|  | The French Context: Christianity in midst of laïcité |
|  | Panel presentation and discussion with representatives from French churches Moderated by Henrik Hansson |
|  | Rev*.* Marc Deroux, General Secretary Federation of Evangelical Baptist Churches of France |
|  | Mr. Christian Albecker, President **Union of Protestant Churches in Alsace and Lorraine** |
|  | **Rev. Claire Sixt-Gateuille, Head of International Relations French Protestant Federation** |
|  | **Representative from United Protestant Church in France (TBC)** |
| **16:00 - 16:30** | **Coffee Break** |
| **16:30 - 18:30** | ***Perspectives from Journalism: Church and Secular Contributions*** |
|  | **Ms Maria-Paz Lopez, International Association of Religion Journalists IARJ** Gaëlle Courtens, Press Officer/News Editor Federation of Protestant, Churches in Italy |
| 19:00 | *Supper at Art Bistro* 56 bis rue de Clichy, 75009 Paris Tel. +33 1 42814137 |
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| **Thursday, 21 September 2017** | |
| 9:00 - 10:30 | Dr Simona Guerra, FHEA, Associate Professor in Politics University of Leicester |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 - 12:30 | Prof. David Douyère, Professor, Information Technology and Communication Université François Rabelais de Tours |
| 12:30 - 14:00 | Lunch |
| 14:00 - 17:00 | *Visit to French Senate or Media* Outlet |
| 17:00 – 18:30 | *Free time in* Paris |
| **Thursday, 21 September 2017 continued** | |
| 18:45 | *Depart hotel for boat cruise* |
| 19:30 | *Evening dinner cruise on the Seine* |
| **Friday, 22 September 2017** | |
| 9:00 - 10:30 | *Exploring national contexts*: Presentations from three regions in Europe |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Coffee break |
| 11:00 - 12:30 | Grace Davie, Professor of Sociology University of Exeter |
| 12:30 | Lunch and departures |

**Biographies**

**María-Paz López** joined the Spanish newspaper La Vanguardia in 1990, and has held various positions here including deputy foreign editor and Italy and Vatican correspondent (2003-2009). She is currently based in Barcelona. She is the author of the e-book [Al rescate. Crónica de los viajes de Benedicto XVI a España](http://www.amazon.com/rescate-Cr%C3%B3nica-Benedicto-Spanish-Edition-ebook/dp/B007TWL9ES) about Pope Benedict’s trips to Spain. She holds a BA degree in Mass Communication and Journalism from Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona and an MS in Journalism from Columbia University in New York City, earned in a sabbatical year as a Fulbrighter. At Columbia she also studied International Affairs. She chairs the International Association of Religion Journalists, IARJ [www.theiarj.org](http://www.theiarj.org/) She speaks English, French, Italian and German.

**Gaëlle Courtens** is press officer and news editor at the Federation of Protestant Churches in Italy. In this capacity she is interested in ecumenical and interreligious dialogue, freedom of religion, secularity, migration and human rights. She is a member of the editorial committee of the Coscienza e Libertà (International Association for the Defence and Promotion of Religious Freedom) and has also worked in television. She holds a degree in Italian language and literature, sociology and political science, and an advanced degree in international law.

**Dr Simona Guerra** is Associate Professor in Politics at the University of Leicester. She is a fellow of the Higher Education Academy. From May to December 2017, Dr Guerra is a Visiting Senior Fellow at The LSEE Research on South Eastern Europe (European Institute, London School of Economics). She was awarded her DPhil in Politics and Contemporary University Studies from the University of Sussex and is the author of the forthcoming Religion and Euroscepticism in Post-Communist Europe.

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**Prof. David Douyère** is Professor of Information Technology and Communication, Université François-Rabelais de Tours. He has researched extensively in the area of religion and communication, especially in the meaning of digital expressions of contemporary Christianity. Among his many professional activities, Prof. Douyère often serves as an expert on Catholicism in French and international media.

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**Prof. Grace Davie** is Professor of Sociology at University of Exeter who researches the sociology of religion with a particular emphasis on patterns of religion in Europe, including the interactions between religion and welfare, religion and healthcare, and religion and law. Her most recent book is Religion in Britain: A Persistent Paradox.