



## Welcome to the web-seminar:

## Syriac Orthodox Traditions – changes and continuities in a globalized world

ON ZOOM THE 19TH OF AUGUST 2020 | 08.00-10.00 AM (CEST/SUMMERTIME - HTTPS://WWW. WORLDTIMEBUDDY.COM)



In this web-seminar, examples of and explanations to changes and upholding of traditions in the Syriac Orthodox Church in for example Australia, Germany and the Netherlands will be given by honourable researchers in this area.

Register to the web-seminar using the QR-code above or copy and paste the following address:

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Deadline for registration: the 15th of August

Welcome!



Today the Syriac Orthodox church is well established worldwide. However, due to the ongoing situation in the Middle East, still grows and changes around the world. This global establishment have in different ways effected traditions in the Church due to the new context, the globalisation of the Church and changes in the Church in the Middle East.

Researchers who has done in-depth research on the contemporary church will in this web-seminar present and discuss how Syriac orthodox traditions of today are negotiated, changed and uphold in diaspora and the Middle East society, with focus on liturgy, rituals, and teaching.

## Dr. Allan Davis, Alphacrucis College, Sydney, Australia



Allan Davis graduated November 2019 with his PhD on the current state and future of the Syriac Orthodox Church in diaspora in multicultural Australia. He had before that had a lengthy career working for the Australian Government, including diplomatic postings in Peru, Venezuela, Spain, Lebanon, Singapore and Kenya. Allan led policy and program areas in Australia's Immigration department, including directing the Government's national refugee settlement program and operational policy reforms. Post-COVID-19 Allan plans to undertake further research in relation to the Syriac Orthodox Church in other parts of its growing diaspora.

## Professor Heleen Murre-van den Berg, Radboud University, Nijmegen, NL



Heleen Murre-van den Berg is Professor of Global Christianity and Vice-Dean of the Faculty of Philosophy, Theology and Religious Studies. In addition, she directs the Institute of Eastern Christian Studies. She published extensively on Christianity in the Middle East, especially on the Syriac/Assyrian traditions. Recent publications include *Scribes and Scriptures: The Church of the East in the Eastern Ottoman Provinces (1500-1850)* (2015) and *Arabic and its Alternatives: Religious Minorities and their Languages in the Emerging Nation States of the Middle East (1920-1950)* (2020). As of October 2019, she directs the ERC-Advanced project 'Rewriting Global Orthodoxy: Oriental Christians in Europe (1970-2020).

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