



International Academic Online Conference
**“70 Years after Operation ‘North’:
Important Lessons of Repression for Faith”**
(dedicated to 70th Anniversary of deportation
Jehovah’s Witnesses to Siberia)

Date: April 8, 2021 (day of deportation), 11 a.m. (Kiev time).

Platforms. Zoom Conference with YouTube Transmission

Topics for lectures and discussions:

- policy of totalitarian authorities (Soviet regime) toward religious organizations;
- historical facts of JW’s repressions in Soviet Ukraine;
- current situation of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Ukraine and other countries (Europe, Asia)
- challenges and prospective in implementing of religious freedom in Ukraine
- role of media in formation of public opinion on religious organizations

Audience: Respective government officials, academia, media, diplomatic offices, civil society organizations, students, other interested persons

List of speakers: Prof. Massimo Introvigne; Prof. Liudmyla Fylypovych; DPhil. Merilin Kiviorg; Prof. Viktor Yelenskyi; Prof. Sergey Ivanenko; Prof. Artur Artemiev; Candidate of Historical Sciences, Kostiantyn Berezhko; Prof. Tomasz Bugaj; Prof. Vita Tytarenko.

Regulation: Each speaker presents his talk/material followed by Q&A section (up to 20 min or less).

YouTube links:

English: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JKaw11qz-C4>

Ukrainian: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brEEKBFDJYY>

Russian: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6eoGqWRorpA>

For scholars, government officials and other interested persons: Due to limit of participants in Zoom Conference, please submit your request for access to Zoom Conference via email: pid.ua@jw.org. In request, please mention your name, current position and scientific grade.

For media: Questions to speakers can be sent via WhatsApp (+38 063 041 7149).

Organizers: Ukrainian Association of Religious Studies (UAR), Center for Studies on New Religions, (CESNUR), Center of Jehovah’s Witnesses in Ukraine.