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## RELIGION AS A FACTOR IN PERSONAL AND SOCIAL TRANSFORMATION: THE HISTORICAL CONTEXT AND THE MODERN VISION

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**Areas of scientific research:** religion as a social institution; views of outstanding scholars and thinkers regarding the existence of a religiously-oriented world view in Ukraine; Religious patterns and beliefs of Ukraine.

**Scientific output of L. Kondratykh.** More than 100 research papers, including three monographs, have been published.

**Research supervision of the following Ph. D. theses:**

*Zaporozets T.* Utopian Consciousness as an Attributive Characteristic of the Transitional Period (1999).

*Vasylenko O.* The Meaning of History: a Personal Dimension (2000).

*Durmanenko O.* Religion in the Context of the Individual’s Ontological Security (2010).

*Liubchuk V.* Extra-Liturgical Practices of Contemporary Christian Churches as a Factor in the Development of Ukraine’s Civil Society (2016).

**Summary.** The functioning of traditional religion and national belief in Ukrainian social and cultural life; essential manifestations of religion Ukrainian; the role of religion in the functioning of civil society in modern Ukraine; religion as a factor in the social and spiritual security of the individual and of society.

### **Scientific activity of the school:**

– L. Kondratykh’s doctoral thesis “Philosophical/Sociological Analysis of the Religion Studies Legacy of Ukrainian National Renaissance Leaders of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century”;

– Ph. D. theses by O. Durmanenko, S. Salnikova, and V. Liubchuk;

– confirmation of the topics and preparation of Ph. D. theses;

– publication of articles in profession-related publications;

– source material for conferences at various levels.

### **Members of the School**

**Oleksandr Durmanenko**, Ph. D. in Sociology, Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Social Work in the LUEENU Faculty of Social Studies.

#### **Areas of scientific research:**

- factors related to formation and support;
- functional peculiarities of the individual and social complex of an individual’s ontological security as basic parameters of self and self-identification;
- visual aspects of religiosity.

**Svitlana Salmikova**, Ph. D. in Sociology, Associate Professor in the Department of Sociology and Social Work in the LUEENU Faculty of Social Sciences.

***Areas of scientific research:***

- the validity of measuring religiosity indices in quantitative sociological studies;
- religious assets and religious involvement in Eastern European countries.

**Valentyna Liubchuk**, Head of the Sociological Research Laboratory in the LUEENU Faculty of Social Sciences.

***Area of scientific research:*** the sociology of religion

