



## The Montreal Institute of Orthodox Theology and the McGill Centre for Research on Religion



### **“The Past, Present, and Future of Oriental Christians and their Churches”**

Lecture by Christine Chaillot  
followed by questions and discussion  
Thursday March 23, 2017, 3:00 - 5:00 PM  
Birks Heritage Chapel  
3520 University Avenue

The ancient Oriental Christian Churches – the Coptic Church of Egypt, the Syriac Church, Church of Armenia, the Church of Ethiopia, the Malabar Orthodox Church and the Church of Eritrea – are little known in West. Several of these Churches are being sorely tested by radical Islamic movements and by emigration of their faithful to Western Europe and North America.

Christine Chaillot, who has a profound knowledge of the situation of these Churches, will speak on their current difficult situation of these Churches and on their long-standing theological dialogue with the Eastern (or Byzantine) Orthodox Churches. This dialogue aims at restoring communion between the two families of Orthodox Churches, overcoming the division in Christendom resulting from the Christological debates in the fifth century, especially the Christological formulations of the Fourth Ecumenical Council of Chalcedon in 451.

Christine Chaillot is an independent scholar and author from Switzerland. She is the author and editor of numerous articles and books on the life and spirituality of the Oriental Orthodox Churches and on the Eastern (or Byzantine) Orthodox. Her books have been published in eight languages. Her most recent book is a collection of articles dealing with the theological dialogue between the Eastern Orthodox and the Oriental Orthodox Churches.