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**The challenges of religious education at schools in  
multi-religious society: The case of Albania**

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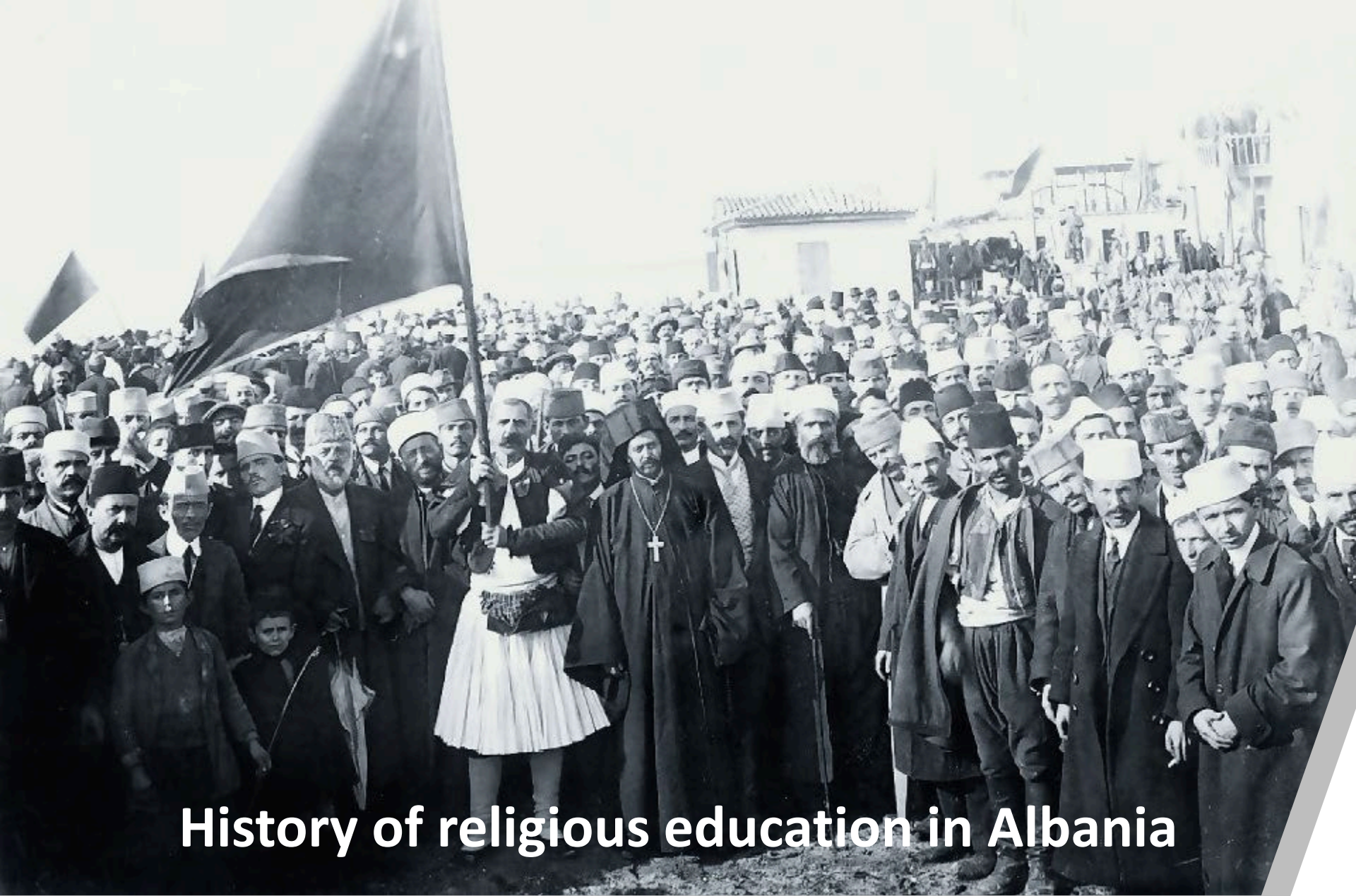












**History of religious education in Albania**







**Leaders of religious communities with King Zog**

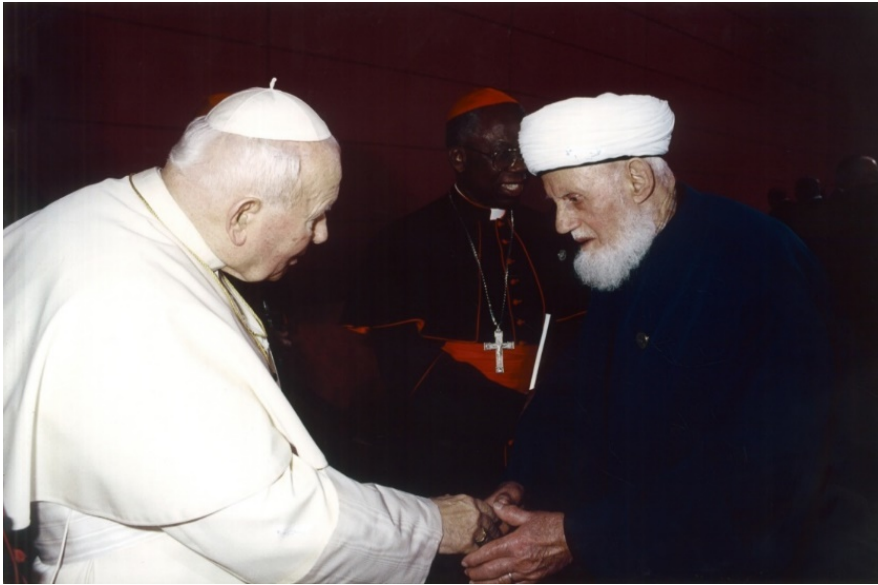




**300 Albanian Muslims that saved the Hebrews  
during Holocaust**









# History of Cristian Education in Albania

Albanian Autocephalous Orthodox Church  
and Education





# The Orthodox Theological Academy

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## Catholic religious education in Albania



1923



# History of Islamic education in Albania



**New Madrasah of Tirana, 1924**



11. Sulcman Kadriu gjatë një ore mësimi, viti 1952.



Studentë të Medresesë, viti 1934-1935.



Studentë të Medresesë, viti 1932.



Drejtnes të lartë të Komunitetit Mysliman të Shqipërisë (rreshti i parë, ulur)  
dhe stafi pedagogjik i Medresesë së Nalës (rreshti i mesit), së bashku me disa studentë (në këmbë).  
Rreshti i parë nga e majta: Muharrremi Mullahu, H. Vahdi Dëbra, Reshet Shariu, H. Ismet Dëbra, Sheh. Qazim Hoxha dhe H. Muhamed Dashi



# Madrasah of Tirana







**TIRANA, JANUARY 1991**



**Shkoder, November 1990**



1. Medreseja e Tiranës "H. Mahmud Dashi"



2. Medreseja e Shkodrës "H. Sheh Shamia"



3. Medreseja e Durrësit "Mustafa Varoshi"



4. Medreseja e Korçës "Abdullah Zëmbaku"



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Vjet  
Pavarësi













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## Opening ceremony of Bedër University (2011)



## Department of Islamic Sciences

- Bachelor in Islamic Sciences
- Master in Modern Islamic Sciences
- Master in Basic Islamic Sciences





## Graduation ceremonies



**2013 - 2014**



**2014 - 2015**



**2015 - 2016**



**2016 - 2017**



**2017 - 2018**



**2018 - 2019**

## Schools of Religious Communities

Nr.	Type of school	Islamic		Orthodox		Chatolic		Public		Private	
		Number	Students	Number	Students	Number	Students	Number	Students	Number	Students
1	Preschool education	0	2339	20	750	30	2010	173	76416	127	5032
2	Elementary school	1		3	1900	14	4199	2482	342765	123	20643
3	High school	6		5		5	1361	381	115609	116	13911
4	Profesional education	0	0	1		7	654	35	19300		
5	University	1	755	1	556	1	2300	12	70313	26	39824
	Total	8	3094	30	3206	57	10524	3083	624403	392	79410

Nr.	Theology School	Islamic	Orthodox	Chatolic
	Year	2011-2019	1992-2019	1992-2019
1	Graduated	150	321	104
2	On going	50	22	29
3	Total	200	343	133



## 1<sup>st</sup> Symposium on Interreligious Dialogue “Freedom of Religion and Interfaith Dialogue in Albania”



## 2nd Symposium on Interreligious Dialogue "Creation and man as the most prominent example of creation"



### 3rd Symposium on Interreligious Dialogue "Family in Islamic and Christian perspective"

### 4th Symposium on Interreligious Dialogue "Woman in religious communities and in Albanian society"





## The fifth Academic Interfaith Symposium “Divine Love”

### 6th Symposium on Interreligious Dialogue “Prayer in Christianity and Islam”



**7<sup>TH</sup> ACADEMIC INTERFAITH SYMPOSIUM "MARY/ MARYAM, AS A SYMBOL OF VIRTUE"**  
**8TH SYMPOSIUM ON INTERRELIGIOUS DIALOGUE "CHALLENGES OF RELIGION IN GLOBALISM"**







**International Conference on Interfaith Dialogue  
(ICID, May, 2018)**

**“Albania, a model of interfaith harmony for  
Europe?”**

**Organizers:**

*University College Bedër  
Catholic University “Our Lady of Good Counsel”  
University College Logos  
Embassy of Austria*















## Bedër Dialogue Awards





## Conclusions







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