

**VOLOS ACADEMY FOR THEOLOGICAL STUDIES
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THE DEPARTMENT OF THEOLOGY AND RELIGION
OF EXETER UNIVERSITY**

**International Consultation:
Eastern Orthodoxy and Inter-Religious Encounter in a Secular Age**

**Thessalia Conference Center,
Melissatika, Volos, 15-17 September 2017**

Programme

Friday, September 15, 2017

17.00-17.15: Registrations

First Session

Moderator:

Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis

Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies

17.30-17.50: Opening-Greetings

17.50-18.10: **Dr. Marko Vilotić**, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, University of Belgrade (Serbia), and Member of the Steering Committee of the Center for Philosophy and Theology (Trebinje, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

Prolegomena for an Affirmative Orthodox Theology of Religions

18.10-18.30: Discussion

18.30-19.00: Coffee-break

Second Session

Moderator:

Dr. Athanasios N. Papathanasiou

Lecturer, Hellenic Open University, Editor in Chief of *Synaxi*

19.00-19.20: **Dr. Petros Vassiliadis**, Professor Emeritus, University of Thessaloniki (Greece)

Eastern Orthodoxy and Inter-Faith Dialogue in a Secular Age

19.20-19.40: **Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Clapsis**, Archbishop Iakovos Professor of Orthodox Theology, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (Boston, USA)

The Dynamics of Inter-Religious Dialogue

19.40-20.15: Discussion

20.30: Dinner, Thessalia Conference Center

Saturday, September 16, 2017

Third Session

Moderator:

Dr. Angeliki Ziaka

Associate Professor, University of Thessaloniki

09.30-09.50: **Dr. Brandon Gallaher**, Lecturer of Systematic and Comparative Theology, Exeter University (UK)

Word, the Words and the Trinity: An Eastern Orthodox Theology of Religions

09.50-10.10: **Dr. Julia Konstantinovskiy**, Tutor, School of Theology, Oxford University (UK)

Spiritual Fathers of the Church on how to relate to other religions: hatred of enemies, discussion or Christian love?

10.10-10.40: Discussion

10.40-11.00: Coffee-Break

Fourth Session

Moderator:

Dr. Marko Vilotić

Assistant Professor, Faculty of Orthodox Theology, University of Belgrade

11.00-11.20: **Dr. Athanasios N. Papathanasiou**, Lecturer, Hellenic Open University, Editor in Chief of *Synaxi* (Athens, Greece)

Comparative Theology and the Orthodox: An inquiry into the tension between faith and the religious other, differences and dichotomies

11.20-11.40: **Rev. Dr. Andrew Louth**, Professor Emeritus of Patristic and Byzantine Studies at Durham University (UK), Honorary Fellow, Faculty of Theology, Vrije Universiteit (Amsterdam, The Netherlands)

Philip Sherrard: An Orthodox Approach to Christianity and the World Religions

11.40-12.10: Discussion

12.10-15.00: Lunch – free time

Fifth Session

Moderator:

Dr. Petros Vassiliadis

Professor Emeritus, University of Thessaloniki

15.00-15.20: **Dr. Nikolaos Asproulis**, Deputy Director, Volos Academy for Theological Studies

World Ecclesiology: Towards an Orthodox Theology of Religions

15.20-15.40: **Dr. Paul Ladouceur**, Trinity College (University of Toronto), Montreal Institute of Orthodox Theology (Faculté de théologie et de sciences religieuses, Université Laval, Canada) (Skype presentation)

Religious Diversity in Modern Orthodox Thought

15.40-16.00: Discussion

16.00-16.30: Coffee break

Sixth Session

Moderator:

Dr. Brandon Gallaher

Lecturer of Systematic and Comparative Theology, Exeter University (UK)

16.30-16.50: **Dr. Angeliki Ziaka**, Associate Professor, University of Thessaloniki (Greece)

Interreligious Dialogue in times of adversity: Christian and Muslim responsibility

16.50-17.10: **Dr. Christine Mangala Frost**, Lecturer and Research Associate, Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies (Cambridge, UK) (*in absentia*)

A Reflection on the Challenges and Problems of Interfaith Dialogue as exemplified by translations of The Lord's Prayer into Sanskrit

17.10-17.30: **Rev. Tikhon Vasylev**, PhD Candidate, Wolfson College, Oxford University (UK)

Christian Dialogue with Taoism in the works of St Nikolai Velimirovich and Father Alexander Men

17.30-18.15: Discussion

19.00: Dinner/ Local restaurant

Free Evening

Sunday, September, 17, 2017

7.30-10.30: Matins and Divine Liturgy

Departures