

International Conference

***HOLINESS, PRAYER AND HESYCHAST SPIRITUALITY IN ORTHODOX
TRADITION***

**West University Timișoara
18-19 and 28 November**

ORA	FRIDAY 18 November
09.00 - 09.30	<p>Opening Ceremony & Welcome Speeches:</p> <p>His Eminence IOAN, Archbishop of Timișoara & Metropolitan of Banat</p> <p>MARILEN GABRIEL PIRTEA, Rector of the West University of Timișoara</p> <p>LOREDANA PUNGĂ, Dean of the Faculty of Letters, History and Theology</p>
	SESSION 1
Chair	Andreas Adreopoulos National and Kapodistrian University of Athens

9.30 – 9.50	<p style="text-align: center;">Torstein Theodor Tollefsen University of Oslo <i>„Essence, Energies, and Real Distinction. How do we make sense of it?“</i></p>
9.50 – 10.10	<p style="text-align: center;">John McGuckin University of Oxford <i>“The Definition of Nous: The Understanding of Humanity's Spiritual Consciousness in St. Symeon the New Theologian”</i></p>
10.10 – 10.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Alexandros Chouliaras University of Athens <i>The Spiritual Senses in Hesychast Theology</i></p>
10.30 – 10.50	Q & A
10.50 – 11.10	Coffee Break
SESSION 2	
Chair	<p>Torstein Theodor Tollefsen University of Oslo</p>
11.10 – 11.30	<p style="text-align: center;">Pablo Argarate University of Graz <i>„Dynamics of Holiness. An Early Liturgical Approach. The Acclamation Τὰ ἅγια τοῖς ἁγίοις“</i></p>
11.30 – 11.50	<p style="text-align: center;">Dionysios Skliris Hellenic Open University <i>„Nous and kardia in the ascetic teachings of Evagrius Ponticus and Saint Maximus the Confessor“</i></p>
11.50 – 12.10	<p style="text-align: center;">Sotiris Mitralaxis University of Winchester <i>“Materiality as Spirituality in Orthodox Liturgical Life: The Exaltation of the Cross as a Case Study”</i></p>
12.10 – 12.30	Q & A
13.00 – 15.00	Lunch
SESSION 3	

Chair	<p align="center">Pablo Argarate University of Graz</p>
15.00 – 15.20	<p align="center">Vladimir Cvetković University of Belgrade <i>“Hesychast Spirituality and the Geometry of Love”</i></p>
15.20 – 15.40	<p align="center">Alessia Brombin The Pontifical University of Santa Croce, Rome <i>Spiritual Fatherhood Engagement and Direction according to Theoleptos of Philadelphia and Gregory Palamas</i></p>
15.40 – 16.00	<p align="center">Spyridon P. Panagopoulos, <i>Independent Researcher of Byzantine and Patristic Studies Patras (University of Patras, Greece),</i> <i>“The spiritual guidance in the Testament of Saint Theodore the Studite”</i></p>
16.00 – 16.20	Q & A
16.20-16.50	Coffee Break
SESSION 4	
Chair	<p align="center">Vladimir Cvetković University of Belgrade</p>
16.50 – 17.10	<p align="center">Andreas Adreopoulos, University of Winchester <i>Title reserved</i></p>
17.10 – 17.30	<p align="center">Anthony Briggman Emory University <i>„The Role of the Anointing Spirit in the Christological Mission and Salvation according to Irenaeus”</i></p>
17.30 – 17.50	<p align="center">Kyle Schenkewitz Mount St. Joseph University, Cincinnati, Ohio <i>“Restoration through Incarnation: Dorotheos of Gaza, Virtue, and Human Flourishing”</i></p>

17.50 – 18.10	Q & A
18.10-18.30	Coffee Break
19.00	Dinner
	SATURDAY 19 November
	SESSION 5
Chair	Alexandros Chouliaras University of Winchester
10.00-10.20	Georgiana Huian, Institute of Old Catholic Theology, University of Bern/Institut de Théologie Orthodoxe “Saint Serge” Paris <i>“The Spiritual Senses in the Conception of Diadochus of Photike”</i>
10.20-10.50	Daniel Lemeni West University Timișoara <i>„Holiness and Inner Silence (Hesychia) in Late Antique Monasticism”</i>
10.50-11.10	Nichifor Tănase West University Timișoara <i>“Spiritual Senses and the Experience of the Holy Spirit in the Theology of Father Stăniloae”</i>
11.10-11.30	Q & A
11.30-11.50	Coffee Break
13.00	Lunch
	MONDAY 28 November

	SESSION 6
9.30-10.00	Opening & Presentations
Chair	Claudiu Mesaroş West University Timișoara
10.00-10.20	Sebastian Brock <i>University of Oxford</i> <i>„The Hesychastic Life according to Isaac of Nineveh and Dadisho' (7th Century)”</i>
10.20-10.40	Natalie Depraz <i>University of Rouen</i> <i>„The Self-Descriptions of the Prayer of the Heart by Hesychast Monks. A First-Person Phenomenology of Attentional and Emotional Moves in the Light of Hesychius of Batos and of Diadochos of Photiki”</i>
10.40-11.00	His Holiness, Benedict Vesa <i>University Babeş-Bolyai Cluj</i> Title reserved
11.00-11.20	Q & A
11.20-11.40	Coffee Break
	SESSION 7
Chair	Natalie Depraz University of Rouen
11.40-12.00	Natanael Neacşu <i>University Ioan Cuza, Iaşi</i> <i>“The ‘hypostatic prayer’ in St Sophrony Sakharov’ s theology”</i>
12.00-12.20	Claudiu Mesaroş West University of Timișoara <i>Title reserved</i>

12.20-12.40	<p style="text-align: center;">Rafael Povîrnaru West University of Timișoara <i>“Light as the Spiritual Experience of the Human Being through Orthodox Cult”</i></p>
12.40-13.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Q & A</p>
13.00	<p style="text-align: center;">Lunch</p>
18.00	<p style="text-align: center;">BOOK RELEASE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Natalie Depraz <i>Professor of Philosophy at the Rouen Normandy University and University Member at the Husserl Archives in Paris</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Le corps glorieux. Phénoménologie pratique des Pères du désert et des Pères de l’Eglise, Bruxelles, Bibliothèque philosophique de Louvain, 2008</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Corpul slăvit – fenomenologie practică plecând de la Filocalie și Părinții Bisericii, translation in romanian by Maria-Cornelia Ică jr., Sibiu: Deisis, 2022</i></p>