

Programme

**Encounters: Dialogue & Theological Exchange
Between Catholic Nouvelle Théologie & Modern Orthodoxy**
International Conference, Fribourg – August 29–31, 2024

*University of Fribourg (CH), University of Berne, Fordham University (New York),
Volos Academy for Theological Studies, St. Sergius Orthodox Theological Institute (Paris)*

hosted by the University of Fribourg, Avenue de l'Europe 20, MIS02, room 2122, 1700 Fribourg
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Thursday, August 29

15h30 *Coffee*

16h00 Welcoming addresses

Hansjörg Schmid – Vice-Rector of the University of Fribourg; Director of the Swiss Centre for Islam and Society, Professor of Christian and Interreligious Social Ethics
Regula M. Zwahlen, Sergii Bulgakov Research Centre, University of Fribourg
Jack Pappas, Orthodox Christian Studies Center, Fordham University (New York)
Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Volos Academy for Theological Studies
Georgiana Huian, University of Berne, St. Sergius Orthodox Theological Institute (Paris)

Ecumenical Dialogue

16h30 Encounters Between Catholic Nouvelle Théologie & Modern Orthodoxy – an Introduction

Pantelis Kalaitzidis

17h15 Deepening Roman Catholic Ecclesiology and Ecumenism through Contacts with the Orthodox: the Experience of Chevetogne

Peter De Mey

18h00 *Short Break*

Ressourcement

18h15 Yves Congar and John Zizioulas on Pneumatology. “Nouvelle theologie” and “neo-patristic synthesis” in dialogue

Stavros Yangazoglou

19h00 “The Spirit of the Age”: On Looking Backward

Anne Carpenter

20h00 *Dinner*

Friday, August 30

Intellectual Parallels

09h15 Orthodox Influences in Catholic Theology: Louis Bouyer and Thomas Merton

Paul Ladouceur

10h00 Trinity and Apophaticism. Karl Rahner and Vladimir Lossky

Aristotle Papanikolaou

10h45 *Coffee break*

11h15 Sergii Bulgakov and Hans Urs von Balthasar on the Cosmic Liturgy

Brandon Gallaher

12h00 Sergii Bulgakov and Hans Urs von Balthasar on Sophia

Barbara Hallensleben

12h45 *Lunch*

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Conversions

- 14h30 Resilience and Adaptability of the Vision of All-Embracing Love in the Life and Work of Fr Lev Gillet *Ivana Noble*
- 15h15 From Transmutation to Transfiguration: Clément the Convert *Andrew Louth*
- 16h00 *Coffee break*

Deification

- 16h30 Encountering Theosis: Portrayals of Deification in Émigré Orthodoxy and the Reception of the Doctrine in la Nouvelle Théologie *Mark McInroy*
- 17h15 Myrrha Lot-Borodine: networking concepts of personhood, freedom and love *Georgiana Huian*
- 19h30 *Dinner*

Saturday, August 31

Call for Action

- 09h15 “The human mode of ecclesiastical reality.”
Yves Congar and Sergii Bulgakov *Regula M. Zwahlen*
- 10h00 Liberating Power of Creativity and a Call for Action in the Life and Work of Mother Maria Skobtsova: A Parallel with the Worker-Priest Movement *Kateřina Kočandrle Bauer*
- 10h45 *Coffee break*

Cosmology

- 11h15 Reditus ad mysterio: Sophiology and Nouvelle Théologie as Sacramental Ontologies *Ivan Ilin*
- 12h00 Olivier Clément’s Theological Reflection on Technology: Western and Eastern Perspectives *Julia Naett Vidovic*
- 12h45 *Lunch*

Personhood

- 15h00 Theology and the Personalist Turn: The Ecumenical Reception of Existential Philosophy in Berdyaev, Mounier and Beyond *Jack Pappas*
- 15h45 The concept of personhood according to Elisabeth Behr-Sigel: backgrounds and implications *Olga Laham-Lossky*
- 16h30 *Coffee break*
- 17h00 Being a Person or Being Human? *John Behr*
- 17h45 Final discussion

From 19h30, at 20h *Closing dinner*