

**Encounters: Dialogue & Theological Exchange  
Between Catholic Nouvelle Théologie & Modern Orthodoxy**  
International Conference

*Fribourg – August 29–31, 2024*

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**Draft Programme**

***Thursday, August 29***

15h30 *Coffee*

16h00 Welcoming address(es)

**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*

*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*

### Conversions

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

### Deification

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

### Saturday, August 31

#### Call for Action

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| 09h15 | “The human mode of ecclesiastical reality.”<br>Yves Congar and Sergii Bulgakov                                                                  | <i>Regula M. Zwahlen</i>        |
| 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 | <i>Kateřina Kočandrle Bauer</i> |
| 10h45 | <i>Coffee break</i>                                                                                                                             |                                 |

### Cosmology

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

### Personhood

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

*Closing dinner*