Holy Metropolis of Demetrias
Volos Academy for Theological Studies

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Neo-Patristic Synthesis or Post-Patristic Theology: Can Orthodox Theology be Contextual?

June 3-6, 2010, THESSALIA CONFERENCE CENTER, (MELISSIATIKA), VOLOS

The conference is organized in collaboration with the Orthodox Christian Studies Program of Fordham University, the Chair of Orthodox Theology of Münster University, and the Romanian Institute for Inter-Orthodox, Inter-Confessional, and Inter-Religious Studies (INTER) Cluj-Napoca

PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, JUNE 3rd 2010

18.00-18.30  Registration

18.30-19.00  Opening – Greetings

Session I

Moderator: Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis
Director of the Volos Academy for Theological Studies

19.00-19.30  Rev. Dr. Vladan Pericic, Professor of Patrology, former Dean of the Theological Faculty, University of Belgrade, Serbia  
Liturgical Theology as Contextual Theology in the Patristic Era and Today

19.30-20.00  Dr. George Martzelos, Professor at the School of Theology, University of Thessaloniki, Greece  
The Role of Contextual Theology in the Orthodox Tradition

20.00-30  Discussion

20.30  Dinner
FRIDAY JUNE 4th 2010

Session II
Moderator: Dr. George Demacopoulos
Associate Professor of Theology, Co-Founding Director, Orthodox Christian Studies Program of Fordham University

09.00-09.30  Dr. Marcus Plested, Director of Studies, Institute for Orthodox Christian Studies, Cambridge, UK
The Emergence of the Neo-Patristic Synthesis: Content, Challenges and Limits

09.30-10.00  Rev. Dr. Pavel L. Gavrilyuk, Associate Professor, University of St. Thomas, Minnesota, USA
Florovsky’s Christian Hellenism: A Critical Evaluation

10.00-10.30  Rev. Dr. John Behr, Dean, St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary, New York, USA
Going Beyond Neo-Patristic Synthesis

10.30-11.30  Discussion
11.30-12.00  Coffee-break

Session III
Moderator: Dr. Bruce Beck,
Director, Pappas Patristic Institute, Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, Massachusetts

12.00-12.30  Archbishop Dr. Hilarion Alfeyev of Volokolamsk, Chairman of the Moscow Patriarchate Department for External Church Relations, Russia
Orthodox Tradition and Contextual Theology

12.30-13.00  Dr. Tamara Grdzelidze, Programme Executive, Faith and Order, WCC
Contextualisation of the Church Fathers in the Context of Ecumenism

13.00-13.30  Discussion
13.30-15.00  Lunch

Session IV
Moderator: Dr. Tamara Grdzelidze
Programme Executive, Faith and Order, WCC
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**Session V**

**Moderator:** V. Rev. Dr. Maxim of Western America  
Serbian Orthodox Church,  
Professor at the School of Theology, University of Belgrade

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**SATURDAY JUNE 5th 2009**

**Session VI**

**Moderator:** Dr Demetrios Moschos  
Lecturer at the Scholl of Theology, Athens University

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Essentialism Reconsidered: The Myth of a Non-Hermeneutical Approach to Orthodox Tradition

09.30-10.00 Rev. Dr. John Panteleimon Manoussakis, Assistant Professor of Philosophy, College of Holy Cross, Worcester, USA

God. Being and Event: The Intersection between Theology and Ontology

10.00-10.30 Discussion
10.30-11.00 Coffee-break

Session VII
Moderator: Dr. Aristotle Papanikolaou
Associate Professor of Theology, Co-Founding Director, Orthodox Christian Studies Program of Fordham University

11.00-11.30 Metropolitan John Zizioulas, Member of the Academy of Athens, Ecumenical Patriarchate

Actuality and Temporality of the Neo-Patristic Synthesis

11.30-12.00 Fr. Andrew Louth, Professor of Patrology, University of Durham, UK

The Authority of the Fathers in “post-patristic Orthodox theology”

12.00-12.30 Discussion
12.30-14.00 Lunch

Session VIII
Moderator: Dr Vassilios Makrides
Professor of Sociology of Orthodox Christianity at Erfurt University (Germany)

14.00-14.30 Dr. Michail Neamtu, Senior Fellow of CADI/ Eleutheria, Romania

Ethno-theology as a Particular Case of Contextual Theology

14.30-15.00 Dr. Radu Preda, Associate Professor of Social Theology, Babes-Bolai-University, Cluj-Napoca, Director of the Romanian Institute for Inter-Orthodox, Inter-confessional, Inter-Religious Studies-INTER, Romania

Orthodox Social Theology as Contextual Theology

15.00-15.30 Dr. Aristotle Papanikolaou, Associate Professor of Theology, Co-Founding Director, Orthodox Christian Studies Program of Fordham University, New York, USA

Orthodox Liberalism: Political Theology after the Empires
15.30-16.30  Discussion
16.30-17.00  Coffee-break

**Session IX**

**Moderator: Dr. Radu Preda**
Associate Professor, Babes-Bolai-University, Cluj-Napoca,
Director of the INTER (Romania)

17.00-17.30  Dr. Peter Bouteneff, Associate Professor, St Vladimir’s Orthodox
Theological Seminary, New York, USA
*Liberation Theologies: Challenges for Contemporary Orthodoxy
from Contextual Theologies*

17.30-18.00  Dr. Eleni Kasselouri, Teaching at the Hellenic Open University,
Member of the Academic Team of Volos Academy for
Theological Studies, Greece
*Feminist Theology and its Contextuality: A Challenge or an
Opportunity for Orthodox Theology?*

18.00-18.30  Discussion

**SUNDAY JUNE 6th 2010**

**Divine Service at the Christ’s Ascension Church, Volos**

**Departure of the buses for Thessalia Conference Center, Melissatika: 10.45**

**Session X**

**Moderator: Dr. Assaad Elias Kattan**
Director of the Centre of Religious Studies
and Chair of Orthodox Theology, University of Münster

11.30-12.00  Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Clapsis, Professor of Dogmatics, Holy Cross
Greek Orthodox School of Theology, Brookline, USA
*Gospel and Cultures: Toward a Theology of Religions*

12.00-12.30  Dr. Athanasios N. Papatheodoriou, Editor in Chief of the
Theological Journal *Synaxis*, Greece
*Mission as a Challenge for Orthodox Contextual Theology*

12.30-13.00  Dr. Pantelis Kalaitzidis, Director of the Volos Academy for
Theological Studies, Greece
*Toward a Post-Patristic Theology?*

13.00-14.00  Discussion
14.00  End of the Conference-Lunch