St Andrew's 9th Patristic Symposium

St Maximus the Confessor within 7th Century Christianity: Theology and History 2-3 September 2022 Program

Friday, 2 September

1.30pm Registration

2.00pm Parallel Session 1

Sr Assoc. Prof. Margaret Beirne

St Andrew's Theological College, Sydney College of Divinity

Christoph Schönborn on Pleasure and Pain, according to Questiones ad Thalassium

[Moderator: Philip Kariatlis]

Dr Cullan Joyce

University of Divinity, Catholic Theological College

What can historical contemplative traditions contribute to Contemplative Research? Modelling

Maximus the Confessor's Contemplative Practice.

[Moderator: Fr Anastasios Bozikis]

2.40pm Plenary Session

Assoc. Prof. Adam Cooper

University of Divinity, Catholic Theological College

Maximus and the Symbolism of Numbers

[Moderator: Sr Margaret Beirne]

3.20pm Parallel Sessions 2

Revd Assoc. Prof. Bassam Nassif

St John of Damascus Institute of Theology

Divine Beauty of Humanity: Saint Maximus' Perspective of Gender and the Experience of

Saints

[Moderator: Lydia Gore-Jones]

Dr Nikolaos Zarotiadis

Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

Learning to love: Approaching the teaching of St. Cyprian and St. Maximus the Confessor [Moderator: Philip Kariatlis]

4.00pm Afternoon Tea

[MC: Fr Anastasios Bozikis]

Bishop Iakovos will be representing His Eminence

4.30pm His Eminence Archbishop Makarios of Australia

Opening Prayer, Welcome and Introductory Remarks

[Introducing and Moderating: Philip Kariatlis]

4.45pm Keynote Address

Very Reverend Professor John Behr

Regius Professor of Humanity, University of Aberdeen

From St Gregory of Nyssa to St Maximus the Confessor; The background for Ambiguum

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6.15pm Group Photo/ Afternoon Tea

7.00pm Keynote Address

Professor Paul Blowers

Dean E. Walker Professor of Church History, Milligan University

Comparing Maximus the Confessor and Augustine of Hippo on the Mystery of the Love of God

[Introducing and Moderating: Prof. Steve Smith]

8.30pm Supper

Saturday, 3 September

8.30am Morning Prayer (Cathedral)

9.00am Plenary Session

Professor Aristotle Papanikolaou

Fordham University, Co-Director of the Orthodox Christian Studies Centre

St Maximus, the virtues, and the architecture of the soul

[Moderator: Philip Kariatlis]

9.40am Plenary Session

Professor David Bradshaw

University of Kentucky

St Maximus vs Mononergism: The Natural Energies

[Moderator: Lydia Gore-Jones]

10.20am Morning Tea

10.50am Parallel Sessions 3

Assoc. Prof. Eva Anagnostou-Laoutides, Kyeongyoon Woo

Macquarie University

The Bacchic State of Mind and Maximus' Christian Citizenship

[Moderator: Andrew Mellas]

Revd Dr Joe Mock

Gracepoint Chinese Presbyterian Church

To what extent did the Christology of Bullinger mirror the Christology of Maximus the

Confessor?

[Moderator: Lydia Gore-Jones]

11.30am Parallel Sessions 4

Dr Vasilis Adrahtas

Western Sydney University and University of NSW

St Maximus the Confessor at the Intersection of Hellenic Philosophy, Jewish Mysticism and

Early Islamic Thought

[Moderator: Fr Anastasios Bozikis]

Dr Andrew Mellas

St Andrew's Theological College, Sydney College of Divinity

"The Silence Abounding in Song": Eschatology and Emotion in St Maximus the Confessor's

Mystagogia

[Moderator: Sr Margaret Beirne]

12.10pm James Rutherford

Moore Theological College

The Use of the Divine-Human Analogy in the Niceno-Chalcedonian Tradition and Maximus

the Confessor

[Moderator: Fr Anastasios Bozikis]

Michael Ibrahim

St Cyril's Coptic Orthodox Theological College

A Saint and a Physicist Walk into a Bar: St Maximus the Confessor and David Bohm in Dialogue

[Moderator: Andrew Mellas]

12.50pm Lunch and Closing Remarks

2.00pm End of the Symposium