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Horizons and Limitations of Russian Religious Philosophy



IOCS SUMMER CONFERENCE

8-10 September 2014, Sidney Sussex College, Cambridge

(with an optional day-trip on 11 September)

Speakers include:

Metropolitan Kallistos Ware

Dr Clemena Antonova (Institute for Human Sciences, Vienna)

Dr Ruth Coates (University of Bristol)

Revd Prof Nikolaos Loudovikos (University Ecclesiastical Academy
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Revd Prof Andrew Louth (University of Durham)

Prof Artur Mrówczyński-Van Allen (Institute of Philosophy Edith Stein,
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Dr Christoph Schneider (IOCS)

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Revd Tikhon Vasilyev (University of Oxford)

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The aim of the conference is twofold. First, it discusses and evaluates the reception of Byzantine theology and philosophy by Russian religious thinkers in the 19th and 20th century. The conference investigates the way Byzantine thought was modified and developed by Russian Philosophy, and what role Western philosophy played in this process. It also addresses the question of how far the contribution of Russian thinkers can be regarded as a philosophically and theologically convincing continuation and development of the Byzantine tradition. One of the main tasks in this respect will be to establish the precise relationship between the sophiological tradition and the Byzantine essence-energy distinction.

Second, the conference will examine the relevance of Russian Religious Philosophy to the contemporary world. Characteristic features of this tradition are: all-unity (*vseedinstvo*), epistemological realism, catholicity (*sobornost'*) and integral knowledge (*tsel'noe znanie*). These ideas are employed to envisage the transformation of the world towards its ultimate end and constitute a challenge to both modern and post-modern thought. Russian Religious Philosophy is of universal scope. It not only joins theology with philosophy, but also emphasizes the porosity between theology and all other academic disciplines such as cosmology, metaphysics, aesthetics, linguistics, anthropology, ethics, and the sciences. The conference will explore how far these vast but largely untapped intellectual resources can help us construct a genuinely Christian vision of God, of the world and of the self in the 21st century.

Conference enrolment (all three days) – with meals* £310

Conference enrolment (all three days) – no meals £220

Coach for the Optional Day-trip: £25

***Meals include lunches and dinners but not breakfasts. Coffee/tea and biscuits will be provided to all participants.**

Since places are limited you may prefer to reserve a place by paying a non-refundable deposit of £100. Final deadline for payment in full is 25 August 2014

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The prices above DO NOT include accommodation.

Accommodation arrangements can made directly with Sidney Sussex College thus:

ACCOMMODATION ARRANGEMENTS

1. Please go to the Sidney Sussex College website conference delegates page <http://www.sid.cam.ac.uk/confer/bookingconf.html>
2. Go to availability section and enter dates when accommodation is required (8-10 Sept)
3. Enter the unique promotional code CHALLENGE Click on 'Show availability'
4. Availability of reserved rooms (Single En Suite & Standard) will be shown on next screen. If no rooms are shown please check that the correct promotional code has been entered.
5. Enter number of rooms required.
6. Follow instructions on screen to pay for the room. A credit or debit card is required.
7. Payment will be taken and confirmation emailed at the time of booking

Also, the Cambridge Tourism Office website - <http://www.visitcambridge.org/accommodation> - gives details of reliable bed-and-breakfast accommodation - though do check the distance from the centre.