

Orthodox Diaspora:

a Place in-between – a Place of Encounter – a Place for Theology

On 21 June, the presentation of the book *Introducing Eastern Orthodox Theology* by Revd. Prof. Andrew Louth will be the occasion for a small colloquium. Fr Andrew, who taught patristics in Oxford and Durham, is currently visiting professor at VU University Amsterdam and a member of the Dutch Centre for Patristic Research (CPO). At the colloquium we take up themes explored by 20th century thinkers of the Russian emigration, who tried to bring their patristic past into dialogue with contemporary Western ideas. One of the themes of the Orthodox diaspora is the 'realm' between the Creator and the created world. Who or what negotiates this abyss?



Date: 21 June 2013

Time: 12:30-17:45

Place: Room Agora 1 in the main building of the university

Address: de Boelelaan 1105,
1081 HV Amsterdam

Route description: see www.vu.nl

Registration: before 14 June
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Participation is free



Programme:

12:30 Coffee

13:00 Prof. Dr. Wim Janse, Vice-Rector and Dean of the Faculty of Theology presents Fr Andrew's book *Introducing Eastern Orthodox Theology*

13:15 Dr. Ivana Noble (Ecumenical Institute, Protestant Theological Faculty of Charles University, Prague), Introduction

13:45 Revd. Prof. Andrew Louth, *Theology of in-between*

14:30 break

15:00 Very Revd Prof. John Behr (Dean of St Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary and Professor of Patristics, New York), *Older than the World: The Virgin as Mediatrix*

15:45 Revd. Dr. Michael Bakker, *Into the Abyss of the Unconscious*

16:30 Discussion led by Prof. Dr. Paul van Geest, director of CPO

17:00 Drinks