International Workshop
Akindynos’ Role in the Hesychast Controversy

Friday/Saturday, 15th-16th March 2019
UniS, Schanzenbeckstrasse 1, CH-3012 Bern, Room B-102

This workshop examines the Hesychast Controversy and its protagonists in 14th-century Byzantium. It particularly focuses on Gregory Akindynos, Gregory Palamas’ fiercest but least known opponent. The workshop is organised by the Research Group of the Swiss National Science Foundation Project “Akindynos and Palamas in Dispute on Divine Energies” and will bring together various international specialists in the field for the first time.

The workshop is open to the public. Participation is free, but we would like to ask you to register before February the 28th 2019 by sending a message to renate.burri@cgs.unibe.ch
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9:00
Introduction
Katharina Heyden, Renate Burri (University of Bern)

9:15
Chair: Katharina Heyden
Evidence from Manuscripts
Editing Gregory Akindynos: The Example of Escurialensis Graecus Φ. III-11
Dionysios Benetos
(National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)

Interventions in Monacensis graecus 223 and Their Historical Relevance
Renate Burri
(University of Bern)

10:45
Coffee Break

11:15
Persons Involved
Gregory Akindynos in the Service of Patriarch John XIV Kalekas?
Marie-Hélène Blanchet
(CNRS, Paris)

The Early Followers of St. Gregory Palamas and the Articulation of an Essence-Energies Distinction from 1337 to 1347
Tikhon Alexander Pino
(Marquette University)

12:45
Lunch Break

14:15
Chair: Renate Burri
Essence-Energies and Uncreated Light Debates
The Essence-Energies Debate: Philosophical Background and Issues
David Bradshaw
(University of Kentucky)

Gregorius Palamas, plus platonizans quam christianizans? The Essence-Energy Structure in Palamas’ Polemics with Gregory Akindynos
Mikonja Knežević
(University of Prishtina/Kosovska Mitrovica)
15:45
Coffee Break

16:15
Patristic Reception and the Light of the Transfiguration in the Hesychast Controversy
Marcus Pleston
(Marquette University)

Saturday, 16th March 2019

9:00
Chair: Renate Burri
Statements of Faith
Gregory Akindynos’ Theological Perceptions
Andreas Zachariou
(National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)
‘Innovation’ as a Heresiological Argument and a Theological Topic in Akindynos’ Refutatio of Palamas’ Epistula III
Katharina Heyden
(University of Bern)

10:30
Coffee Break

11:00
Professions of Faith as Means of Theological Dispute in the Hesychast Controversy
Reinhard Flögaus
(Humboldt University of Berlin)

11:45
Closing Remarks
Katharina Heyden, Renate Burri (University of Bern)

12:30
End of the Workshop
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