



St. Andrew's Biblical Theological Institute
Ostkirchliches Institut, Regensburg

INVITATION AND CALL FOR PAPERS

International Conference

NIKOLAI BERDIAEV AND UNITY OF THE EUROPEAN SPIRIT

27 September – 1 October 2006

In 2003, 2004 and 2005, St. Andrew's Biblical Theological Institute (Moscow) in cooperation with Ostkirchliches Institut, Regensburg and with the support of the Catholic Committee for Cultural Collaboration (Rome) organized a number of conferences on the problem of unity of European culture. Each of them was dedicated to one of the Russian Silver Age thinkers, in whose works this theme occupied an important place – Vladimir Soloviev, Sergey Bulgakov and Pavel Florensky. To continue this tradition, in 2006 St. Andrew's organizes an International Academic Theological Conference devoted to Nikolai Berdiaev – a prominent representative of Russian religious renaissance and also one of the most influential European thinkers of the first half of 20th century.

The Conference will take place in Moscow from Wednesday, 27 September to Sunday, 1 October 2006. Leading theologians, philosophers, and other specialists who made important contributions into scholarship of Russian and Western religious philosophy are invited. In the course of the Conference, the following questions will be addressed.

1. Freedom and compulsion: Berdiaev's ideas in the context of 20th century.
2. Tragedy of the creative act and crisis of culture.
3. Philosophy of loneliness and communication.
4. Eschatological metaphysics of N. Berdiaev.
5. N. Berdiaev and existential-personalist tradition in 20th century philosophy
6. Freedom and the creative act in Christian reflection.
7. God-seeking in modern Russia: the lessons of N. Berdiaev.
8. West and East: a Russian project of universalism.
9. N. Berdiaev as a Russian and western thinker.

PAPERS AND PUBLICATION

Those who wish to present a paper should send a summary (1000 words at most) by e-mail to St. Andrew's by 1 July 2006. The Organizing Committee selects papers for the Conference and sends invitations to the speakers. The full text of all the papers selected will have to be submitted by 1 September 2006. However, it will be possible to participate without a paper (some priests, professors, and students are expected to be present). The working languages of the conference will be Russian and English.

Upon arrival at the conference every participant will receive summaries of all the papers presented and the conference program. Plenary and sectional papers are scheduled for 30 minutes each. Some

papers will be published in St Andrew's quarterly *Pages: Theology, Culture, Education* and we will publish a collection of papers in a separate volume. Summaries and papers should be sent to:

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ORGANIZATION AND ACCOMMODATIONS

The conference will assemble on 27 September for a reception and opening ceremony in the evening. Participants will depart after breakfast on 1 October. The price of a single room and full board will be approximately 70 euro per day.

REGISTRATION

Numbers are limited and early registration is strongly advised. Registration will become effective when the registration form and the full registration fee have been received and acknowledged by the registration officer. The registration fee covers participation in conference activities (other than excursions) and entitles the participant to receive summaries of all conference papers.

Early registration fee (before 1 June 2006) EURO 80
Late registration fee (after 1 June 2006) EURO 100

A limited number of scholarships will be provided – mainly for speakers from Eastern European countries. Should you cancel your registration before 1 August 20 EURO will be deducted and the remainder of your registration fee will be refunded. No refund is possible after 1 August. Payment of registration fees may be made by bank transfer or by check in US\$, EURO or UK pounds. Please write to the registration officer for advice.

All registration forms must be sent to the registration officer:

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