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**International Symposium on Saint Maximus the Confessor to explore the relationship between Christianity in antiquity and the XXI Century. October 18-20—Belgrade, Serbia**



More than 24 Internationally recognized theologians will gather at the University of Belgrade Theological Faculty, October 18-21 to discuss and highlight the theological, philosophical, psychological and other questions from the teachings of Saint Maximus relevant for our time. To read more please visit the conference website at: <http://saint-maximus.pbf.rs/>



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On October 18 - 21, 2012, The Department of Patristic Studies of the Faculty of Orthodox Theology at the University of Belgrade, Serbia in collaboration with the Orthodox Christian Studies Program of Fordham University, will host an International Symposium on Saint Maximus the Confessor, commemorating the 1350th anniversary of his repose [†662].

**What makes this Conference so unique?** Leading theologians from all over the world will gather to discuss the important topic of *Knowing the purpose of everything through the Power of the Resurrection*, which is based on Saint Maximus' words in his *Centuries on Theology and Economy* (1.66)

**“ This conference will focus on Maximus’ increasingly noticeable role as a “Saint for East and West” and on the mediating potential of his profound theological vision for Eastern and Western Christianity! ”**

His exegesis proves to be tremendously critical and fruitful today, as he invites us to discover spiritual benefits in the most obscure corners of Scripture and all reality. Integrating theory and practice, he has been called a cosmic theologian, offering a vision of the “cosmic liturgy,” inspiring a “cosmological prophecy” and “eucharistic cosmology.”

**Featured Speakers** (in alphabetical order): Demetrios Barthrelos, Grigory Benevitch, Calinic Berger, Paul Blowers, David Bradshaw, Adam Cooper, Brian Daley, Paul Gavriilyuk, Bishop Atanasije (Jevtić), Joshua Lollar, Andrew Louth, Maximos of Simonopetra, Pascal Mueller-Jourdan, Bishop Ignatije (Midić), John Panteleimon Manoussakis, Alexei Nesteruk, George Parsenios, Torstein Tollefsen, Aristotle Papanikolau, Fr Philipp Gabriel Renczes, Nino Sakvarelidze, George Varvatsoulas, Bishop Maksim (Vasiljević), Christos Yannaras, and Metropolitan John (Zizioulas).

These renowned scholars from different religious traditions will examine this timely topic, bringing to light a number of areas focused on theology, anthropology, hermeneutics, philosophy, science, eschatology, human physics, freedom, otherness, person, gender, psychology, biology, cosmology, physics, as well as modern and ancient philosophy.