



The Will in Maximus the Confessor

5th International Colloquium on St. Maximus the Confessor

organized by

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to honour 70th anniversary of Professor Torstein Tollefsen

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(Auditorium P05)



Thursday 1 February

09:30 Opening speech by Prof. Dr. Géza Horváth, Dean of the Faculty of Humanities at Károli Gáspár University

Section I: Precursors

Chair: Vladimir Cvetković

10:00 - 10:20 Gábor Kendeffy (Károli Gáspár University, Budapest, Hungary)

Augustine's concept of will

10:20 - 10:40 Pascal Mueller-Jourdan (Université catholique de l'Ouest, Angers, France)

La nature du vouloir démiurgique chez Proclus de Lycie

10:40 - 10:50 Questions

10:50 - 11:10 Coffee break

11:10 - 11:30 Gábor Buzási (ELTE, University of Budapest)

Divine and human will in the Neoplatonic Theology of Julian the Apostate

11:30 - 11:50 David Lloyd Dusenbury (Visiting Professor, ELTE University of Budapest)

Divine and Human Wills in the World City: Nemesius of Emesa as a Precursor to Maximus the Confessor

11:50 - 12:00 Questions

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch break

Section II: Context

Chair: Claudio Moreschini

13:00 - 13:20 Miklós Vassányi (Károli Gáspár University, Budapest, Hungary)



Maximus' interpretation of Denys' Christology with especial respect to Ambiguum 5 and Parts III/IV of the the Ecclesiastic Hierarchy.

13:20 - 13:40

Georgios Siskos (Aristotle University of Thessaloniki)

Hermeneutical principles and rhetorical strategies of the monothelite theology

13:40 - 13:50

Questions

13:50 - 14:10

Coffee break

14:10 - 14:30

Samuel Noble (Aga Khan University, London)

The Understanding of Will in Medieval Christian Arabic Theology

14:30 - 14:50

Adam G. Cooper (Catholic Theological College, Melbourne, Australia)

Re-appraising the 'success' of Maximus the Confessor's Disputatio cum Pyrrho

14:50 - 15:00

Questions

15:00 - 15:20

Coffee break

Section III: Divine and human will

Chair: Paul M. Blowers

15:20 - 15:40

Fr. Andrew Louth (Durham University, British Academy, London, UK)

Divine Will and human willing.

15:40 - 16:00

Daniel Heide (McGill University, Montreal, Canada)

Freedom as Mediation: The Synergy of Wills According to St Maximos the Confessor

16:00 - 16:10

Questions

19:00

Conference dinner



Friday 2 February

Section III continued: Divine and human will

Chair: Fr. Andrew Louth

10:00 - 10:20 Torstein Tollefsen (University of Oslo)

Could God have decided not to create the World?

10:20 - 10:40 Georgi Kapriev (University of Sofia, Bulgaria)

The Dynamic Web of Being

10:50 - 11:10 Coffee break

11:10 - 11:30 Claudio Moreschini (University of Pisa, Italy)

The Human Person according to Maximus the Confessor

11:30 - 11:50 Fr. Aleksandar Djakovac (University of Belgrade, Serbia)

Will and Deification: Some Notes on the Anthropological Consequences of Maximus the Confessor's Diothelite Christology

11:50 - 12:00 *Questions*

12:00 - 13:00 Lunch break

Section IV: Natural will

Chair: Paul Blowers

13:00 - 13:20 Fr. Ernesto Sergio Mainoldi (University of Salerno, Istituto Teologico Santa Eufemia – Venice)

The Ontological Status of the Will according to the System of Maximus the Confessor

13:20 - 13:40 Panagiotis Pavlos (University of Oslo, Norway)

St. Maximus' theory of the Will, in his Letter to Marinus and the Disputation with Pyrrhus



13:40 - 13:50

Questions

13:50 - 14:10

Coffee Break

14:10 - 14:30

Dirk Krausmüller (University of Vienna)

Puppet on a String? Maximus on the Natural Will

14:30 - 14:50

Karolina Kochańczyk-Bonińska (University of Warsaw, Poland)

The use and meaning of the term προαίρεσις in Maximus the Confessor's writings

14:50 - 15:00

Questions

Section V: Volition

Chair: Alexis Leonas

15:00 - 15:20

Sotiris Mitralaxis (University College London, UK)

The Will (Not) to Exist: Does it Exist in Maximus' thought?

15:20 - 15:40

Dionisios Skliris (Open Hellenic University, Athens, Greece)

The freedom of will beyond power and weakness according to Saint Maximus the Confessor

15:40 - 15:50

Questions

15:50 – 16:10

Coffee break

16:00 – 17:30

Panel discussion of Torstein Tollefsen's recent book: *The Christian Metaphysics of Saint Maximus the Confessor. Creation, World-order and Redemption* (Subsidia Maximiana 2), Brepols, Tournhout, 2023.

Torstein Tollefsen, Fr. Andrew Louth, Paul Blowers

Moderators: Vladimir Cvetković, Alex Leonas

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Saturday 3 February

Section V continued: Volition

Chair: Gábor Kendeffy

- 11:00 - 11:20 Paul Blowers (Milligan University, USA)
Γνώμη: Between a 'Faculty' and a "Mode" of Human Volition in Maximus the Confessor.
- 11:20 - 11:40 Fr. Jan Wojciechowski (Pontificia Università Gregoriana, Rome, Italy)
Intellects' and will's reversed proportionality of action and passion between subject and object in Maximus
- 11:40 - 11:50 Questions
- 11:50 - 12:10 Coffee Break**
- 12:10 - 12:30 Kevin Clarke (Sacred Heart Major Seminary, Detroit, USA)
The Timid Savior: Maximus and the Economic Dynamics of Attraction and Repulsion in His Account of the Will.
- 12:30 - 12:50 Vladimir Cvetković (University of Belgrade, Serbia)
Logoi of beings as "divine wills" in Maximus the Confessor
- 12:50 - 13:00 Questions
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break**

Section VI: Will, volition and evolution

Chair: Sotiris Mitralaxis

- 14:00 - 14:20 Sebastian Mateiescu (Delft University of Technology, Netherlands)
The mode of willing as a key concept in the thought of Saint Maximus the Confessor
- 14:20 - 14:40 Fr. Vukašin Milićević (University of Belgrade, Serbia)



Pathos, thelema, energeia in Maximus the Confessor

14:40 - 14:50

Questions

14:50 - 15:10

Coffee Break

15:10 - 15:30

Tibor Görföl (University of Pécs, Hungary)

Human will in spiritual development

15:30 - 15:50

Marius Portaru (Institutum Patristicum Augustinianum, Rome, Italy)

Willed Deification in Maximus the Confessor.

15:50 - 16:10

Bogna Kosmulska (University of Warsaw, Poland)

The Presence (and the Absence) of Maximus the Confessor in Modern Philosophical Discussion on Will

16:10 - 16:30

Questions

16:30 – 17:00

Coffee break

17:00

Closing remarks by Torstein Tollefsen