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TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2023-2024 **Associate Assistant Professor**
Faculty of Orthodox Theology, University of Oradea, Romania
- Seminars for undergraduates: Moral Theology, Orthodox Spirituality, Bioethics

EDUCATION

- 2017- 2024 **KU Leuven, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies**
Doctoral program
Thesis: “Existentialism as a Methodological Paradigm for Orthodox Theology: Nikolai Berdyaev and John Zizioulas”.
- 2015-2017 **KU Leuven, Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies**
Research Master of Advanced Studies in Theology and Religion
Thesis: “Imago Dei. Instances of the Image of God in the Thought of Nikolai Berdyaev”.
- 2010-2014 **University of Oradea, Faculty of Orthodox Theology**
BA in Orthodox Pastoral Theology.
Thesis: “The Eucharistic Dimension of Creation in the Theology of John Zizioulas”.
- 03-06 /2012 **Erasmus Programme**
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece.

CONFERENCES

With Paper Presentations

2024:

- Faculty of Orthodox Theology, University of Oradea, Romania: ‘Pastoral concern for the spiritual and physical health of the sick in the Orthodox Church’;
- Krakow Meetings- Krakow Conferences on Russian Philosophy, Krakow, Poland: ‘Nicolas Berdyaev and Russian Philosophy in the West’;

2023:

- International Orthodox Theological Association, Volos, Greece: ‘Mission and the Orthodox Church’;
- St. John Chrysostom Research Institute, Tbilisi, Georgia: ‘ORIC Sixth International Theological Conference’;

2022:

- St. John Chrysostom Research Institute, Iasi, Romania: ‘ORIC Fifth International Theological Conference’;

2019:

- Saint Damian Community of the American College, Leuven, Belgium: ‘Community, Friendship and Aloneness Conference’;
- Leuven Encounters in Systematic Theology XII, KU Leuven, Belgium: ‘Theos and Polis: Political Theology as Discernment’;
- International Orthodox Theological Association, Iasi, Romania: ‘Inaugural conference’;
- European Academy of Religion, Bologna, Italy: ‘Second annual conference’;
- St. John Chrysostom Research Institute, Cluj-Napoca, Romania: ‘ORIC Second International Theological Conference’;

2018:

- Institut de Théologie Orthodoxe Saint-Serge, Paris, France: ‘Le corps humain dans la liturgie’;
- KU Leuven, Leuven, Belgium: ‘Medieval Mysticism in Dialogue with Contemporary Thought’;
- European Academy of Religion, Bologna, Italy: ‘First annual conference’;

PUBLICATIONS**Peer Reviewed:**

1. “Nikolai Berdyaev’s Dialectics of Freedom: In Search for Spiritual Freedom” in *Open Theology*, vol. 5, no. 1 (2019), 299–308. <https://doi.org/10.1515/opth-2019-0023>
 2. “Existential Theology as a Challenge to A Patristic-Based Methodology in Orthodox Christianity: From Georges Florovsky and Vladimir Lossky to John Zizioulas” in *Louvain Studies*, vol. 43, no. 4 (2020), 335-351. <https://doi.org/10.2143/LS.43.4.3289100>
 3. “Imago Dei as a critique of capitalism and Marxism in Nikolai Berdyaev” in *Studies in East European Thought*, vol. 73 (2021), 77-93. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s11212-020-09379-x>
 4. “The Task of Authenticity: Martin Heidegger and Nikolai Berdyaev in Dialogue” in *Ex Patribus Lux: Essays on Orthodox Theological Anthropology and Georges Florovsky’s Theology*, ed. Nikolaos Asproulis & Olga Sevastyanova (Volos: Volos Academy Publications, 2021), 50-58.
 5. “The Tragedy of Politics in the Religious Philosophy of Nikolai Berdyaev” in *Louvain Studies*, vol. 44, no. 1 (2021), 40-54. <https://doi.org/10.2143/LS.44.1.3289240>
 6. “Through Asceticism to Creativity: The Influence of Nikolai Berdyaev’s Philosophy on St Maria Skobtsova’s Spirituality” in *Orizonturi Teologice/Theological Horizons*, no.1 (2023), 86-113. <https://www.cceol.com/search/article-detail?id=1120267>
 7. “Nikolai Berdyaev’s Articulation of an Orthodox Christian Existentialism in Relation to the Wider Existentialist Movement” in *Orizonturi Teologice/Theological Horizons*, no.1 (2024), 83-104. <https://www.cceol.com/search/article-detail?id=1242902>
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