

Overview:

Thursday, May 15, 2025:

17.00: arrivals/ check-in at the *Împăratul Romanilor* Hotel, Bld. Nicolae Bălcescu, no. 4, Sibiu (<https://sibiu.imparatulromanilor.ro/>)

19.00: Welcoming dinner in the hotel restaurant

Friday, May 16, 2025:

Breakfast at the hotel, afterwards:

Colloquium

(further details: see conference program)

Saturday, May 17, 2025:

Breakfast at the hotel, afterwards:

Colloquium

(further details: see conference program)

Sunday, May 18, 2025:

Departure after breakfast



**Ostkircheninstitut der
Diözese Regensburg**

and

**Faculty of Orthodox Theology of the
Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu**

Maximos the Confessor

**- the Author, his Work, and its Reception
in the Past and Present -**

**International
Symposium**

**May 15–18, 2025
Sibiu, Romania**

**Conference venue: Hotel Împăratul Romanilor, Bld. Nicolae
Bălcescu, no. 4, Sibiu
(<https://sibiu.imparatulromanilor.ro/>)**

Program:

Friday, May 16:

8.45: *Welcoming and Introduction*

(Rev. Dr. Constantin-Horia Oancea/ Rev. Dr. theol. habil. Dietmar Schon o.p.)

9.00: **Dr. Sebastian Mateiescu** (Delft)

"St Maximus the Confessor's View on the *creatio ex nihilo* in the Context of the Late Antiquity"

9.30: **Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Đakovac** (Belgrade)

"*Arbor Porphyriana* and the Tree of Life. St. Maximus the Confessor on the Five Divisions and their Overcoming in Christ"

10.00: *Discussions and break*

10.30: **Prof. Dr. Christian Lange** (Erlangen)

"Maximus Confessor und die christologischen Fragen seiner Zeit in der syrischen Überlieferung" (*via Zoom*)

11.00: **Prof. Dr. Picu Ocoleanu** (Craiova)

"Das Gesetz der Gnade (ho nomos tēs charitos) und das Pathos der Vergöttlichung im theologischen Denken des Maximus des Bekenner "

11.30: **Prof. Dr. Sebastian Moldovan** (Sibiu)

"Human Condition and Psychosomatic Conditioning in St. Maximos the Confessor"

12.00: *Discussion*

12.30.: *Lunch in the hotel restaurant/ lunch break*

15.00: **Prof. Dr. Maximos Conostas** (Austin, TX)

"Maximos the Confessor and the Gospel of John" (*via Zoom*)

15.30: **Prof. Dr. Christos Karakolis** (Athens)

"Between Theology and Anti-Judaism: Maximus the Confessor's Scriptural Reading of Israel and the Jews"

16.00: *Coffee break*

16.30: **Prof. Dr. Johannes Grössl** (Paderborn)

"Zu den aktuellen Debatten über die Zweiwillen-Lehre bei Maximus dem Bekenner"

17.00: **Prof. Dr. Ciprian Streza** (Sibiu)

"St Maximus the Confessor's Mystagogy – A Testimonial of the Eucharistic Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite in the Early Eighth Century"

17.30–18.00: *Discussions*

19.00: *Dinner in the hotel restaurant*

Saturday, May 17:

9.00: **Prof. Dr. Viktor Nedeski** (Skopje)

"The Interpretation of the Christology of St. Cyril of Alexandria by St. Maximus the Confessor"

9.30: **Rev. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Constantin Oancea** (Sibiu)

"St. Maximos the Confessor's use of Hebrew onomastics in *Quaestiones ad Thalassium*"

10.00: *Discussion and break*

10.30: **Prof. Dr. Martin Illert** (Halle/ Saale)

"Maximos Confessor in the Protestant theology of the 20th century"

11.00: **Asst. Prof. Dr. Dragoș Boicu** (Sibiu)

"The figure of Melchisedec in the *Ambigua* of St. Maximus the Confessor"

11.30: **Rev. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Vasile Bîrzu** (Sibiu)

"*Living as a Confession* in Saint Maximos the Confessor. The Anatomy of the *Exomologetic* Way of Life"

12.00: *Closing remarks*

(Rev. Dr. Constantin-Horia Oancea/ Rev. Dr. theol. habil. D. Schon o.p.)

12.15.: *Lunch in the hotel restaurant/ lunch break*

15.00: *City tour followed by an encounter with H.E. Metropolitan Laurențiu of Transylvania*

19.00: *Dinner in the hotel restaurant*