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The Oxford Centre for Byzantine Research, the Japan Society for the Promotion of Science, and the Maison Française d'Oxford invite you to:

HESYCHASM IN CONTEXT: THEOLOGY AND SOCIETY IN THE FOURTEENTH CENTURY

17th-18th March 2022, Oxford

Thursday 17th March

Lecture Room, Ioannou Centre for Classical and Byzantine Studies

9.00 Welcome

9.15 **Rei Hakamada** (Okayama University, Japan / Oxford): *Lay Hesychasts? Isidore and Palamas among Lay People*

10.00 **Mihail Mitrea** (Babeş Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca / Institute for South-East European Studies, Bucharest): *Hesychasm and Hagiography in Fourteenth-century Byzantium* [[online](#)]

10.45 Coffee

11.15 **Ralph Greis** (St Joseph's Benedictine Abbey, Gerleve): *The Connection Between Liturgical Theology and Hesychastic Spirituality in the Homilies of St. Gregory Palamas*

12.00 **Christiaan Kappes** (Ss Cyril and Methodius Byzantine Catholic Seminary): *Gregory Palamas's Theotokos in Light of Latin Contacts and his Reception of Latin Literature in Byzantium*

12.45 Lunch

13.45 **Marie-Hélène Blanchet** (CNRS, UMR 8167 Orient et Méditerranée, Paris): *John VI Cantacuzene, the Hesychast Crisis and the Latin World: An Ambiguous Strategy*

14.30 **Judith Ryder** (Oxford): *When To Speak and When To Hold Your Peace: The Conflict between Demetrios Kydones and Philotheos Kokkinos*

15.15 Coffee

15.45 **Monica White** (University of Nottingham): *Hesychasm in Rus?*

16.30 **Norman Russell** (St Stephen's House, Oxford): *Engaging with Islam in Late Byzantium: Strategies of Resistance and Accommodation*

17.15 Drinks - The Maison française d'Oxford is delighted to offer participants a glass of champagne

Friday 18th March
Miles Room, St Peter's College

10.30 **Eiji Hisamatsu** (Ryukoku University, Japan): *The Jesus Prayer and Yoga - The Early Literature of Hesychasm and the Svetasvatara Upanishad [online]*

11.15 **Vassa Kontouma** (École Pratique des Hautes Études, PSL, Paris): *The Re-enchanted Universe of Iakovos of Nea Skete (19th c.). A Hesychast Response to the Copernican Revolution?*

12.15 Final remarks

12.30 Lunch

The event is in-person but will also be live-streamed. Registration to participate online is via the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/join/zoom-join?from=register&url=https%3A%2F%2Fus02web.zoom.us%2Fmeeting%2Fregister%2FtZArc-2trj4iGdfuVWLi81WcoybeFo43Xx-i>

NB To register for the in-person event including lunch, please email Rei Hakamada (rei.hakamada@theology.ox.ac.uk) as soon as possible, since numbers are limited

