

# ROUNDTABLE CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE FIFTH INTERNATIONAL THEOLOGICAL ORIC CONFERENCE ON THE TOPIC OF *THE CHALLENGES OF CONTEMPORARY THEOLOGY*<sup>1</sup>

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## **Abstract:**

*This article describes the short contributions made at the Fifth International Theological ORIC Conference concerning challenges faced by contemporary (Orthodox) Theology. It provides summaries of the addresses made by the Most Reverend Metropolitan Serafim Kykotis, Fr. Prof. Dr Nikolaos Loudovikos, Fr. Prof. Dr John Behr, Fr. Lect. Dr Natanael Neacșu, Fr. Assoc. Prof. Dr Dan Sandu, Dea. Dr Mihai-Iulian Grobnicu, Dr Olga Sevastyanova, Dr Petre Maican, Dr Victor V. Alexandrov, Fr. Dr Jeffrey J. Niehaus, Dr Viorel Coman, Dr Emil M. Mărginean, Dr Byron Gaist, Prof. Dr Dănuț Vasile Jemna, Christos Veskoukis, Raul-Ovidiu Bodea, Edward Eldon, Slavisa Kostic, Viktor Niachayeu and Paul A. Mucichescu.*

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## **1. Introduction and Primary Challenges**

An excellent short introductory survey of the challenges faced by Theology today and a stance most likely all participants at this winter's conference agree with is the one Father John Behr shared with us. On these grounds, it should lead off the following summaries, quoted in full.

*Fr. Prof. Dr John Behr, D.Phil. (Oxon), D.D. (Melbourne): "I don't really or often think of Theology as approaching particular challenges, but rather as a mystery to be explored; but when I do*

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