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Andrej Jeftić (1984) received his master's degree in theology from the Faculty of Orthodox Theology of the University of Belgrade in 2009. He received his Ph.D. degree from the same university in 2016 with the doctoral dissertation titled *Reception of the Holy Fathers in the Writings of Thomas F. Torrance: Patristic Theology and Contemporary Science*.

He worked as a teaching assistant (2010–2016) and as an assistant professor (2016–2022) at the Faculty of Orthodox Theology of the University of Belgrade. He currently works (2022–) as a research assistant at the Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory of the University of Belgrade.

His research area includes patristic theology and philosophy, theology and science relationship, theology and theory of evolution, systematic theology, contemporary theology, and contemporary Orthodox theology.

RESEARCH AREA

Patristic theology and philosophy; theology and science relationship; theology and theory of evolution; systematic theology; contemporary theology; contemporary Orthodox theology.

EDUCATION AND ACADEMIC WORK EXPERIENCE

- 2022– Research Assistant
 Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory
 University of Belgrade
- 2016–2022. Assistant Professor
 Faculty of Orthodox Theology
 University of Belgrade
- 2010–2016. Teaching Assistant
 Faculty of Orthodox Theology
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- 2009–2016. Ph.D. degree in Theology
 Faculty of Orthodox Theology
 University of Belgrade
 Thesis: *Reception of the Holy Fathers in the Writings of Thomas F. Torrance: Patristic Theology and Contemporary Science*

2003–2009. Master's degree in Theology
Faculty of Orthodox Theology
University of Belgrade
MA Thesis: *Natural Theology and the Fathers of the Fourth Century*

SCHOLARSHIPS

2016/2017. Ministry of Scientific and Technological Development, Higher Education and Information Society of Republic of Srpska

2006/2007. Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

2004–2008 Ministry of Religious Affairs of Republic of Serbia

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

- Andrej Jeftić, Mikonja Knežević, Rade Kisić, Eds. (2021). *Faith and Thought in the Whirlpool of Time: International Festschrift for Metropolitan Amfilohije (Radović) and Bishop Atanasije (Jevtić)* [Vera i misao u vrtlogu vremena: međunarodni zbornik radova u čast mitropolita Amfilohija (Radovića) i episkopa Atanasija (Jevtića)] Beograd: Pravoslavni bogoslovski fakultet, Univerzitet u Beogradu; Foča: Pravoslavni bogoslovski fakultet, Univerzitet u Istočnom Sarajevu; Podgorica: Matica srpska – društvo članova u Crnoj Gori.
- Maksim Vasiljević, Andrej Jeftić, ed. (2017). *Synodality: A Forgotten and Misapprehended Vision*, Los Angeles: Sebastian Press.
- Andrej Jeftić, Ed. (2015). *Theology in Public Square: Proceedings of the first annual symposium, Trebinje, February 8–10, 2014* [Teologija u javnoj sferi: zbornik radova prvog godišnjeg skupa, Trebinje, 8-10. februar 2014] Trebinje: Manastir Tvrdoš.

ARTICLES IN JOURNALS:

- Andrej Jeftić (2021). Did St Gregory Palamas Teach the Development of the Doctrine“. *Astra Salvensis – revista de istorie si cultura* 17: 115–124.
- Andrej Jeftić (2021). Why don't mourners do geometry? St Maximus the Confessor and St Gregory the Theologian's Oration 27 [Zašto se ožalošćeni ne bave geometrijom? Sveti Maksim Ispovjednik i 27. Besjeda Svetog Grigorija Bogoslova]. *Zbornik Matice srpske za društvene nauke* 177: 79–90.
- Andrej Jeftić (2020). John the Evangelist as the Forerunner of the Word: Reading St Maximus the Confessor's Ambiguum 21. *Philotheos* 20.1: 35–43.
- Andrej Jeftić(2020). 'Altar more wondrous even than this which we now use': St John Chrysostome and Care for the Neighbour ['Oltar čudesniji od onoga koji sada koristimo': Sveti Jovan Zlatousti i briga za bližnjeg], *Teološki pogled*IVLIII.3: 637–650.

- Andrej Jeftić (2015). 'Theory-ladenness' in Thomas F. Torrance's Epistemological Realism. *Philotheos* 15: 205–211.
- Andrej Jeftić (2013). Andrew Newberg's Model of Neurotheology: A Critical Overview. *Philotheos* 13: 261–278.
- Andrej Jeftić (2009). Natural Theology and the Fathers of the Fourth Century [Prirodna teologija i oci četvrtog veka]. *Bogoslovlje*, LXVIII.2: 43–73.

EDITED VOLUMES ARTICLES:

- Andrej Jeftić (2021). Systematic and Historical Reading of the Fathers: Case of Thomas F. Torrance. In: *Studia Patristica: Papers presented at the Eighteenth Congress on Patristic Studies held in Oxford 2019, 2021*. vol. CXXX. Ed. by Markus Vinzent. Leuven: Peeters Publishers 2021, 563–574.
- Andrej Jeftić (2019). Becoming the Holy Father: Appeal to St John Chrysostome in the Context of the Christological Controversies of the 5th and 6th Century [Postajući Svetim Ocem: pozivanje na Svetog Jovana Zlatoustog u kontekstu hristoloških sporova V i VI vijeka"] In: *Sveti Jovan Zlatousti Danas: Zbornik radova međunarodnog naučnog bogoslovske skupa „Sveti Jovan Zlatousti danas“ (Istočno Sarajevo, 18-20. 10. 2018)*. Ed. by Vladislav Topalović, Darko Đogo, Nenad Tupeša. Foča: Pravoslavni bogoslovski fakultet Svetog Vasilija Ostroškog, Univerzitet u Istočnom Sarajevu, 161–173.
- Andrej Jeftić (2015). 'Theory-ladenness' in Thomas F. Torrance's Epistemological Realism ['Bremenitost teorijom' u epistemološkom realizmu Tomasa F. Torense]. In: *Srpska teologija u dvadesetom veku: istraživački problemi i rezultati*, knj. 18, Zbornik radova naučnog skupa (PBF Beograd, 29. maj 2015). Ed. by B. Šijaković. Beograd: Pravoslavni bogoslovski fakultet, 21–28.
- Andrej Jeftić (2015). Cognitive Apartheid: Necessity or a Resolvable Issue? [Kognitivni aparthejd: nužnost ili rješiv problem?] In: *Srpska teologija u dvadesetom veku: istraživački problemi i rezultati*, knj. 17, Zbornik radova naučnog skupa (PBF Beograd, 5. decembar 2014). Ed. by B. Šijaković. Beograd: Pravoslavni bogoslovski fakultet, 138–143.
- Andrej Jeftić (2014). Thomas F. Torrance's Concept of the Theological Science [Koncept teološke nauke Tomasa F. Torense]. In: *Srpska teologija u dvadesetom veku: istraživački problemi i rezultati*, knj. 16, Zbornik radova naučnog skupa (PBF Beograd, 30. maj 2014). Ed. by B. Šijaković. Beograd: Pravoslavni bogoslovski fakultet, 115–141.
- Andrej Jeftić (2014). Neurobiology and the Issue of Free Will [Neurobiologija i problem slobodne volje]. In: *Srpska teologija u dvadesetom veku: istraživački problemi i rezultati*, knj. 15, Zbornik radova naučnog skupa (PBF Beograd, 14. decembar 2013). Ed. by B. Šijaković. Beograd: Pravoslavni bogoslovski fakultet, 99–120.

- Andrej Jeftić (2012). Notion of ‘Logic’ in the Serbian Apologetic and the Neopatristic Discourse [Pojam logike u srpskom apologetskom i neopatrističkom diskursu]. In: *Srpska teologija u dvadesetom veku: istraživački problemi i rezultati*, knj. 12, Zbornik radova naučnog skupa (PBF Beograd, 25. maj 2012). Ed. by B. Šijaković. Beograd: Pravoslavni bogoslovski fakultet, 80–89.
- Andrej Jeftić (2012). Does Theology need Logic? [Da li je teologiji potrebna logika?]. In: *Srpska teologija u dvadesetom veku: istraživački problemi i rezultati*, knj. 11, Zbornik radova naučnog skupa (PBF Beograd, 23. decembar 2011). Ed. by B. Šijaković. Beograd: Pravoslavni bogoslovski fakultet, 119–128.
- Andrej Jeftić (2011). Scientific Status of Theology in the Serbian Theology of the 20th Century [Pitanje naučnosti teologije u srpskoj teološkoj misli 20. vijeka]. In: *Srpska teologija u dvadesetom veku: istraživački problemi i rezultati*, knj. 10, Zbornik radova naučnog skupa (PBF Beograd, 27–28. maj 2011). Ed. by B. Šijaković. Beograd: Pravoslavni bogoslovski fakultet, 26–38.

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- Rationalism [Racionalizam] (2018). In: *Leksikon biblijske egzegeze*. Ed. by Rodoljub Kubat, Predrag Dragutinović, Beograd: Biblijski institut – Službeni glasnik 2018, 359–360.
- Positivism [Pozitivizam] (2018). In: *Leksikon biblijske egzegeze*. Ed. by Rodoljub Kubat, Predrag Dragutinović, Beograd: Biblijski institut – Službeni glasnik 2018, 314–315.

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- Dare to Speak the Thruth [Smjelo kazivanje istine]. *Teologija.net*, November 13, 2018. IntRes: <https://teologija.net/smjelo-kazivanje-istine/>
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- Edward Moore, “Notes on the Orthodox Ethics and the Existential Authenticity” [Neke napomene o pravoslavnoj etici i egzistencijalnoj autentičnosti]. *Vidoslov*40 (2007) 57–67.
- John Panteleimon Manoussakis, “The Dialectic of Communion and Otherness in St Maximus' Understanding of the Will” [Dijalektika zajednice i drugosti u shvatanju volje Svetog Maksima Ispovednika]. In: *Poznanje cilja stvaranja silom vaskrsenja, Radovi Simposiona o Svetom Maksimu Ispovedniku, 18-21. oktobra 2012*, prir. M. Vasiljević, Beograd: Pravoslavni bogoslovski fakultet Univerziteta, Institut za teološka istraživanja; Los Anđeles: Sevastijan pres2013, 169–192.
- Kallistos Ware, “Theory of Evolution and the Christian Teaching” [Teorija evolucije i hrišćansko učenje]. IntRes: <https://teologija.net/teorija-evolucije-i-hriscansko-ucenje/>.
- Nancy Murphy, “Is there a Soul?” [Postoji li duša?]. IntRes: <https://teologija.net/postoji-li-dusa/>.

BOOK REVIEWS

- „Gijsbert van den Brink, *Philosophy of Science for Theologians: An Introduction*, Peter Lang, Frankfurt am Main 2009“, *Богословље*, год. LXX, бр. 2 (2011) 119-122.
- „Maxim Vasiljević (ed.), *The Christian Heritage of Kosovo and Metohija: The Historical and Spiritual Heartland of the Serbian People*, Sebastian Press, Los Angeles 2015“, *Philotheos* 15 (2015) 294–295.

PEER REVIEWING

- *Journal of Orthodox Christian Studies*
- *Жборник Матице српске за друштвене науке*
- *Жборнал Богословље*
- *Жборнал Теолошки погледи*
- Mitropolit Antonije Blum, *Postoji li Bog? Dijalozi sa neverujućima*, Beograd: Biblos Books 2022.
- Miodrag Pavlović, *Svečanosti na platou: obredi poetičkog života*, Beograd: Biblos Books 2022.
- Miodrag Pavlović, *Poetika žrtvenog obreda*, Beograd: Biblos Books 2022.
- Boško Erić, *Beseda Mar Grigorija Velikog Teopompu: o Božjoj nestradalnosti i njegovoj stradalnosti*, Foča: Pravoslavni bogoslovski fakultet 2021.
- Paul Tilih, *Biblijska religija i potraga za krajnjom stvarnošću*, prev. V. Birač, Beograd: Biblos Books 2021.
- Gorazd Kocijančič, *Između Istoka i Zapada: četiri priloga ekstatici*, Beograd: Biblos Books 2021.
- Ilarion Alfejev, *Pravoslavlje i savremenost*, Beograd: Biblos Books 2021.
- Olivije Kleman, *Pravoslavna Crkve*, Beograd: Biblos Books 2021.

- *Osam vekova autokefalije Srpske Pravoslavne Crkve I-II, Zbornik radova sa Međunarodnog naučnog skupa, Beograd, 10-14. decembar 2018. godine.*

PROJECTS

- 2010–2022. Collaborator on the project *Serbian Theology in the Twentieth Century: Fundamental Presuppositions of the Theological Disciplines in the European Context – Historical and Contemporary Perspective*, Grant no. 179078, funded by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia.
- 2021– Collaborator/Consultant on the project *Cooperating with faith-based institutions to counter hate speech: an interdisciplinary dialogue among human rights experts and Christian Orthodox theologians*, funded by the Council of Europe.
2019. Collaborator on the project *Contemporary Eastern Orthodox Identity and the Challenges of Pluralism and Sexual Diversity in a Secular Age*, funded by the British Council.

CONFERENCES

2022. Co-author with Vladimir Cvetković, „Creationism, Communion, and Vaccines: Science and Religion in the Serbian Orthodox Church”, international conference *Representations of science and religion in the public square of predominantly Orthodox countries during COVID-19*, held online on April 9, 2022, organized by Institute For Orthodox Christian Studies (Cambridge).
2019. „Μετάθεσις or ανάπτυξις? Gregory Palamas and the Patristic Tradition“, at the conference *Vidjehom svijet istinij: Isihazam u životu Crkve srpskih i pomorskih zemalja*, held on September 14, 2019, in Tumane Monastery, organized by the Institute for the Systematic Theology of the Faculty of Orthodox Theology of the University of Belgrade.
2019. „Systematic and Historical Reading of the Fathers: Case of Thomas F. Torrance“, at the *The 18th International Conference on Patristic Studies*, held on August, 19-24, 2019 in Oxford.
2019. „Biology and Ethics: Case of Sex Binary” at the *Contemporary Eastern Orthodox Identity and the Challenges of Pluralism and Sexual Diversity in a Secular Age* conference, held August, 16-19, 2019, in Oxford.
2018. „Fr Justin Popović and the Patristic revival in Serbian theology: St Petersburg – Oxford – Athens” at the conference *Theological Refugees in Oxford*, held on September 6, 2018, in Oxford.

2018. "Becoming the Holy Father: Appeal to St John Chrysostome in the Context of the Christological Controversies of the 5th and 6th Century" [Postajući svetim ocem – pozivanje na Sv. Jovana Zlatoustog tokom hristoloških rasprava 5–7 vijeka], at the conference *Sveti Jovan Zlatousti danas*, held on October 18-20, 2018, in Eastern Sarajevo, organized by the Faculty of Orthodox Theology „St Basil of Ostrog“ of the University of Eastern Sarajevo.
2018. "Church of the Holy Fathers: Authority of the Fathers in the Serbian Theology of the 20th Century and Its Impact on the Patristic Scholarship", at the colloquium *Die Serbische Orthodoxe Kirche in den Herausforderungen des 21. Jahrhunderts*, held on June 16, 2018 in Regensburg, organized by the Centre for the Study of Eastern Churches of the Freiburg University.
2015. "'Theory-ladenness' in Thomas F. Torrance's Epistemological Realism" ['Bremenitost teorijom' u epistemološkom realizmu Tomasa F. Torensa] at the conference *Srpska teologija u dvadesetom veku: istraživački problemi i rezultati*, held at the Faculty of Orthodox Theology of the University of Belgrade, on May 29, 2015.
2014. "Cognitive Apartheid: Necessity or a Resolvable Issue?" [Kognitivni aparthejd: nužnost ili rješiv problem?] at the conference *Srpska teologija u dvadesetom veku: istraživački problemi i rezultati*, held at the Faculty of Orthodox Theology of the University of Belgrade, on December 5, 2014.
2014. "Thomas F. Torrance's Concept of the Theological Science" [Koncept teološke nauke Tomasa F. Torensa] at the conference *Srpska teologija u dvadesetom veku: istraživački problemi i rezultati*, held at the Faculty of Orthodox Theology of the University of Belgrade, on May 30, 2014.
2013. "Neurobiology and the Issue of Free Will" [Neurobiologija i problem slobodne volje] at the conference *Srpska teologija u dvadesetom veku: istraživački problemi i rezultati*, held at the Faculty of Orthodox Theology, December 14, 2013.
2012. "Notion of 'Logic' in the Serbian Apologetic and the Neopatristic Discourse" [Pojam logike u srpskom apologetskom i neopatrističkom diskursu] at the conference *Srpska teologija u dvadesetom veku: istraživački problemi i rezultati*, held at the Faculty of Orthodox Theology of the University of Belgrade, May 25, 2012.
2011. "Does Theology need Logic?" [Da li je teologiji potrebna logika?] at the conference *Srpska teologija u dvadesetom veku: istraživački problemi i rezultati*, held at the Faculty of Orthodox Theology of the University of Belgrade, on December 23, 2011.

2011. “Scientific Status of Theology in the Serbian Theology of the 20th Century” [Pitanje naučnosti teologije u srpskoj teološkoj misli 20. vijeka] at the conference *Srpska teologija u dvadesetom veku: istraživački problemi i rezultati*, held at the Faculty of Orthodox Theology of the University of Belgrade, held on May 27–28, 2011.

MEMBERSHIP IN ACADEMIC ORGANIZATIONS

- The North American Patristic Society
- Association Internationale d'Études Patristiques
- Central Committee of the World Council of Churches

EDITOR IN JOURNALS

2016– *Philotheos: International Journal for Philosophy and Theology*

2018– *Godišnjak: Časopis Pravoslavnog bogoslovnog fakulteta Svetog Vasilija Ostroškog Univerziteta u Istočnom Sarajevu*

2017– *Teologija.net*

2017–2020. *Bogoslovlje*