

## ***International Initiatives: Eastern European Liaison Committee*** (EELC)

### **Belgrade Library**

The Biblical institute of the Orthodox Theological Faculty in Belgrade was founded in September of 2013. A key person for the foundation of the institute was Prof. Ulrich Luz (Berne, Switzerland). He has donated his vast private biblical library to the new-founded biblical institute in Belgrade.

The aims of the biblical institute are:

1. To establish a **biblical library** which will be at disposal of our postgraduate community and members of the department for pursuit of their scholarly projects. With the donation of Ulrich Luz and a number of further but smaller contingents of books, the institute now possesses a strong core of a research library.
2. The second aim of our institute is to set up **scholarly projects** both at the national and international level of collaboration. An area of research which seems particularly inviting for such undertakings and for promotion of the orthodox work on the Bible is the **reception history**, that is to say, patristic and liturgical reception of Scripture.
3. Thirdly, this institute is a **crossroad of interdisciplinary avenues of research** at which a number of disciplines represented at the University of Belgrade meet.
4. Fourthly, the institute has a direct **pedagogical aim**. This is to assist our teachers of orthodox religious education in the use of the Bible in the classroom practice. Another field is the pastoral



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service. In order to involve the results of the biblical studies in the pastoral life of our Church, the biblical institute will regularly organize the seminars for the priests.

5. Fiftly and finally, to provide an impetus for **publishing activities** focusing on translations of the seminal titles from the field of the biblical studies, but also of the outputs of contemporary Serbian authors in the same field. Further publishing plans include establishment of a series solely dedicated to the doctoral dissertations in the biblical studies, and a scholarly annual journal of the Biblical Institute in Belgrade.

Secretary and librarian

Ass. Nenad Božović

Opening Hours

Mo-Fr 9.00-16.00