

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Research Areas

Specialization	Byzantine philosophy; patristics; the philosophy and theology of Maximus the Confessor; late antique and Christian Neoplatonism; ontology and metaphysics.
Competence	Classics; Ancient and medieval philosophy; history of ideas; Greek philosophical and theological traditions.

Academic Positions

2026–present	Junior Research Fellow, Saint Tikhon's Orthodox University of Humanities
2025–present	Senior Lecturer, Financial University
2023–present	Junior Research Fellow, Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences.
2022–present	Associate Professor, Sretensky Theological Academy
2024–2026	Instructor of Ancient Greek, Evening Courses, Dmitry Pozharsky University

Education

	Postgraduate Studies (PhD Programme) in Philosophy, Department of the History of Foreign Philosophy, Faculty of Philosophy, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
2022–2025	Supervisor: Dmitry V. Bugay. Phd-dissertation: <i>“Ontology of St Maximus the Confessor”</i>
	MA in Classics, Classical Department, Faculty of Philology, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
2020–2022	MA thesis: <i>“Proclus’ Commentary on the Myth of Er in Plato’s Republic as a Model of the Ancient Scholarly Commentary.”</i>
2018–2019	Undergraduate Coursework in Theology, St Tikhon’s Orthodox University.
	BA in Pedagogical Education (History and Social Studies), Faculty of History and Philology, Mari State University.
2015–2020	BA thesis: <i>“The Image of the Turks in Byzantine Historiography of the Second Half of the Fifteenth Century.”</i>

Publications

Peer-reviewed publications

Сурков, И. Е. «Онтология прп. Максима Исповедника в новейших исследованиях». Вестник Московского университета. Серия 7: Философия 48, № 4 (2024): 13–28.

(Surkov, I. E. “The Ontology of St. Maximus the Confessor in Recent Studies.” *Vestnik Moskovskogo universiteta. Serii 7: Filosofii* 48, no. 4 (2024): 13–28 (in Russian).)

Савинов, А. А., и И. Е. Сурков. «Поворот к реляционности: постановка и истоки проблемы». *Вопросы философии*, № 2 (2025): 128–137. <https://doi.org/10.21146/0042-8744-2025-2-128-137>.

(Savinov, A. A., and I. E. Surkov. “Povorot k relatsionnosti: postanovka i istoki problemy” [“The Relational Turn: Statement and Origins of the Problem”]. *Voprosy filosofii*, no. 2 (2025): 128–137. <https://doi.org/10.21146/0042-8744-2025-2-128-137> (in Russian))

Савинов, А. А., и И. Е. Сурков. «Метафизика реляционности в патристической философии: Максим Исповедник». *Философский журнал | Philosophy Journal* 18, № 1 (2025): 5–21. <https://doi.org/10.21146/2072-0726-2025-18-1-5-21>.

(Savinov, A. A., and I. E. Surkov. “Metafizika relatsionnosti v patristicheskoi filosofii: Maksim Ispovednik” [“The Metaphysics of Relationality in Patristic Philosophy: Maximus the Confessor”]. *Filosofskii zhurnal | Philosophy Journal* 18, no. 1 (2025): 5–21. <https://doi.org/10.21146/2072-0726-2025-18-1-5-21> (in Russian))

Сурков, И. Е. «Трансцендентальная онтология: схоластика, Византия, современность». *История философии* 30, № 2 (2025): 59–70.

(Surkov, I. E. “Transtsendental’naia ontologii: skholastika, Vizantiia, sovremennost’” [“Transcendental Ontology: Scholasticism, Byzantium, Modernity”]. *Istoriia filosofii* 30, no. 2 (2025): 59–70 (in Russian))

Сурков, И. Е. «„Природное действие“ в метафизике Максима Исповедника». В *Историко-философский альманах*, вып. 9, под редакцией В. В. Васильева и А. В. Никандрова, 94–108. М.: Издатель Воробьев А. В., 2025.

(Surkov, I. E. ““Prirodnoe deistvie” v metafizike Maksima Ispovednika” [““Natural Activity” in the Metaphysics of Maximus the Confessor”]. In *Istoriko-filosofskii al'manakh*, iss. 9, edited by V. V. Vasil'ev and A. V. Nikandrov, 94–108. Moscow: Izdatel' Vorob'ev A. V., 2025 (in Russian).)

Сурков, И. Е. «Апория трансцендентного начала: от Ямвлиха к Максиму Исповеднику». *ΣΧΟΛΗ. Философское антиковедение и классическая традиция* 20, № 2 (2026): 973–999.

<https://doi.org/10.25205/1995-4328-2026-20-2-973-999>.
(Surkov, Ivan. “The First-Principle Aporia: From Iamblichus to Maximus the Confessor.” *ΣΧΟΛΗ. Ancient Philosophy and the Classical Tradition* 20, no. 2 (2026): 973–999. <https://doi.org/10.25205/1995-4328-2026-20-2-973-999> (in Russian))

Book Reviews

Сурков, И. Е. «Метафизика Максима Исповедника: динамика актуализации и преобразования космоса». *История философии* 29, № 1 (2024): 142–149. Rew: Tollefsen T.T. *The Christian Metaphysics of St Maximus*

the Confessor: Creation, World-Order, and Redemption. *Instrumenta Patristica et Mediaevalia – Subsidia Maximiana*. Vol. 90. Turnhout: Brepols, 2023. 260 p.

(Surkov, I. E. “Metafizika Maksima Ispovednika: dinamika aktualizatsii i preobrazheniia kosmosa” [“The Metaphysics of Maximus the Confessor: The Dynamics of Actualization and Transformation of the Cosmos”]. Rew: Tollefsen T.T. *The Christian Metaphysics of St Maximus the Confessor: Creation, World-Order, and Redemption*. *Instrumenta Patristica et Mediaevalia – Subsidia Maximiana*. Vol. 90. Turnhout: Brepols, 2023. 260 p.

Istoriia filosofii 29, no. 1 (2024): 142–149 (in Russian))

Work in progress

“Universals in Maximus the Confessor and Their Roots in the Alexandrian Neoplatonic Commentary Tradition.”

Teaching Experience

2025–present	<i>Introduction to Philosophy</i> , Financial University
2024–2026	<i>Ancient Greek</i> , Evening Courses, Dmitry Pozharsky University.
2022–present	<i>Ancient Greek</i> , Sretensky Theological Academy.
2022–present	<i>Poetics of Byzantine Literature</i> , Sretensky Theological Academy.
2022–present	<i>Latin</i> , Sretensky Theological Academy.

Select Presentations

2025

- **11 June 2025** — “The Rejection of One’s Own Will as a Condition of Genuine Subjectivity in the Thought of St Maximus the Confessor,” round table *The Cutting Off of One’s Own Will in the Christian Tradition*, St Tikhon’s Orthodox University.

2024

- **11 December 2024** — “Essence and Energy: David Bradshaw’s Computer Metaphor,” conference *Philosophy in the Twenty-First Century: New Strategies of Philosophical Inquiry*, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
- **16 May 2024** — “The Transformation of Angelology: the Areopagitica, Maximus the Confessor, and John of Damascus,” round table *Scientia Angelica: The Science of Angels*, Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences.

2023

- **30 November 2023** — “The Ontology of St Maximus the Confessor,” *Scholarium Colloquium*, Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences.
- **24 November 2023** — “Is Being Good? On Divine Energies and Their Place in the Ontology of Maximus the Confessor,” *History of Philosophy: Discoveries and Interpretations*, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
- **20 June 2023** — “Byzantine Philosophy: Translation as a Problem of Understanding,” *Problems of Philosophical Translation: Speech as a Form of Thought*, Institute of Philosophy, Russian Academy of Sciences.
- **4–14 April 2023** — “Myth and Philosophy: From Plato to Proclus,” *Lomonosov Readings 2023*, Lomonosov Moscow State University.

2022

- **5–9 December 2022** — “*Renovatio transcendentalica*: To Understand and to Learn,” Tenth Conference of Students, Postgraduates, and Young Scholars, *Philosophy in the Twenty-First Century: New Strategies of Philosophical Inquiry*, Faculty of Philosophy, Lomonosov Moscow State University.
- **17 November 2022** — “The Place of Plato’s *Republic* in the Neoplatonic School,” conference *History of Western Philosophy: Classics and Modernity*, Faculty of Philosophy, Lomonosov Moscow State University.

Languages

Russian, English, Italian, Ancient Greek, Latin